

**Village Board Meeting
Monday, June 2, 2008**

A regular Village Board meeting was held on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT: Mayor John B. Keegan
Trustee Dagan LaCorte, Trustee Andrew Haggerty
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Trish Abato

ALSO PRESENT: Virginia Menschner, Village Clerk
Terry Rice, Village Attorney

ABSENT: None

SET DATES FOR JULY MEETINGS:

The Village workshop meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and the regular Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, July 7, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Mayor said he just spoke to the Chief and he had nothing to bring up tonight.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

There was no report from the Building Department.

CULTURE & RECREATION:

A) Authorization for Gail Curtin to Attend Excel Seminar on July 8 - \$79.00:

Mrs. Gail Curtin said that she had two things on the agenda. First is permission or authorization for her to take a one day, actually a five hour computer course, in July and the total cost is \$79.00. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Recreation Update:

Mrs. Curtin said since the last Board meeting, they attended the Rockland County Youth Forum; they worked with the American Legion in allowing them access to the Community Center during their May 17 road drive; they worked with the Lions Club to co-sponsor their blood drive which was again well received by the community. They worked with the Brownie Troop so that they could have a very

successful yard sale and she hopes that the Board has seen where their funds from that yard sale have been used - the lovely flowers that are outside of Village Hall.

Mrs. Curtin said that at the workshop both she and the Board were invited to the senior picnic last Wednesday and some of them did attend that. She said it was very lovely and she sat with Mr. Meehan and Mr. Haggerty and it was a fun afternoon. It was at the new Town of Ramapo Center so they did enjoy that. The following day, our seniors had their movie afternoon at the Community Center.

She said that upcoming they have LEAD and weather permitting, the outdoor session on Friday evening, June 13, followed by the following day the Fishing Derby, Saturday, June 14. The DARE pool party will be held at the pool on Wednesday, June 18. The Foundation Computer Give Away, and again she sends an invitation to them from the Foundation to join them if they like, on Friday evening, June 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The pool will open officially on Saturday, June 21. She said the first 2008 summer concert will be held on Thursday, June 26. The first Kiddie Pool party of the 2008 summer will be on Monday, June 30. She said that in addition to that, she hoped that they all got their advance copy and their copy at home of the 2008 calendar and she hopes they are as proud as she is of that calendar. She said she would also like to pass on to them, again, with their authorization that Jillian Abato will be invited to join the Suffern Day Committee as requested at the workshop. And as much as it had some sadness at the end, she doesn't think it would be proper for this meeting to pass without again thanking them for the opportunity to work with other members of the Village staff in giving Virginia Menschner her very well-deserved anniversary.

Mrs. Curtin said that just a couple of things that she tries to point out to them when she sees our publicity in other publications. She said that perhaps they see it themselves as well but just in case she said this is the Rockland Tourism publication and our fishing derby is listed in it as well as our summer concerts through July. She said she supposes the August one will be in the next one. And again, every once in a while, she brings to them the Rockland Magazine and they too, although she must say they take quite a bit of poetic liberty because they say, as much as it is nice to see our fishing derby, according to them, we will be serving some liquid refreshments. And she is not sure where they got that but it is nice to see us again on their day trippers and that is in the June Rockland Magazine.

7:45 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - SPEED LIMITS - CYPRESS ROAD AND HILLSIDE AVENUE:

Attorney Rice said that the public hearing is essentially on a proposal to lower the speed limit on Cypress Road and Hillside Avenue from 30 mph to the lowest speed limit that the Village can impose on a Village-wide basis to 25 mph, which under the Vehicle and Traffic Law the Village has the authority to lower the speed

limit in selected instances. He said the Chief had recommended lowering it to 25 mph in this vicinity because of the existence of Cypress Road school in that area and the speeding that he understands occurs there.

The Mayor asked at this time if anybody would like to come up and have any issues on this proposal. If not, we need a motion. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN, NEW YORK
LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF 2008

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 254-52 OF THE
CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN,
"SPEED LIMITS," ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF
25 MILES PER HOUR FOR CYPRESS ROAD AND HILLSIDE AVENUE

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

Section 1. Section 254-52, "Schedule II: Speed Limits," of the Code of the Village of Suffern, is hereby amended by adding after

[Name of Street]	[Speed Limit (mph)]	[Location]
Cypress Road	15	250 feet south of Sylvan Way

the following:

Cypress Road	25	Entire length (except where 15 mph applicable)
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Section 2. Section 254-52, "Schedule II: Speed Limits," of the Code of the Village of Suffern, is hereby amended by adding thereto after

[Name of Street]	[Speed Limit (mph)]	[Location]
Hillside Avenue	15	15 feet north of Terrace Avenue

the following:

Hillside Avenue	25	Entire length (except where 15 mph applicable)
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Section 3. This Local Law shall become effective

immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

A motion to adopt Local Law No. 7, 2008 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor John B. Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**CONTINUATION - PUBLIC HEARING - REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS
- ADJOURNED TO JULY MEETING:**

The Mayor said we are adjourning the public hearing on the sidewalks at this time - the repair and maintenance. Attorney Rice said that briefly the Board heard some concerns from the public at the last Board meeting and at the workshop meeting the other night, the Board gave him the preferences on how they would like the law to be changed so between now and the July meeting, he will be revising the Local Law and we will continue with the public hearing in July. Trustee Abato said that she just wanted to clarify that in no way did the Board or herself intend to place any further liability on any homeowner or business owner so she is glad that we are going to work on the wording on that to reflect that. Trustee Haggerty said to have the wording given to them prior to the meeting. Attorney Rice said of course, it would have to be.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

The Mayor said the Village Attorney said he has no report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Clarke Osborn said that he just had one thing on the agenda, which they spoke about last week at the workshop. And that is just to ask them to vote in agreement to a proposal from the County of Rockland to have an officer assigned to the Rockland County Narcotics Task Force from June 1, 2008 to June 1, 2009. And in agreement with the County of Rockland, they will reimburse the Village of Suffern \$70,000 for any costs incurred for the officer. He said that as he explained to them, he feels it is a necessity and something we should be doing on a regular, and he doesn't know if it is every year, but at least every few years we should have somebody assigned there. And we haven't had an officer there since the end of 2006 so he feels we are due to send someone over. A motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement subject to Attorney Rice's approval was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Chief Osborn said that as a quick update, and Gail explained and

thanks to Gail, they are having their DARE pool party and he is going to invite all of the Board to come on June 18. Trustee Abato asked if he had a time on that. Chief Osborn said it would be 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Suffern pool. They have a DJ, they have food, and they have a great time. And he thanked Gail for helping them with that.

Chief Osborn said their METS trip, since the last time he saw the Board, went very well. There were 350 of them at Shea Stadium and they got to take our car onto the field, got to see the players, and got to walk around the field so the kids had a great time. He thanked the Board and said he would be here for the remainder of the meeting.

Trustee LaCorte asked what the date was again for the pool party. Chief Osborn said that is going to be June 18, with a raindate of the 19th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

The Mayor said at this time he will open up the meeting to audience participation. He said that if anybody had any issues that they would like to come up and talk about, this is the time to do it. He said he must remind them, as he always does, that if you do come up to the mic, that you state your name and address for the record.

Lance Weinstein of 8 Beechwood Road said that in regards to the officer assigned to the Narcotics Task Force, was there any discussion as far as capping the overtime of this officer assigned there. The Mayor said as far as what? Mr. Weinstein said capping the overtime while this officer is assigned there. Trustee Abato said not to exceed \$70,000, that's for sure. Mr. Weinstein said he is specifically speaking about the overtime. Trustee LaCorte said we did talk about it. Chief Osborn said there is going to be a cap on the overtime and Officer Fennessy, who will be assigned, is aware of it at this time. He spoke to him. Mr. Weinstein said his question is is this officer being paid any sort of differential pay for that assignment. Chief Osborn said no.

Adam DiStefano of 19 Prairie Avenue said that he just wanted to talk about a petition that is going around for 287g. He said there is a website you can go to to find out information about it if you're confused about some of the details about it or what it is going to bring to Suffern. What are the pros and cons to it. It is called support287g.com. From there you can get information that you don't know about like how much it is going to cost the Village, what are the benefits to it, what are the set-backs to it, how it is done in other places. You can also sign an online petition through it with your name and address.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

A) Authorization - Payment No. 4 - WJL Corporation - Work on Chelsea Court:

Supervisor Dan Haglund said he only had a few things on the agenda here. He said the first thing is for authorization for payment No. 4 to WJL for the construction on Chelsea Court for \$79,810.14. A motion authorizing the payment was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato.

AYES: Mayor John B. Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

B) Authorization - Payment No. 5 - WJL Corporation - Road Improvements:

Mr. Haglund said this was for payment No. 5 for the remainder of other projects that they have done for \$1,023,587.63. The Mayor asked Mr. Haglund if we were holding enough money back until the punch list is done. Mr. Haglund said yes. As of right now, there is almost \$77,000 held back. Trustee Abato asked him to repeat that number. Mr. Haglund said \$1,023,587.63. Trustee Abato said the Village Clerk wanted to make sure she had the right number. Trustee LaCorte said there is only \$77,000 being held back? Mr. Haglund said on that part of the project. Trustee LaCorte said just on this part. Mr. Haglund said yes. Trustee LaCorte said what are we looking at total. Mr. Haglund said the total for the whole thing is 2.12 million. Trustee LaCorte said how much are we retaining? Mr. Haglund said how much are we retaining at this time? Mr. Haglund said he believes it is \$77,000. Trustee Abato asked if we had some kind of a timeline with this punch list with them. Mr. Haglund said not right at this time. Trustee Abato asked if there was anything that we can do to get them to the table to find out what the timeline is? Mr. Haglund said as soon as they are done paving Boulevard and Hillside, which is going to be tomorrow, then they are going to start hitting the punch list - everything on the punch list. And they won't receive any more money until the punch list is done. Trustee Abato asked if they were aware of that. Mr. Haglund said yes.

Trustee LaCorte said that we have one particular concern because he knows that Danny has been doing a great job working with them on this and it has been the largest road project he thinks ever undertaken by this Village in its history - one single project. He said he knows that there was one concern that a bunch of Board members addressed. He said at the bottom of Yorkshire Drive, right at LPL and their concern is that it is \$77,000 that we are holding back for everything and we want them to repave that particular section from what he guesses would pretty much be the bottom part of the rink to the stop sign. Mr. Haglund said right. He said he has been talking to the contractor and he is going to work with us with that. Trustee LaCorte said the question is are we, it doesn't

seem that we are necessarily holding back enough money. Let's say they finish and they say okay, see you later. Keep the \$77,000. Shouldn't we have more money held back in lieu of the fact that we do have a deep conception of a road that is probably what, a couple of hundred feet, that needs to be redone in addition to whatever is in the punchlist. Mr. Haglund said they still have not been paid anything for Hillside, Boulevard, the Street Department garage, West Park Place. That has not been billed out yet. Trustee LaCorte said so they have not been paid for that so there is still several hundred thousand dollars. The Mayor said alright, that is what we were worried about. Trustee LaCorte said okay.

A motion to pay the \$23,587.63 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte.

AYES: Mayor John B. Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Haglund said that tomorrow they will be on West Park and Boulevard and then on Wednesday, they should be on Hillside. And then all the big paving should be done. Keep everybody happy. The Mayor said it can't be done quick enough. Mr. Haglund said he knows. They are trying. Trustee Abato said they are getting there. It is much better today. Mr. Haglund said it is getting there. They are almost done.

VILLAGE CLERK:

A) Return of Bids - Pool Concession Stand:

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner said the first thing on the agenda is the concession stand. She said she did get one bid and it says:

Dear Virginia,

I would like the opportunity to bid on the Suffern Memorial Pool snack bar for the season 2008. As you are aware, I have been operating the snack bar for the last two seasons for \$100 a season. It has been my pleasure serving the community with low prices and loyalty to our consumers. This year I would like to offer \$200 for the season to us the Suffern Memorial Pool snack bar.

Ronnie Jones

The Mayor said he thought she did a pretty good job. Trustee Haggerty said she did an excellent job. The Mayor said we are glad to have her back. He said she was the only bidder, right? The Village Clerk said yes.

A motion awarding the bid to Ms. Jones was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Mayor John B. Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Village Clerk said this is not on the agenda but at our last meeting we had bids out for surplus vehicles and we received none and she thinks that the Board did say that we could ask people for a quote and she did get one quote. She said that she doesn't know who it is, what it is, but with your permission if you want we can open it up and award a bid if you want. She asked Attorney Rice if that was okay. Attorney Rice said yes and the reason that it is okay is that we have advertised it twice. The Village Clerk said this is from Charlie Ghost. The Hubert Grader \$500 and the roller \$290. She said she didn't know if that is a good price. The Mayor said it is like giving it away. Trustee Abato asked if we had any kind of value on them. The Village Clerk said that when we did advertise for them, we put an amount on them - on the Hubert Roller \$800 and the Hubert Grader \$800. Trustee Abato said the roller is off but the Hubert Grader she would say let's award it. The Mayor asked if we wanted to award those bids. Trustee Abato asked Mr. Haglund if it was worth it for us to rebid the roller. He is offering \$290. Mr. Haglund said no. Trustee Abato said then she would make a motion to award the bid for both to Charlie Ghost. Attorney Rice said that just for the record, Danny is saying that you are selling it for approximately the fair value. Mr. Haglund said they need a lot of work. It is not worth it. You get that for scrap metal. For us it needs too much work. A motion to accept the bid was made by Trustee LaCorte, seconded by Trustee Abato.

AYES: Mayor John B. Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

B) Request for Table and Chairs on the Sidewalks:

The Village Clerk said that all of these have been given to Mr. Loniewski who went down to check the sidewalks. One is from Shamrock Hotel, which is at 84 Orange Avenue. The Mayor said that is the old Muggs Pub. The Village Clerk said they want four tables and 16 chairs. The Mayor said what did Mr. Loniewski say about those. The Village Clerk said he said it was okay. He thought they had plenty of room. It is a big sidewalk. Attorney Rice said to do them one at a time. A motion allowing the tables and chairs to the

Shamrock Hotel was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Attorney Rice said we need some conditions on this. Trustee Abato said it is the same conditions that we always have. Attorney Rice said you say the same conditions when you are renewing them. But this is a new permit. We have the time period ending when. The Village Clerk said she would like a little more direction than that - what the conditions are. Trustee Abato said we talked about that at the last meeting. Trustee LaCorte said October. Trustee Abato said that she had said she thought it was September and everyone agreed but as long as the weather was permissible, we would push it through October. Attorney Rice said October what. Trustee Abato said the 15th. Attorney Rice said it is only for patrons utilizing the services at the establishment. Trustee Abato said correct, that is what we did at the last meeting. Trustee LaCorte asked if we could get a standard. Attorney Rice said yes, we should have one. Trustee Abato said that is what she thought we decided at the last meeting. That we have a standard blanket for everybody. The Mayor said that we are going to have to draw up a standard. The tables have to come in at night, what not. Trustee Abato asked if they have to sign anything. She said we should probably have them sign something so they are aware of the rules. Attorney Rice said that Virginia will write them a letter. The Mayor said we will make up a standard form. Right now, he thinks pending that, he doesn't see any problem with it. The Code Enforcer didn't have a problem with it. Other than a stipulation with the dates and when they should come in at night, or whatever, and only to be used by patrons of that establishment. He said he thinks that is what we really need in writing. Trustee Abato said she will amend her motion to include all of that. The motion was seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

C) Tequila Sal Y Limon: Request for Tables on Sidewalk:

Ms. Menschner said this next one is for 88 Orange Avenue. The Mayor said they had tables last year, correct? The Village Clerk said yes, they had two tables and four chairs. The Mayor said we didn't have a problem last year. The Village Clerk said that Mr. Loniewski had a copy of each one of these. A motion granting the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee LaCorte subject to the same conditions as the previous applicant for Tequila Sal Y Limon. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

D) Dona Maria: Request for Tables on Sidewalk:

The Village Clerk said this next one is for Dona Maria. She said they had tables there last year also. They are asking for four tables and sixteen chairs. They are at 41 Lafayette Avenue. A motion granting the request was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

E) Paleteria El Molino Rojo: Request for One Bench:

The Village Clerk said this next one is a new one. It is Paleteria El Molino Rojo - the ice cream store on Lafayette Avenue and they

are only asking for a bench. Trustee Meehan asked where that is. The Village Clerk said 86 Lafayette Avenue, the old Mimosa. Trustee Abato said that she thought our agreement was no benches in the downtown area. If they wanted to put a table and two chairs, she would have no objection. If they would like to put an application for a table and two chairs with the building inspector's approval that would be fine. But she thinks that they have all agreed to no benches. Trustee LaCorte said he would move to table their bench request, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

F) Request Suffern Farmers Market: Parking Lot "A":

The Village Clerk said we also have a letter from the Farmers Market requesting permission to use parking lot "A" and they are going to be starting June 14 at 9:00 a.m. to November 22. A motion granting the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Village Clerk said she just handed the Board a letter that she just received late this afternoon from the Suffern Chamber of Commerce and she thinks that there is a little discussion on that. The Mayor said they say in the letter "as per our agreement." The Board members have no knowledge of any agreement. He said he knows it was discussed and he knows these three dates he does not believe were discussed. He said he thinks it was more or less every Wednesday at the time, which we said we would consider. So now we have three dates. The Mayor asked Mrs. Curtin if those dates conflicted with anything we have. Mrs. Curtin said that our first concert is Thursday, June 26. So the second date that they are offering the Board is the night before our first concert. Trustee Abato said that she would like to make just one comment. She said that she is so in favor of bringing positive events to the Village and bringing people into the downtown area. She said she thinks that everyone knows that she has been a big advocate of that. She said that she just still has to reiterate that she would prefer not to encourage hanging around in the downtown area and that we would put these events into the gazebo area or more confined spaces that are not promoting just hanging around in the downtown area which is something she thinks that the Police Department has worked very hard to deter. She just thinks that now we are promoting it. So that is just her comment. She said she thinks it is a great idea but she just thinks it is a bad location.

The Mayor said that he doesn't have a problem with trying one on a trial basis and if it works, it works. And if it doesn't, then that is the end of it. They are talking about jazz and some music that everybody can relate to. So he doesn't have a problem of giving them one date to try it. Just like the tables and chairs. We tried it and it worked.

Trustee LaCorte said to the Chief that he knows that we talked about this at the special Board meeting/workshop last week. He asked the Chief if he was okay with it. Chief Osborn said that he

has to agree with Trustee Abato that we are just concerned with how many people. But in all fairness to the Mayor, he agrees, he wouldn't mind trying it. But he thinks that the biggest concern we have is where are they going to sit and how many people. And we don't know at this point. That is sort of open-ended that we don't know the answer at this point until they have one. He said he doesn't mind trying it as well and he said we don't want to attract a rowdy crowd to our downtown. But he doesn't have a problem having one or two. He said he has worked with the Chamber and he talks to them pretty frequently - Vince and Aurie - and he doesn't have a problem trying it. But he also does feel that if there is a problem we need to address it immediately and shut them down. That is your decision. His is he doesn't mind one or two to give it a shot. He asked if they gave us dates. The Mayor said yes, June 18, June 25 and July 2.

The Mayor said he thinks we ought to go with the 18th to see how it works out and hold off on the other two dates to see if it is going to work or not. Trustee Haggerty said that the 18th is the pool party. Chief Osborn said that the only thing that you have on the 18th is that is the first night of Sacred Heart's parish festival. That is going to be very big this year. They are bringing in big rides. That is a big thing over there. So that is going to be a lot going on that night in the Village. Trustee Abato said and you have the pool party as well going on. Chief Osborn said we have the DARE pool party as well from 4:00 to 7:00. So there is a lot of activity in the Village that night. He said he didn't know if the Board wanted to see if they could do another night. It's just that you have two big events besides that. The Mayor said what if we let them try the 25th then. Chief Osborn said if that is okay. He would feel more comfortable - if we have 200 to 300 kids at the pool or 500 to 800 people at Sacred Heart, he would probably feel more comfortable with that. The Mayor said he can't see stretching our police force. Chief Osborn said that is going to be a tough night. That is going to be busy for us. The Mayor said that he would like to propose that we give them one shot on the 25th. Trustee LaCorte asked if there was any way that we can give them both those nights - the 25th and 2nd. Because if it goes well and they don't have approval, then there is no way that they will be able to have the other date. The Mayor said that is true. They would have to set the bands up. Trustee LaCorte said that if we give them the approval subject to it going okay. Obviously if it doesn't work out and there is a problem, we can at any time upon the recommendation subject to an okay from the Chief. But we don't want to stop them from having it because we don't have a meeting between now and then and they can't book it. So that way they have the permission and if it doesn't go well then we can take it away. Chief Osborn said that Gail and Brian just corrected him. The 19th is Sacred Heart's festival. 19, 20, 21, and 22. Thursday through Sunday. But we have the DARE party and he thinks that we will be okay with just that. He just didn't want the same event with Sacred Heart. It is one day later that it starts. So whatever you decide to do, let him know and he will put the available resources out there. Trustee LaCorte said if we give them those days, why not. If it doesn't go well. We

can give them a try. He asked Attorney Rice how we can do it. Attorney Rice said that you can put in the motion that it is subject to revocation if there are any problems associated with the events. Trustee LaCorte said and subject to provision of Certificate of Insurance naming the Village as an additional insured. Trustee LaCorte said he will make the motion that we give them the three dates. That way they can schedule them and if there is any problem we can revoke it. He said he moves to approve the Chamber of Commerce on three proposed Wednesday evenings - June 18, June 25 and July 2 - subject to revocation if there are any problems and with the additional provision that they provide the Village with a Certificate of Insurance naming the Village of Suffern as additional insured, seconded by Trustee Abato. Trustee Abato said to Attorney Rice that she just wanted to make it clear that if we do need to cancel the other two dates if there is a problem that we are not held liable for their contracts with any bands or whatever entertainment. Attorney Rice said that he would give them notice right off the bat that we have the ability to revoke it if there are any problems. Trustee Haggerty said what kind of problems. Attorney Rice said any problems in the opinion of the Mayor or Police Chief - crowds, disruption, any thing. Trustee Haggerty said how about if there are no stores open. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Village Clerk said that she had one other thing that was not on the agenda. Attorney Rice gave it to them. This is from Good Samaritan Hospital - a temporary Certificate of Occupancy. She said that this came in at around 10 minutes to 4.

Trustee Meehan asked Mr. Vanderbeek to speak on the issue. Trustee Abato asked him to tell them where they are on this. Mr. Vanderbeek said the sidewalk is currently under construction. The entrance is currently under construction. And hopefully within a couple of weeks they will be finished. He said it just so happens that their temporary C.O. ran out, he believes, June 1 or 2. Trustee Abato said June 1. Mr. Vanderbeek said the permits are all in place and Holt is underway. The stakes are out there. You can go out and see it. They put in some curbing today and in a couple of weeks everything should be finished. Attorney Rice asked what percentage is occupied at this point. Mr. Vanderbeek said he doesn't know the answer to that. Attorney Rice said they haven't fully occupied the building yet. Mr. Vanderbeek said no. Trustee Abato said they are having a hard time filling it. Mr. Vanderbeek said no where near. A motion to extend the Certificate of Occupancy temporary subject to the same conditions and restrictions as the prior extensions was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Trustee Abato said to September 10. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

The Treasurer had no report. The Village Clerk said but we did mail out the taxes.

MAYOR:

The Mayor said he got a letter from the Farmer's Market that they are opening on June 14 at 9:00 a.m.

The Mayor said we did receive two proposals from two different law firms to work with us on our PBA contract and other agreements we have - CSEA and what not. And one of them is called Hitsman, Hoffman and O'Reilly. And the other one is Bonnist and Cutro. The Mayor said that he personally, and he knows that a lot of the Board members had the opportunity to sit down with them and listen to what they have done and their referrals and anything like that. The Mayor said he personally liked Hitsman, Hoffman and O'Reilly. The Mayor said he thought being in negotiations throughout his career in the postal service that they were most knowledgeable of municipality type work and they would be, out of the two, his pick. What he would like to do is to take a vote and we can start with O'Reilly, which was the second group that we listened to. We can take a vote on that and we can go from there. A motion to accept Hitsman, Hoffman and O'Reilly was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Trustee Abato said that she just wanted to say that she unfortunately did not have the opportunity to meet with this law firm. She had a recent illness that prevented her from doing so. But she did take the opportunity to hear the rest of the Board's comments who feel that they are more than capable of handling the business of the Village in this respect. She also had the opportunity to speak to the Board regarding Bonnist and Cutro. They all met with and they all, again, felt that they were competent to do the work. She said that she thinks the only thing that would impede her to go with Bonnist and Cutro is the fact that they came highly recommended from someone she holds in high regard which is Scott Shedler who knows of their work and has recommended them highly. She said she also had the opportunity to speak to some of the references that Bonnist and Cutro provided and they came highly recommended. They have extensive knowledge on the management side of the negotiations, which she thinks would be very helpful to us. She said that she did ask the Board members if anyone had spoke to any of the people that the other law firm gave as references. So she doesn't think anyone spoke to any of them and that there was any positive feed back except for the recommendation of who it came from. So in that regard, she just wanted those comments to reflect the record. The Mayor said that he wrote a letter to John Galligan, who is head of the NYS Conference of Mayors on his opinion on the O'Reilly group and he did a nice write up on them and his last line was "my assessment is that should the Board decide to retain him, the Village will be well-served." The Mayor said Mr. Galligan has had a lot of dealings with them. He says he several times has asked him to contribute an article for publication Across the Table which is a conference labor relations publication that he edits and he has had different articles in there. So he comes highly recommended by the NYS Conference of Mayors. The Mayor said again they are both good. He says he sees potential in both groups. He himself leans towards one because he liked their presentation. So at this time he would like to vote.

Attorney Rice said that Trustee LaCorte suggested putting a cap on their fee. Trustee LaCorte said we have done that in the past with professional services. So if we want to put a cap of \$10,000. The Mayor said that is what we have done, you are right. So he thinks we should do that. Trustee Meehan said that he accepts that as an amendment to his motion. The Village Clerk said \$10,000 as a cap.

AYES: Mayor John B. Keegan
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: Trustee Dagan LaCorte, Trustee Patricia Abato

ABSENT: None

Trustee LaCorte said just in addition to Trustee Abato's early comments. He said that he spoke with both law firms. He met with Mr. Bonnist and Mr. Cutro and spoke to Mr. O'Reilly. And like the Mayor said they are both well qualified and specialized. Both of them in labor and employment. He said he was very impressed by the credentials of both firms. Trustee LaCorte said he had a preference for Bonnist and Cutro simply because others may look at as a weakness their lack of experience in terms of representing municipalities. They really haven't had much experience. They have had extensive negotiations representing businesses in negotiations with labor unions however they represented management but private management as opposed to municipalities. He said that he thinks that is actually something which is a positive because business often answers to shareholders and owners as opposed to taxpayers who really only come to vote once every year or two years. So on the motion for the O'Reilly firm, he would vote no.

The Mayor said the vote is three to two in favor of Hitsman, Hoffman and O'Reilly.

The Mayor said he just wanted to point one thing out. He said he knows we had a resident stand up and talk about supporting 287g and he commends him for doing that. And this Board is appreciative of all the residents who are supporting 287g which is something to make our Village safer. He said that he would like to remind our residents of three instances which he will probably be talking about on the radio tomorrow morning. He said that we have had three pretty serious injuries since January from unlicensed drivers. We had an incident January 2 where a friend of his, Tony Kulbaba, was pinned between two cars on Chestnut Street - an unlicensed driver. On May 29, a vehicle operated unlicensed struck a house on Ramapo Avenue. One of the occupants is paralyzed from the waist down, the other one broke his neck and his back. The driver walked away. The driver was drunk and had no license. On June 1, which was yesterday, at 9:00 p.m. last night, a van plowed into the back of a motorcycle going down Wayne Avenue. The motorcycle operator flew off the bike and was taken to the hospital. The driver of the van had no driver's license. So the Mayor said he has talked to the Police Chief and he thinks the Chief, along with the Village Board, needs to go to our Legislators and see if we can seek some kind of

legislation that would penalize people driving without a license more than, he thinks it is a \$100 fine at this time, and possibly go to some sort of a jail sentence because we have had Operation Safe Roads which we have put stop signs up, we changed speed limits, we have the police out all the time giving out speeding tickets, cell phones, or what not. But we still have this unsafe condition in our Village and if we have people who are driving who have never had a license it is something that the Village Board is looking at and intends to address it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee LaCorte said that he had one item that he would like to bring up. He said that as we discussed in the workshop, we have one proposal here from Leonard Jackson Associates regarding engineering fees on a consultant's basis to help out the Village. He said that while we had talked and this would potentially involve bringing back our former Village engineer, Dennis Rocks, who was highly regarded by Board members he served while he was working in the Village. Trustee LaCorte said that he was not on the Board and other people who work in the Village said he did an excellent job and were sad to see him go. But he has expressed interest in coming back as a consultant. Trustee LaCorte said that he gave them a proposal here and the Board had discussed acting on it tonight but in lieu of the fact that we just got it this afternoon, and he would like to speak to his firm about the fees that are proposed just to make sure that he would be willing to give us fees that are comparable to Riddick Associates, our other consulting engineers, so he thinks we should table it or we don't even need to act on it at the moment but he would just like to keep the Board open to potentially holding a special Village Board meeting before July if we are able to get fees that are similar to what we are receiving from Riddick Associates.

Trustee LaCorte asked what do we have to do for notice. He asked if anyone was going on any vacations between now and the Board meeting. The Mayor said he would be gone from the 10th to the 17th. Trustee LaCorte said he knows that the Mayor spoke to Dennis as well and we all had discussed this and we are excited about it but again, although we want to bring him back, we need to get a price that is reasonable. Trustee LaCorte said that he would reach out to him, if it is okay with the Mayor, tomorrow and see if he can come up with something that is competitive and if he does then at that point we can try to reach out to the Board members and set a date. But he just wants the public to know that this is something that we are considering and we may be addressing it between now and the July meeting.

Trustee Haggerty asked about Riddick Associates. Trustee LaCorte said that we just got a copy of this earlier today from Virginia because we wanted to see what the comparison is and unfortunately Leonard Jackson Associates at the moment the rates are significantly higher than what we are presently paying Riddick for 2008. The Mayor said we can decide on a date once we talk to

Dennis.

The Mayor said that since there is no other business he would like everyone to stand and have a moment of silence for Gilda DeMarino who passed away this past month who worked here in Village Hall and we all will certainly and dearly miss her.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.