

Village Board Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Robert Morris
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

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

ABSENT: None

Evangeline McGinly who was "Mayor for a Day" started the pledge of allegiance and asked for a moment of silence.

The Mayor said probably one of the highlights of being the Mayor is recognizing community service recipients and the Andrew C. Haggerty Award, as you all know, is in memory of Andrew Haggerty who was a long-time Trustee and Mayor here in the Village of Suffern and Andy was all about community service and giving back to the community and also installing that in the young people of the community to give back, and he was all about that. He was so involved in so many different things. And the Mayor said she has been Mayor for the past, almost two years now, and every event that she goes to that the police department or fire department or any community service event that she goes to - there is one young man who just keeps popping up and comes in very quietly - never wants a pat on the back, never a thank you - just is always just there - it is just like you can depend on that this guy is just going to be there. And he worked a lot with Clarke Osborn so she is going to let Clarke say a few words about him, but the Mayor is going to ask him to come up. She said she wants to recognize him tonight because he is just an outstanding guy and we should have more youths like him who get so involved in the community and care so much about it and she would like him to come up - Sam Meyers.

Chief Clarke Osborn thanked the Mayor and Evangeline. He said that Sam is one of our part-time dispatchers here in the Village and he met Sam many years ago when he was a student up in the elementary school as a DARE officer and Sam volunteers just about every possible thing we do here in the Village. He is a little league - he is an umpire for the Suffern Little League, he coaches DARE hockey for us, he referees DARE hockey for us, an ambulance corps volunteer, and every time we have an event - we had two major events where we sold thousands and thousands of tee shirts to make money for officers who were killed in the line of duty and once again, who came to volunteer? Sam. Every time. Every event we have

here and he has several officers here tonight and they just really appreciate all that he does for them. And on top of that he is a great dispatcher. On top of all the other things he does his job he does a very good job at. So he thinks the Mayor and Board couldn't have chose a better person to give this award to tonight than Sam Meyers. His family, long time Village residents, and we really appreciate all that Sam does for us. He congratulated him on behalf of all of us. The Mayor presented him with a certificate and told him his name will also go on the plaque in Village Hall and it will be there forever and she knows that Mr. Haggerty would have been very proud of what he does here in the Village. And she is going to have Evangeline give him a certificate for a new, and she is very excited to announce, that we have a new restaurant coming into the downtown area - it is called The Ice Factory. It will be opening soon. She doesn't have a date yet but he has already donated a gift certificate for you to go down and enjoy, she believes, lots of delicious desserts and good stuff. And she thanks The Ice Factory and Sam for all he does in the Village.

SET DATES FOR JULY MEETINGS:

Mayor Abato said the first item on the agenda is to set the dates for the July meeting. She said the workshop is Wednesday, July 1 and the Board meeting will be Monday, July 6. The Mayor said to the Board that she just had a couple of residents come up to her concerned about the fact that July 4 apparently falls on the weekend and a lot of people are going to be away for that weekend. She said she will be here. But she is always concerned that the residents attend. She said she didn't know if anybody had any thoughts on that. Trustee Morris said do you want to do them both on the 13th? The Mayor said that is fine with her. Do them both on the 13th - Bob is saying both on the 13th. She asked if the Board had a problem with that? The Mayor said okay, then the Village workshop and Board meeting will both be on July 13th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Workshop and Board meeting at 7:30.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief John Salmon said he had a couple of items that they would like to bring up. July 19th the Volunteer Hose Company would like to have their annual car show. And also the members of the department voted on several parades to go to this year which include the Stony Point parade, July 11, Ossining, August 7, and the county parade which is in Garnerville this year which is September 19. A motion to approve all was made by Trustee Markunas, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Chief Salmon said that is all he has but he would like to be excused to go to the Hose Company meeting tonight.

CULTURE AND RECREATION:

Mrs. Cathy Mills said she was doing double duty tonight. Elaine is not feeling well so she has the camera so she will be back and forth a little bit. She said she had a few things on the agenda this evening. She said they have pool registration which will be starting tomorrow night. It will be revalidation. And then if anyone has not received a Village calendar they are up front and all the dates for pool registration and swim lesson registration is in the calendar. She said they have auditions for Clifford Summer Theater starting tomorrow night, so that will be June 2, 3, and 4. And then on Sunday the 7 here in Village Hall in the auditorium. The recreation board meeting is on June 11, next Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. in the community room. She said she believes the sheet says community center - her apologies - it is community room. The LEAD outdoor concert with the Suffern High School students will be on Friday, June 12 and that is at 5 to 9 p.m. over at the gazebo. It is an outdoor event. All are invited. It is a very nice event. They have the fishing derby coming up on Saturday, June 13 at Foxwood Pond. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and fishing starts 9:30 to 11:00 and then there will be a barbecue afterwards at the Mahwah Elks. And it is a free event. Summer Concert series starts on Wednesday, June 17 and that is the band, Magic Touch. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. All concerts for the summer are rain or shine. So it is either outside at the gazebo or inside the community center. She said they have a Court of Honor for an Eagle Scout on Saturday, June 20 at the community center from 11 to 3. She said they have Arty Time, the seniors art class, two dates in June - June 4 and the 18 at the community center at 11:30. They have the DARE pool party on Monday, June 22 from 4:30 to 7:30 with the Chief. And then the pool officially opens for the summer on Tuesday, June 23. That first week it will be open from 2 to 8 to accommodate kids that have the half day of school. So it will be open from 2 to 8. And then she is inviting the Board to attend the meet and greet with the lifeguards. It will give them an opportunity to meet the guards that we are bringing on board for 2015 and that will be Saturday, June 27, at 10 a.m. at the pool. And then the last item she has for tonight is to request permission to bring two maintenance workers on board for the summer. Both of these individuals have been approved by Rockland County and it would be at a rate of \$10 an hour and the schedule they will do is 4 days on, 3 days off, and then they would rotate so that we would have 7 days coverage at the pool. She said the water department in the past has covered that but this would be a much more economical way to do that. The last two or three summers we have had somebody working at the pool in this regard. She said the two names that we have are Oliver Cronk and Greg Schniker. Those are the individuals. Trustee Byrne asked if these were budgeted for. Mrs. Mills said yes, maintenance is budgeted in that. Yes. A motion approving the two maintenance workers was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato

Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mrs. Mills said as she had mentioned in the workshop, we have a request for use of the field across from Leo Lydon this Thursday from 5 to 7 this Thursday. The Mayor said that would be subject to the Village Attorney being satisfied with the certificate of insurance. A motion approving the request subject to approval by the Village Attorney was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Markunas. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

GRANT WRITER:

Mr. Fred Rella said this past month the police department was awarded \$13,000 with the assistance of Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee. That was \$10,000 for new computers and an additional \$3,000 for the DARE program. That brings the DARE award up to \$9,000 for the year that they have been able to acquire. Also, working with Senator Carlucci on some capital projects, which are very significant to the Village. The first one is the rejuvenation here of Village Hall. This building was built in 1912 and was the original high school. Then the Village purchased it in 1981 which is about 35 years ago and it needs some substantial renovation at this point in time. It needs a new P.A. system, it needs a new cornice around the building, some new windows, some new doors and also some lead and asbestos abatement. And the total cost of that is \$825,000. Also working to get Lot B - to have that rejuvenated into a new and environmental friendly lot. That is the lot that is right across from the post office. That is the largest parking lot that we basically have. And by environmentally friendly we mean it would have an asphalt which is permeable such as it would help prevent flooding and puddling of water. We would have environmentally energy efficient lighting and we would have trees planted in strategic areas to help with erosion at the hill slope there where the train tracks are. He said that is \$775,000. The third and the fourth project is sanitary sewer abatement which is 1.9 million dollars. This is from a consent order with the New York DEC - something that we have to do. And basically this is checking the sewer system for any leakage or any repair work that needs to be done because if it is not working efficiently - our wastewater treatment plant. And lastly we do have the wastewater treatment plant upgrades which need to be done and that is 3.3 million. So once again he is working with Senator Carlucci on this. The total amount of these four projects is 6.8 million.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Terry Rice said we talked about a number of things during the workshop. The only thing that would require Board action, if you want to proceed at this point, was the VFW. As we discussed, he received notice that the Attorney General has approved the transfer as required since they are a not-for-profit and we need to do a couple of things. One, order title. And two is to get an appraisal of the property. He said he does have an appraisal for \$1700 - the value of the property as well as the consideration of the lease back from Alliance Appraisal Services in New City. He said you can go with this or you can ask him to get a couple of other additional quotes should you so desire. Trustee Hagen asked what do you need from the Board. The Mayor said we need a motion to add - Attorney Rice said if you want to go ahead with these guys you need a motion. If you want him to get a couple of other quotes then just tell him to do so and we will bring this up at the next meeting. Trustee Hagen asked if the VFW was happy with this appraisal? Attorney Rice said it has nothing to do with the VFW. We have a contract price for \$150,000 but because we are a municipal corporation we have to have in the file to justify that we are not paying too much an appraisal that shows that the fair market value of the property that we are purchasing is at least what we are buying it for. So this is merely for that purpose. Trustee Markunas asked if we had an accurate appraisal that we can compare to. Attorney Rice said no, that is why we are doing this. Trustee Markunas said okay, but is there one out there now. Attorney Rice said no. Trustee Markunas said no. The Mayor said she would need a motion from the Board. Trustee Byrne said just to clarify on his end that he is precluded from making a motion and seconding because of his firm's representation of the VFW at this time. Trustee Morris said he would make a motion to employ the Alliance Appraisal, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas

ABSTAIN: Trustee Matthew Byrne

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said also we have made significant headway with United Water. She said we expect to be talking with them in the next week or two. There was some concern with the DEC both here in New York State and New Jersey. It seems like all of the New York entities are pretty much on board with the sale of the water but had suggested that we also - that United Water should also check with the DEC in New Jersey which they will be doing next week. But we have definitely made very significant progress and she believes we will be having some very good news within the next few weeks with an agreement with United Water. So just a quick update on that.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Clarke Osborn said he just has some informational items. He said he has nothing to vote on. He thanked the Board again for giving that award to Sam. He well deserves it. It was a great choice. He said just some informational items. The Chief said we had a commercial vehicle check - the first one of the year. He said they had it a few weeks ago. It was very successful and they made a bunch of arrests. They took a lot of vehicles off the road. A lot of safety violations. He said they will be doing another one this month as well - the end of June in a few more weeks. Chief Osborn said we will have the assistance of the Piermont police department in what they call a level one inspector, which is a top inspector who checks the trucks and the Rockland County sheriff's department also. It is a very good detail with the NYS DOT. He said this Saturday they have their big event. They have the PBA sponsoring the Vincent Crotty Memorial Barbecue Wing Night. He said they usually have a great attendance and that will be at the Mahwah Elks from 5 to 9 p.m. He said our officers run that. Chief Osborn said today he and Charles went over to Orange Avenue. He said they were talking about it today. It seems when we get heavy rain again Orange Avenue near the Thruway bridge is flooding again. He said we called the state about three years ago and they had a lot of meetings and they actually did the drainage underneath the ground and the Thruway Authority fixed the drains on the Thruway so the water wouldn't run down. But for some reason the last couple of storms, particularly today, it was really flooded. They barely got a car through. They worked with DPW to secure the road so we are going to reach out with them again to find out what happened. He said he knew it was heavy rain but it hasn't happened like that in a while. And that is our main corridor for people coming from Orange County, Sloatsburg, Hillburn to the Village in and out. Particularly emergency vehicles. He said they have DARE hockey playoffs all next week. They have games Wednesday and Friday this week. He said if the Board wants to stop up, they had a great season. He said they made several arrests during the month but the one he wants to mention is they made an arrest for larceny - possession of stolen property out of car larceny up at Bon Aire. He said they have a second arrest pending, they are definitely going to make a second arrest, they are just finishing up some details. He said we had two vehicles broken into at Bon Aire and we were fortunate to receive a nice break in the case. He said we charged one person and we have a second one that we will be charging as well. He said the radar trailer - he tries to move it around every week and right now it is on Ramapo Avenue and he is going to stick it up on Woodland Drive next to show the people their speed limit to slow them down. He said also, just a couple of things they worked on. He said what they do every day, to explain it, is something called selective enforcement. That means that officers take certain areas that are problem areas - they get complaints on. They have accidents at and sergeants assign them and what they are

working on this particular month - Washington Avenue for cell phone usage, people driving while talking on cell phones, Wayne Avenue - speed control - Lafayette Avenue - cross walks which went very well - Woodland Drive - radar - Cypress Road by the school - they have been hitting the stop sign there. And he just wanted to thank the Board because the crossing guard is working out excellent. He is doing a great job in the morning getting the kids across. And that is all he has. Just informational items and he will be here for the rest of the meeting. He thanked the Board for their support. Trustee Markunas said he has seen them out there, he has seen the enforcement out there, he has seen the speed trailers and they are doing a great job. Chief Osborn thanked him and said he appreciates that.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Joe Maraglino of 65 Wayne Avenue said on May 15 of this year their Wayne Avenue family suffered a tragedy. A woman got struck by a car - her name was Clair Mursky - and she was his child's babysitter. He said he saw her moments before the car struck her. Thank God he didn't see the car hit her. He said unfortunately when she got to Westchester County Medical Center she passed away. He said the pictures in front of the Board is about Wayne Avenue and how maybe we can approve it. It all comes down - he said he marked them in the back - 1 through 25. He said he is sorry there are 25. The Mayor said that's okay. He said is it okay? The Mayor said absolutely. She said she has to tell him that we share his devastation. Clair was just a wonderful part of our community and such a gentle soul and the Mayor knew her for many, many years and the smile that she brought to this Village was just something that she will personally miss very, very much. She said she would like to tell him though the good news is that in September Wayne Avenue is going to be paved. So she has been fighting quite a long time for that and in addition to Orange Avenue. So she finally won the battle with the state and they are coming in to pave both in September. Mr. Maraglino said great. The Mayor said so that is the first good news. Mr. Maraglino said yes it is. Mr. Maraglino said that definitely will help us. That is a piece of the puzzle. The Mayor said yes. That is a piece. And she knows that there are sidewalk issues there and she knows that there are brush issues there. She said we are presently looking into all of that. Mr. Maraglino said okay. The Mayor said as soon as we - we obviously have to have the road done first and then we will work on the rest of - trying to get that area fixed up a little bit. She said she knows exactly. She has walked with our DPW supervisor when we had the geyser and we are very much aware of the conditions there. Mr. Maraglino said you definitely mentioned a lot of what he had taken pictures about. The Mayor said yes. Mr. Maraglino said especially the overgrowth in picture one. He said this is the one of all of Wayne Avenue and the NYS Thruway Authority. Overgrowth goes on top of the sidewalk. People get discouraged like in picture two. If you

have to walk down the west side on the north side of the street you are going to bump into a lot of foliage. He said a couple of years ago he did see that they cut back on the foliage and whatever was hanging over there. That was about three years ago. He said you kind of have to stay on top of it. The Mayor said they get to it but we are on this list that is like this long. So it is like when they get to us. But we do send letters in. Mr. Hunt keeps very much on top of it. He is very much aware. And it even comes to sometimes that we have to actually kind of go in there and do it ourselves because it is a safety issue. Mr. Maraglino said yes it is. The Mayor said and when it becomes a safety issue we try to go in and do what we can but we really shouldn't be and that is her gripe with the state is that we shouldn't be. Like the potholes. We shouldn't be but how do you let our residents safety, you know - so we do. They really should be more on top of it. Mr. Maraglino said as you said it is a safety issue and if it obstructs the sidewalk you are walking into the street. Then you see sidewalks that are there and then all of a sudden they end, like in picture number 3. It starts and stops in front of where Rosemary lives, and Clair was too, in front of the house there is no sidewalk whatsoever. And he knows that it is kind of a tight area but when they walk down their hill they are walking right into the street. And that is a pretty big hazard. He said it is funny. But the things he was walking around taking pictures of you don't realize how dangerous it is - the Mayor said and if you are really looking - you pass by it every day and you go, oh, I didn't realize that. Mr. Maraglino said yes, you point out a lot of things. He said the one thing they are trying to fight for, and he is glad they are repaving the road, and you have noticed a lot of things he has taken pictures of. He said they are trying to get some crosswalks. If the signage could be there and they could warn people - because a lot of people will dance across the street simply because there is no sidewalks to walk on. They don't feel safe. All of a sudden you see them running. It looks like a deer crossing. If they feel safe they will stay on the sidewalk and stay on their side of the street and walk down. The Mayor said it is something to consider. She will definitely have the Chief and her and they will go out there and take a look if there is any feasibility to a crosswalk. Because in that stretch - Mr. Maraglino said especially in that stretch - the Mayor said and it is funny that you say that. Chief and her stood out there for hours and the time period happened to be when the children got off the bus from school and there really is no crosswalk and it is just a straight run there. So it might be something to consider and think about. Mr. Maraglino said it is a straight run. He said even if there was some sort of signage. He said he works for the Thruway Authority and his job is to put up signs. A lot of people will pay attention to them if they see it. It is a warning ahead of time. The Mayor said she agrees. Mr. Maraglino said what Chief Osborn mentioned about speed limits. He does a great job. He said he sees police officers nailing people left and right on Wayne Avenue, believe him. You can finance a

building when they pull over all these people but at the same time on Wayne Avenue - if you are coming from Pavilion Avenue and say you make a right - there is a double lane there. He said they are trying to get that as a single lane because these people are flying down there. They are passing each other, cutting each other off. God forbid. There is going to be - he said he doesn't want to see this any more. He said it was horrific. He said we don't need another accident on Wayne Avenue. It doesn't need to take somebody's life in order to get something done. The Mayor thanked him and said she appreciates him coming. Mr. Maraglino said keep those pictures and if you go further down in the pictures it does specify what sidewalks are the worst especially next to the antique store going westbound towards Orange Avenue - there is a sidewalk that looks like it is a trail for a horse. He said this is infrastructure. He said they need quality of life dealt to them here. He said is it. He said if this does come down to the Department of Transportation helping us out - if you guys could be a bridge for them - to talk to them - outside of the paving - with the signage, with pedestrian crossing - with the single lane also. Like sometimes like he said - there are speed limit signs that light up. They are radar detectors. He said we have them on the Thruway too. They light up. If you are going past that specified speed limit it will light up and say, hey, you are going too fast. And people will react to that - hey, that's a radar. I have to slow down. He said believe him. You will see an impact. He said he knows the speed limit there is 30 miles per hour. He has seen it. He took a picture of it. So there are a lot of different pictures and he learned a lot about his own street. He said he loves Suffern to live in. He just wants to see a safer neighborhood. It is a good neighborhood with a lot of good people. They just don't want to see any more accidents take place and if the Board can help them - the Mayor said absolutely - Mr. Maraglino said they would really appreciate it. He said other than that, thank you very much. The Mayor thanked him.

Dan Loparco of 5 Foxwood Avenue said he usually doesn't attend these meetings. It seems to be the same people here all the time. He said he is not one of them. He comes when he has a reason to be here. He said he got his tax bill today. He said he knows you think this is behind us but it is not. If you think our problems are over but they are not. They are just beginning. He said his taxes are now \$3657.15. Back in 2010 they were \$2254.60. He said he is not going to do the increase but it is basically \$1,000, let's say. So without taking into account the town or the school tax yet, he is at \$12,300 right now so if he takes that and divides that into a monthly amount, if you will, he is starting to get around a rental unit for himself. So what is happening is that you are taking the property values and you are pushing them down and basically taking their value away from them. He said he doesn't see the sense of owning a home if he is paying this kind of money. He might as well go rent somewhere and leave whenever he wants to leave - if he

doesn't like his neighbor, if he doesn't like his community or someone doesn't like him - whatever the case may be. But he sort of has like a ball and a chain on his ankle and it is making it difficult for him to make his home attractive as an investor. He said he doesn't know if he would want to purchase a home like that. Unless of course he got a deal on it. And when you get a deal on it and you look at what the house sold for, that is not necessarily what the tax assessor has the house listed as or what it had previously sold for. And he finds that is happening. He said he has to drill into this a little more but there is more than meets the eye here. But the fact is that he has yet to see the full tax burden to him as an individual company, if you will. Basically what he is is a small unit generating an income and paying taxes. Again, he is just giving us a warning that the situation is dire. You have to make some serious - you are going to have to make some serious cuts here in the Village to survive. Because you are not going to make the next five years. There is no way that you can sustain this if this continues to go up, and up and up. And quite honestly, demographically, we are all getting older. People are going south. The property values down south are rising. New York is stagnant. So people are having a very tough time. He said he knows you don't like to hear this but that is the reality of it. It is what it is. Unfortunately right now he has to live with this but he is just reporting to us maybe what the pulse is registering out on the street that don't come to these meetings. He said we see the same people here all the time. That doesn't do any good. It is like a habit. Habits are hard to break. So we have to break this habit. He said there is nothing he can do. He is sort of at - he is at the mercy of the Village. He said the only thing he can do is pick up and just move and let the next sucker move into the Village and let them carry the load. Because quite frankly he could do other things with his money such as have a quality of life. That is what he would like to have. A quality of life. And that is slowly going away. He said fortunately he makes a good living. He said he could make even more but he makes a good living. But what about the people who don't. What about the senior on a fixed income, someone on disability. How about the child that was here before - this innocent young girl, proud, to stand here and accept her award and speak. That was beautiful. But what good are we doing the children where we continue on this pace of destruction. And that is what it is. Financial destruction. He said he can't say anything else about it. But he is telling us it is happening. He said take it for what it is worth. It is coming from him. It doesn't mean anything. He is just telling us that we are approaching the rental level in the tax base. And why is he even owning a home. He said there are a couple of vacant homes in his neighborhood now. One is sitting across the street from him for two years or more. It has about two feet of water in the basement. Good thing the guys from the water department came up and turned it off. At least saved the structure in some part. But we have to address these issues and we have to get serious about making some cuts. That's what we have to do. If

you want to get serious about this - he is a taxpayer. You work for him. He said he wants some cuts. That is what we need. We need some cuts. It is going to be tough, but we have to do it. Cuts, buy-outs, retirements - whatever it is we need to do it. Because we have to save the Village if that is what you want. If you don't want it just keep going the way you are going. And that is all he has to say. He thanked them for listening and said he appreciates the Board's time.

William Pamm of 176 Doxbury Lane said good evening to Mayor Abato and the Board. He said he was just listening to the gentleman before him and he just got his tax bill today so he agrees with a lot of the things. But he is here on a slightly different topic. He said he was here last year. He said he left a packet in each one of the mailboxes to acquaint them with the issues. This is the issue of Yorkshire Drive. He said he has a flyer - "Let's make Yorkshire Drive safe again." He said he reprinted an article in the *Rockland County Times* on what happened here. And you also had a study made of Yorkshire Drive by Frederick P. Clarke Associates. Basically what the study said - they did it during the daytime - is Yorkshire is a main street with streets feeding into it. As a matter of fact there is a lot of traffic coming from New Jersey and Cragmere going down to the end of Yorkshire and they may be working at Avon or they may be working at the hospital. He said he just wants to quote the beginning of the article from *The Rockland County Times*. "I think the Village of Suffern needs to revisit their decision about not marking a center line on Yorkshire Drive. Especially since the person responsible for this decision no longer holds office in the Village. The Village was advised to mark the center lane on the pavement on Yorkshire Drive. The Village voted to do so and then completely reversed their decision. This could be a deadly and costly mistake for the Village." Mr. Pamm said all of this describes his description of Yorkshire Drive. Yorkshire Drive is a dimly lit, this is at night, winding elevated road with no markings whatsoever for the motorists. He said he is here the second time for one reason only - for the safety of the motorists using streets in Suffern. He said he thinks Suffern has been extremely lucky and he considers this an accident waiting to happen. He said he hopes it doesn't but it may. And then there would be a big negligent case hanging over the Village. He said finally all the other streets nearby are a double line. Parkside, Doxbury, Maplewood, Campbell, Brookside and Cragmere. They are all main streets and they all have double lines. Why should Yorkshire suddenly have up to the intersection of Doxbury and Parkside have no line at all. And he wants to finish with this. "The Village of Suffern, like all other Villages in Ramapo, is having financial problems. A major lawsuit against the Village because of a head-on collision caused by drivers not being able to identify the center of Yorkshire Drive because of no center line pavement markings on Yorkshire Drive would cost more than the paint and labor needed to mark this road pavement similar to surrounding roadways." I urge the Board to

reconsider this decision, put double lines for the entire length of Yorkshire Drive for the safety of all the motorists. He thanked the Board.

Debbie Tapp of Oakdale Manor said we just had Memorial Day and it was kind of sad looking around the Village. She said we have Memorial Park, we have Memorial Drive. She said we have no flags. Memorial Day weekend - no flags. She said she understands we have budget issues but how much does a flag cost. She said we also have garbage. Memorial Day weekend was a parade weekend. We had company coming. When you have company coming you clean your house. The garbage cans on Friday night, Saturday morning were overflowing in the Village. Where the parade took its route. They were overflowing. By the time the parade went through and the visitors coming to see it - she said she is promoting everything that we do in the Village - she is really pushing that people from outside of Suffern - that we just don't have just 50 people coming to the activities. She said she is really pushing. And we are a mess. What does it take to pick up garbage? She said she understands that we have budget issues. She said she understands all of this. But when we have company coming we need to clean up first. She said we have the fourth of July coming within a month. We are going to have a Board meeting after and a workshop before. Are we going to be a mess that weekend too? Are we going to have flags that weekend?

The Mayor said unfortunately as far as the garbage pickup in the downtown area on the weekends - since the department of public works overtime budget has been cut significantly we have to put safety first and that would be our snow season and ice - salting, and plowing - and there is no way that we can know how that winter is going to go but that has got to be our priority. This was one of her things that she was concerned about - one of her concerns that we have to cut these things that make our Village beautiful and keep our Village clean and once you start letting that go it is not a good image for the downtown area at all. So we had to cut things that happen on the weekends because it creates a big overtime bill and we really have to be very weary about what is coming in the future as far as winter clean up or with the heavy rains and trees down. Emergency situations that really require the overtime to be used for first.

Ms. Tapp said Friday night you have people going out to dinner. The Mayor said she agrees with her. Ms. Tapp said Saturday morning it was filthy. The garbage cans were overflowing. We have no right inviting people to look at our Village if that is the way we are going to present it. Remove the garbage cans if you can't empty them. Why should they be overflowing. It was a mess. The Mayor said generally you would have the DPW crew on working.

Trustee Markunas said we spoke about solutions to this. He said we noticed it after the parade. He said he is a veteran himself and he

marched in the parade. And you have every right to say that the garbage was all over the street. He said that can be remedied and we need to work on a plan to remedy it. Either be it by having the garbage collected by the street department on comp time or some other means to putting out another garbage can. But it was a disgrace. It was a disgrace to the veterans and it was a disgrace to the Village of Suffern. Something has to be done. That is what he has to say. Ms. Tapp said she thinks it shouldn't be another garbage can. She thinks it should be a dumpster and she thinks that those little cans need to be removed at this point. If you are not going to empty them then don't leave them there to be filled. But she thinks something needs to be done. This is embarrassing. Trustee Markunas said we knew we were going to have the parade. He said he agrees wholeheartedly with her. He said we knew we were going to have a parade. We know that there is a garbage issue on the weekends and we know that a lot of people come into the Village to use the restaurants and everything else. That is what he is saying. He is agreeing with her. Something needs to be done. Ms. Tapp said what about flags. She said flags are not expensive. Trustee Markunas said we are talking about Memorial Day - honoring our dead heroes. Ms. Tapp said that is right. Trustee Markunas said please take note of this whoever is listening in the street department and let's remedy the situation. We can do it. We do more with less. Ms. Tapp said do we have DPW here - street department?

Scott Brown, Village of Suffern CSEA unit president said again the employees in this Village did not create this situation. The Village employees get paid to work in this Village - for the Village. When there is work to be done they are the first ones out there. He said we get paid. We don't work for free. We can't support our families. You heard the gentleman here this evening. He said we cannot do this for free. We must get paid. And he is sorry. That's just the way life is. Everybody who does their job - they get paid. The problem being the budget was cut by \$60,000. Last year we spent \$130,000 in just their department in overtime. This year we have \$70,000 to spend. He said he doesn't know how it is going to be done but that is not his - it is the Village problem. And there are going to be more problems like this because we just don't have the money to function.

Ms. Tapp said she is asking questions again because she wants to hear answers. It is not on his shoulders. You cut it in the budget. She said we need things and it was embarrassing. What's happening Fourth of July? Are we going to have enough flags around? Trustee Markunas said he doesn't have the answer.

Trustee Byrne said he had a question for Cathy Mills about the flags. He said he didn't know if she would be the right person to answer this or not. He said the flags that would go at Memorial Park in the past. Who were they provided by, how were they - if you know. Mrs. Mills said Memorial Park meaning the gazebo area.

Trustee Byrne said no, no, no. He said he thinks we are talking about by the pool - by the park by Memorial Drive. He said there always used to be flags - because there are actually little plaques. The Mayor said the veterans used to do it. Trustee Byrne said okay. He said frankly if he had known flags weren't going to be provided he would have donated them. He said he thinks a lot of people would have. He said he doesn't think there would have been an issue. So maybe - the Mayor said Joe is going to answer. Mrs. Mills said she doesn't know the answer to that. She said she thinks Joe does. Joe Hunt said the last two years the DPW took flag money out of their park and rec money and put them out for Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. Trustee Byrne said okay. Mr. Hunt said the veterans did it in the past but again we haven't had much help off the hill when it comes to functions like that. Trustee Byrne asked if he had any idea how many flags are used at Memorial Park? Mr. Hunt said 56. Trustee Byrne said small flags? Mr. Hunt said yes. Trustee Byrne said he will donate 56 small flags to get that done by July 4 and he would encourage any fellow Board members to chip in. Trustee Markunas said he will chip in with him.

Ms. Tapp said okay now who is going to clean up the garbage. She said we don't need garbage cans out there if they are not going to be emptied. Mrs. Mills said if it would work for the Village Board she can look for 56 flags or work with Joe to find out where we got them. Trustee Byrne said please do.

Jim Giannettino of 2 Memorial Drive said he is here for his annual request to have the speed humps put on Memorial Drive and 25 mph speed limit. He said this is the third year. He said he means the signs can go up. He said he doesn't know if we have money for the speed humps but the 25 limit has been in effect for almost three years. All they need is about three signs. He asked if this was a burden. He said he didn't know. Mr. Giannettino said he is going to piggy-back on what Debbie said. There is a solution to picking up garbage on weekends. He said he heard a request to hire a laborer in the workshop. He said he doesn't know if that is going to go through or not. He asked where is it written in the law that they have to be off on weekends. Why can't they work weekends and have two days off during the week and solve the overtime problem. He said he is asking the question. The Mayor said it is contractual. Mr. Giannettino said well then sit down with your union and work something out like you worked out the two year extensions with the union and the Village got nothing. So sit down with them and work - the Mayor said she did sit down with them and unfortunately the way cuts are being made and the way this Board - Mr. Giannettino said you keep blaming rate cuts. Do something about it. The Mayor said are you going to let her speak because she didn't speak when he was speaking. Mr. Giannettino said okay, go right ahead. The Mayor said the employees right now do not feel very secure in their jobs. They are not very happy in their jobs. There are a lot of things that have gone on in this Village that have not been honest

with them. Therefore they have not been very willing to work. The employee-Village relationship has truly been hurt. Trustee Markunas said they are not willing to work? The Mayor said unfortunately she did reach out and they are too afraid to make any concessions because they don't want past practice thrown at them and they do not want to work on weekends and it is contractual. Mr. Giannettino said you have a very large amount of taxpayers who aren't too happy either. And that is going to come up soon too. He said he got his tax bill and it is up \$600. And he doesn't get a raise every year. And he doesn't have a contract. The Mayor said she doesn't either. She had her salary cut. Mr. Giannettino said but there is a solution and if you can't work with the union people then it is going to be a bad situation, for them, for the taxpayers and everyone else. He said garbage can be picked up. You hire a new person you can't change that work week? The Mayor said no. Mr. Giannettino said he is going to request a copy of the contract. The Mayor said please do.

Tom Zordan of 249 Parkside Drive said good evening to the Mayor and Board. He said he just wanted to let everyone know that you finally resolved the budget albeit a 16% increase was pretty high but there was a silver lining in this budget. And that is the next budget there will be two expenses that are in this year's budget that will be gone. And that is the police buy-out will be paid off and then there is a BAN of \$50,000 payment that will be gone so we will have \$451,000 approximately in expenses that will be taken out of the general fund next year. So hopefully that will cover additional salaries and maybe restore some kind of cuts and maybe going forward we could have a small general fund tax increase. So let's keep that in mind next year when you are doing the budget.

Mr. Zordan said the reason he is here is that he was a bit dismayed when he saw the report from New York State - not that it said that the budget was reasonable but when they talked about what is called the "unreserved fund balance" indicating that there is a 5.24 million dollar unreserved fund deficit balance. He said when they wrote that up in the paper of course the people reading it believe that we have a deficit in the funds combined of 5.24 million dollars. He said that is not quite right. So he would like to ask the Mayor and the Board if anyone there knows what the true fund balances are as of May 31, 2014. The Mayor said she does not have that paperwork. If he had caught her outside she would have brought it in with her. Mr. Zordan said he asked two months ago for that information. He said he put in a FOIL request for that information and he didn't get it. And then he came back again looking for it and he still hasn't gotten it. The Mayor asked the Village Clerk if she had a FOIL request from him. The Village Clerk said she gave it to Mr. Genito. The Mayor said oh, Mr. Genito has it and he is not here tonight and she will check with him and get back to Mr. Zordan. Mr. Zordan said he appreciates that. The Mayor said no problem.

Mr. Zordan said from what he knows he knows exactly how you came up with the 5.24 million dollars but he would like it explained to the public and it should be explained to the newspaper so that everyone can see it so they won't be so frightened because the reality is the fund balances - the deficit - is less than half of this 5.24 million dollars. And he would hope that it has been explained to all of the Board and to the people that if you borrow 5.24 million dollars you are going to have to pay it back over ten years meaning you are going to have to pay back a minimum of \$520,000 a year in principal but over \$100,000 a year in interest. The first year it has to be in the neighborhood of \$150,000-\$175,000 of interest. So borrowing this - if you allow this 5 ¼ million dollars to be borrowed it is going to cost you over a million dollars in interest over the life and you should understand, and he will give an example - and he would like to apologize to the barkers that think he is putting them to sleep or they feel like he is lecturing. He said he is very sorry. But he thinks people should understand this. He said so anyway in the water fund it said we have an unassigned fund balance of approximately 1.2 million dollars. The reality is our fund deficit in the water fund is about \$190,000 now but yet they are saying we should borrow \$1,200,000 for the water fund alone. He said he can't fathom why someone would do that especially since going forward we know that we have in the contingency \$238,000 and that should wipe out the deficit in the water fund by next year. So why would we want to borrow 1.2 million dollars. He thinks it is imperative that the people get the true explanation of what this 5.2 million dollars represents and a true understanding of what our fund deficit is. The Mayor thanked him and she will check on the request. Mr. Genito is away this week and she will have him get that for him. Mr. Zordan thanked her.

Paul Gerard of 2 Cross Street said as you can see there are a lot of people really concerned and the timing of this meeting with everybody getting their tax bills. He said they are not too happy. He said what he wanted to understand is that he is looking at Mr. Genito's cover letter to the budget that was put out on April 30 and we are talking about applying for this long-term deficit financing with the state. Ten years. He said he wanted to understand a little bit more. What are some of the obligations that come with this if we get this funding from the state - he said he knows that we are under oversight of the state - the Mayor said yes we are - Mr. Gerard said he guesses for any future budgets. The Mayor said quarterly reports. Mr. Gerard said okay. Do they have a say in what we can and cannot spend funds on? Do we decide that or do we run it by them and they can say no. The Mayor said no it has to be - when you apply for the deficit financing you have to identify where your deficits are and what you are trying to accomplish and then you also have to send in your plan, your corrective action plan, your deficit financing plan but then you also have to do quarterly reports to the State Comptroller's office of the finances of the Village. So it is very closely monitored so

that they can make sure that we are doing the right thing with the money that we are getting. By the way, it is up to 5 million. It is not saying it will be 5 million. It is up to 5 million. Mr. Gerard said okay, so that is the extent on how they can help us. Trustee Markunas said and the budgeting. He believes they review the budget. The Mayor said right. They review the budget. Correct. Trustee Markunas said along with the quarterly reports. The Mayor said right. Trustee Markunas said to make sure they are fiscally sound. Mr. Gerard said okay. Trustee Markunas said so we are not exaggerating any of the revenue coming in. The Mayor said yes. Mr. Gerard said okay. So these are basically all the obligations that we have under this oversight? Trustee Markunas said as far as he knows.

Mr. Gerard said okay. So no other limitations would be imposed upon the Village - he said is there a limitation on how much we can tax residents. The Mayor said no. It is strictly for deficit financing only. Mr. Gerard said okay. He said it says in here that we believe that the long-term deficit financing combined with several other measures that we are putting into place to address the financial situation that will lead us back to financial well-being. Mr. Gerard asked what are these several other measures. Can anybody comment on it. He said to the Mayor that he appreciates - he comes up here and she always answers all his questions but do any of the other Board members have any insight to - Trustee Markunas said he believes on the question that you are asking - Mr. Gerard said he would love to hear from more of you. Trustee Markunas said he believes that some of the measures that they are taking into account are the increase in the water rate, the increase in the sewer rate, the increase in the tax rate. He said they are taking that into consideration. Mr. Gerard said okay. So the way we are going to get ourselves out of this situation is to have the state cover us from a deficit standpoint and then just tax people. Are there any other - Trustee Markunas said that would have to be the solutions that we are currently working on and the Mayor can help him out here is with the five year plan and if Mr. Genito was here he would be able to elaborate quite more on it. Mr. Gerard said okay. He asked if anyone else on the Board had anything. Trustee Hagen said he really - he doesn't want to blow his own horn but if it wasn't for the four Trustees we wouldn't have gotten this long-term deficit financing to try to get us out of the mess. The financing problem has been going on for ten years. He said they came up with the idea to do this. They talked to the treasurer. Mr. Gerard said he is not just hearing a lot of what is going to make it go away down the road. Trustee Hagen said he is not a financial person. Trustee Morris said hopefully realistic budgeting. He said part of the problem over the years has been unrealistic budgeting. He said he is not an accountant. He said that is the State Comptroller saying this not us that over the years a lot of unrealistic budgeting went on, expenses were paid out that we didn't have the revenue to sustain so that is what caused the

budget problem that we are facing now. How to get out of it? Again, Mr. Genito has said several times he has a five year plan to deal with this. Trustee Morris said we have yet to see it. Mr. Gerard said so this is his plan - not the Board's plan? Trustee Morris said Mr. Genito is the Village treasurer and there is no way that they have the knowledge that he does and what they are looking for is guidance. He feels this deficit funding - again there is a number of expenses that just keep coming up. You look at the sewer plant and there is millions of dollars in expenses that come up and we are mandated to do these things. The revenue has to come from some place. So over the years he guesses there were some mistakes made and now we are in the process of trying to straighten them out. So will it solve itself in six weeks? No, not at all. It may take a year, it may take two years. We are really not sure. Mr. Gerard said okay. We are really not sure. That is kind of the feeling he is getting.

The Mayor said so first of all the State Comptroller's report said one of the problems which she thinks Mr. Morris was kind of unclear and it was over estimated revenues and what had happened we had two very big projects here in the Village that we were led to believe, even one by HUD, that were going to come to fruition here in the Village. There was no reason for us to believe that it wouldn't. She said so that led to over estimated revenues. So that was part of the problem. The other part of the problem was poor accounting and misleading information and as Mr. Morris so clearly and eloquently put it you have to rely on your treasurer to be your expert. Board members are not the people who have this knowledge and this expertise in this field so you rely heavily on your treasurer to give you the information that is in the best interest of the Village. Unfortunately, that didn't always happen. And so there was some downfalls. She said one of the other biggest problems was nobody ever really came up with plans to invest in our infrastructure. They went on for years and years and years without investing in our infrastructure and not maintaining our buildings, our vehicles - having maintenance plans. The Mayor said since she took office as Mayor she has replaced our treasurer with a treasurer who is very well-respected and has on many occasion discussed the five-year plan and how in terms of what it is that we need to do - cutting expenses. She said you know replacing employees with lower paid positions. She said when she took office she went to the police department and did a buy-out program. So these are all measures that will be used. She also worked with the DPW and Charles Sawicki. We are going to have a procurement policy where we are going to buy in bulk. So there are many measures that you can use to be able to cut down on expenses and not the things that - she said she can go on and on but these are a few indicators of where we are going right now and where she is working on trying to bring down the expenses of the Village. But she thinks on the whole and where it fell on the taxpayers is that we needed a clear picture of where this Village was financially and unfortunately for

many, many years she as a Trustees was not given that picture. She said she was given a lot of misinformation and then when she became Mayor, and though many believe it is a part-time job, it is a full-time job, and she took it very seriously, she went into each department - into computers and books and found the problems that she did in the treasurer's office and immediately took action. Brought Mr. Genito onboard and now we are in the recovery process. Recovery sometimes can be very painful. She said she is really confident that this will be our painful year and that we are going to have a serious, solid handle on the finances of the Village going forward. So yes, while we opened our tax bills, and she opened one too, it is going to be a rough year. She said she does believe that if we take this year in the beginning of our recovery process we are really going to not feel these hard effects later on. But we have to take responsibility for our Village. And that is where it has been lacking and that is where she has been working very hard to be able to come up with maintenance plans so we are not hit all in one year.

Mr. Gerard said okay. He understands how we got here. And that is kind of why he has been coming to these meetings more recently but he is concerned looking forward and getting ourselves out of this. He said he is a little disappointed that nobody has brought up a topic that was brought up a couple of months ago and establishing Suffern as a city. Why isn't that a possible solution to help bring more money to the city of Suffern, the town of Suffern, the city of Suffern - whatever you want to call it. He would like to call it the city of Suffern someday. Without burdening any of the residents for a single additional dollar. How come nobody has mentioned that. The Mayor said she has. She has mentioned it - Mr. Gerard said tonight. The Mayor said it is a question. The Mayor said Terry Rice and herself and some residents of the community have actually done most of the leg work in trying to come up with all of the things that need to be - this is a process that needs every i dotted and t crossed. But Terry - she thinks we are at the point now, where she was hoping actually at the next meeting, but we will talk about it now was going to be able to present to the Board and to the residents the plan to consider becoming our own city. She said we pay 1 ½ million dollars to the town of Ramapo every single year, and she is sorry for the golfers but it is to play golf - that is the only benefit that we get from the town of Ramapo. This is 1.5 million dollars that we certainly could use right here in the Village of Suffern in our taxpayers pockets. So we have all our own services. We certainly don't need the Ramapo police department patrolling our Village, which they do so very often and she is not sure why but she sees a lot of police cars in the Village of Suffern, but there is no need for duplication of services. And there is no need for the taxpayers to be burdened by that. So yes, at the next, at the July Board meeting she will present that plan.

Trustee Markunas said we need to get the Village of Suffern's house

in order before we explore any possibility of becoming a city. Mr. Gerard said why. Trustee Markunas said why do we need to get the Village of Suffern in order? Mr. Gerard said yes. Trustee Markunas said before we become a city? Mr. Gerard said yes. Trustee Markunas said we need to manage our Village and take it from there. Restore our financial stability - be able to pick up the trash, restore the overtime budgets. We are unable to do it now. We have the NYS Comptroller in here looking at our budgets. We are the most fiscally stressed village in the state of New York. Mr. Gerard said that is why he is bringing it up. Trustee Markunas said and that is his answer. He said if the Village of Suffern was financially stable there would be a possibility to take a look at that. Mr. Gerard said so you are saying that it is not a possibility - Trustee Markunas said he is not saying it is or - in his opinion - first of all he believes we need to get our house in order. Mr. Gerard said it is a means of getting our house in order. Trustee Markunas said okay, if you look at it that way. Mr. Gerard said he does look at it that way. Trustee Markunas said okay. Mr. Gerard said why wouldn't we look at that as a means of getting our house in order. He said it is probably a net of 1.3 to 1.4 after we get a tax assessor office set up here. And we have got a 5+ million dollar deficit here. Why is it - do you have a better idea. He said the questions were what else are we doing and all he has heard is we are going to take ten year financing from the state and we are going to increase taxes on water, sewer and Village taxes. Trustee Markunas said yes, and we are going to have to invest another 4 million dollars in the wastewater treatment plant also. Mr. Gerard so you are just telling us that our taxes are going to continue to go up. Trustee Markunas said no, we have to come up with a viable plan. And that is what we are in the developmental stages of with the treasurer. Mr. Gerard said okay. You have been on this Board - you were elected in November. Trustee Markunas said yes. Mr. Gerard said why are we just starting this now. Trustee Markunas said this has been in progress. This is, according to the Mayor - he asked the Mayor how long has the financial plan been in place or has been being developed that we haven't seen. He said we keep asking for it. The Mayor said you keep saying this and the treasurer has gone over this time and time again with you. It's been explained to you so many times - Trustee Markunas said where is the plan. The Mayor said it has been discussed with you. Trustee Markunas said he stated that he doesn't have anything in writing. He said he is not going to argue the point. The Mayor said he has not formally written it up yet - Trustee Markunas said okay - the Mayor said because you have to understand the deficit financing had to be approved. He can't write you a plan when the deficit financing wasn't even approved yet. We just got approval on it. She said the Governor still has to sign it. She said you can't put a plan in place until you have that approval. You know that. And the other portion is - she said you know what Mr. Markunas - she said she would really like to encourage him - she said she loves her Village - and you keep calling it broke and you keep calling - Trustee

Markunas said he never called the Village broke - never - and he never used the word bankrupt. The Mayor said you have - the most fiscally stressed. Trustee Markunas said fiscally stressed - he said the Comptroller stated it in his report. The Mayor said let's start talking about recovery. Let's start talking about this Village getting back up on its feet. Let's give some people some hope here. There is hope and there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Mr. Gerard asked if this financial support from the state would in any way impede our ability to become a city. The Mayor said no. Mr. Gerard said so we are bringing up this topic next month. He is really looking forward to that because he would love to hear more from the rest of the Board on what their issue is with this idea. Trustee Markunas - with all due respect - he said he doesn't understand what he is saying right now. Trustee Markunas said okay. Mr. Gerard said because this is a big piece of fruit hanging really low on the tree that nobody has to jump up too high to grab and it is very large and it really could help us a great deal. He said he cannot fathom why you would turn your eyes on that one until we get our house in order when there is no real viable plan to get our house in order other than to raise the taxes on all the residents here. It just doesn't make any sense to him.

Mr. Gerard said he is really happy to hear that Wayne and Orange are getting paved and it is not on our dime. That is terrific. He appreciates that. All the auto mechanics in this town probably will not. He said on this state financing - does anyone know what is the interest rate we will pay on that. Is that something we know yet or not sure yet. Trustee Byrne said he doesn't think that is locked in at this point. The Mayor said no, it is not. Mr. Gerard said we don't know yet? The Mayor said we don't know yet. Mr. Gerard said so we don't really know what kind of deal this is for us do we. The Mayor said we will get all the paperwork back - when we get all the paperwork back from the Governor's office it will be made public. Mr. Gerard thanked them.

Scott Brown of 19 Oak Terrace and Village of Suffern CSEA unit president said just to answer a couple of questions that were asked before by Mr. Giannettino. He said the reason the CSEA unit is in this Village is because of Mr. Giannettino. The reason the 7 to 3:30 or summer hours, whatever it is, Monday through Friday is in the employee contract is because Mr. Giannettino, without even discussing it with the employees that were in the process of forming the unit, took it upon himself to change the work week. So that is the reason the hours are in the bargaining agreement. During that process we went to PERB, which is the Public Employees court which is up in Albany. He said he thinks it was 11 or 13, he can't remember the exact number, of issues with the Village. He said we sued the Village. The CSEA sued the Village and out of the 11 or 13 they won 100% of the issues that were involved. The cost

to this Village was somewhere over \$200,000 for backpay, overtime, for the employees being treated unfairly. Again, and he has had this discussion before, he does not - he said everything we do here in this Village is tried to improve the Village. He said we tried to have a working relationship with the Mayor and the Board. He said he has talked to you, Ed, and we stood right here, we stood outside, and he wants to have a working relationship. That is the goal that they are trying to have - is to work together here. Some things that go on - it just doesn't seem like you want to work with us. He said he just doesn't get it. He said we will try to keep that open for the future - try and work together. He said he means that is the best that we can do. He thanked them.

Carolyn Varano of 20 Boulevard said she had a question. She said in the past when we put garbage out there were instructions - certain areas would put it out on certain days, other areas on another day. Like Monday and Tuesday, or Monday and Thursday and Tuesday and - whatever - it would be one day, skip a day, the next day for the different areas so the garbage men would have a chance to cover this area today. Tomorrow they would go to another area in the Village. And then as the Village grew we changed the days in the pick-up to accommodate the population so the garbage men could handle the garbage on those days. There became a problem in the Village in the downtown area because of the sidewalks, the space to put the garbage at - so they were not requested to put the garbage out until a certain time for the garbage men to pick it up in the morning so it would not be obstructing the sidewalk and grass when people were walking through and doing their normal shopping. The garbage man would come early, in fact they still do, and do their pick-ups. But the people were restricted from putting the garbage out at any other time. She said she does not recall our garbage men ever working on weekends or holidays. There were notices. The garbage, due to the holiday on Monday, will be picked up on Tuesday. And the people didn't put that garbage out until the evening before. So it is not there for the whole week or for every day. Perhaps our code enforcer in his tours make a note of who is putting the garbage out. Once like she used to see in the nice neat Village maybe if they get a little reminder notice, a polite notice, we don't want the garbage - you can't put the garbage out today because it is not going to be picked up until tomorrow. She said they always read the notices. There is always something posted. The Mayor said she doesn't think we are talking about that. We are talking about - Ms. Varano said she was talking about the garbage on Memorial Day. The Mayor said the baskets - the baskets that are downtown. Not the store owners. The baskets. The pedestrian garbage. Not the storeowners garbage. You know how they have the baskets on the poles downtown? Ms. Varano said right. The Mayor said that is what we are talking about. We are not talking about the storefronts putting out their garbage. They have dumpsters in the back. We are just talking about the garbage that accumulates from pedestrian traffic. Ms. Varano said and you had

that much just from the weekend. The Mayor said yes, there is a lot.

Ms. Varano said the other thing that she wanted to do was compliment you - she said she thought they did a wonderful job on that parade. It was one of the nicest Memorial Day parades she can remember in years. She said we always hosted the Fourth of July parade. She said she doesn't know what happened. We don't do it anymore and we always had brochures. She said she doesn't remember if we remember the little books and they didn't pay for them. People would advertise in them. And when she got this - this is from Nyack - and they did a really nice job and she would like to give it to us to look at - maybe you could get ideas. Not to copy. Not to plagiarize but at the next parade or the next event we have put something up like this - similar to what we did during our Fourth of July celebration. The Mayor said we will look at it. Thank you. Ms. Varano said that is all she had to say.

Andrew Zavoski of 3 Center Street said he received their tax bill in the mail today and they are not pleased with the increase and it is very sad that every time they turn around things keep going up and again he is on a fixed income and he barely doesn't make that much in terms of income. So you have to look at your budget and take appropriate action going forward and get rid of a lot of things that unfortunately you are going to have to get rid of. He said another thing too. He works for a company - Western Union in Mahwah - for twenty some years and they were fiscally stretched at some point and they were told that their work week was going to change and they were going to have Sunday through Thursday, Monday through Friday, and Tuesday through Saturday to alleviate some of the issues with the budget. And a lot of the employees kind of loved the idea because they were able to pick times that fit into their schedules. He said he happened to work the Sunday through Thursday tour and enjoyed it. It was more or less a prime tour. So if you need coverage, and this goes to Mr. Sawicki, over there, you have it on days that you need - 7 by 24 more or less. So that is something that he thinks we should look into in this type of situation - is to reopen that contract up for the employees and maybe they might feel comfortable working different times of the work week. He said for him it worked out fairly well. So you might want to keep that aside. And one other issue, and it has to do with the police department - an FYI - if we have our patrol officers or those that are out on duty - do they wear any kind of body camera on them. Chief Osborn said we have cameras in our patrol cars anytime the lights go on for a stop they automatically go on and we also have a microphone that is in the officer's pocket - a clip on the officer that basically videotapes, audio tapes every car stop. He said body cameras we do not have. He said he doesn't think anyone in Rockland has them, he will be honest with him, at this point. Mr. Zavoski asked if he would look into it. The Chief said he has looked into it and every other department he thinks the

chiefs can probably bring it up as an association. He said there are obviously several issues with people's privacy - that is one of the biggest issues that came up with them. But would we be open to look at it? Of course. Absolutely.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

A) Personnel:

Mr. Charles Sawicki said he is requesting the Mayor to accept the resignation of street department MEOI Brandon Cronk, effective May 28, 2015. A motion accepting the resignation was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Markunas. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Mr. Sawicki said he was requesting the Mayor to appoint Mr. Aniello Vacchiano to the vacant laborer position working in the refuse department effective June 8, 2015 with a rate of pay of \$16.86 per hour. Trustee Byrne said to kind of recap what we talked about at the workshop - you had mentioned, number one, this is an entry level position, obviously - Mr. Sawicki said yes. Trustee Byrne said and that there is a more senior position that will become vacant in the next couple of months. He said he forgets what timeframe you said that might be. Mr. Sawicki said it should be towards the end of July or at the end of July. Trustee Byrne said that we will be looking at the feasibility of not filling that position at that time. Mr. Sawicki said for this year, that is correct. The Mayor said she would like to make the appointment. She needs a motion to confirm. Trustee Byrne made the motion. There was no second so the position was not filled. The Mayor said to Mr. Sawicki that she guesses we are not hiring a laborer. Mr. Sawicki said okay. The Mayor said when things are not getting done in the Village then she guesses we will talk about it again.

B) WWTP - DEC Implementation Schedule:

Mr. Sawicki said he was requesting approval for the WWTP - DEC implementation schedule for the upgrade and modifications as requested by the NYS DEC. He said one thing he didn't elaborate on in the workshop is this implementation schedule is something he put together with some discussions with Terry and with Michael, the treasurer, in trying to give us as much time as possible before we actually start the work. The DEC may come back and modify that schedule wanting it to be accelerated. He said so that part he is not certain how that will shake out. Just so you are aware of it. Trustee Byrne asked if he could explain what the schedule contains right now for the public to understand what it is you are - Mr. Sawicki said so again it is an implementation schedule which is what is typically requested - he said the basis of the design is the first of four elements of this implementation schedule and again that is the way that the DEC likes to have it formatted. The

basis is an understanding of what the project is going to be and how it is going to be done, so on and so forth. And that would have a milestone date of March, 2017. The next element here is a final design which would take that basis of design and go in and actually get a final set of bid documents that would actually be able to have the project built and you go out for bids and it would be the final set of documents. And that has a milestone date of April, 2018. Then the third element here is a notice to proceed. Notice to proceed would be once you receive your bids you make a determination that the low bidder had a complete and comprehensive bid. You have funding in place. And be able to issue a notice to proceed to that low bid contractor. And that milestone date is October, 2018. And then the last element here is the final construction, or final completion, of the project and that has a milestone date of May, 2021. So again, the DEC may look at this and may agree or may ask to have it accelerated. We won't know that until we submit it and have them review it. Trustee Morris asked what is the total cost of this project. Mr. Sawicki said we have an order magnitude. There are two different possible routes, or different types of systems that can be implemented. The higher of the two has an order magnitude cost of 2.8 million dollars. Trustee Morris said the total projects we just talked about comes to over 4 million dollars. 4.4 million dollars. Mr. Sawicki said that would be the other two sewer abatement projects - Trustee Morris said the four projects that you outlined - it is 4.3 million dollars or something like that. In the minutes of the meeting that you had with the DEC, the DEC recommended that you apply for a grant from a state environmental agency. Did we do that? Mr. Sawicki said he knows we have had some discussions with Michael, the treasurer, and Fred, the grant writer and Fred has started that process. He said he doesn't know what the current status is. Trustee Morris said the minutes he is talking about started in 2012. That was the date of the minutes. He said the date of the minutes with the DEC were back around 2012, he thinks, and at that point they outlined what was going to be coming up. And again, did we make any movement for grants. He said he means people talk about the budget and what happens. So here we are looking at 4.3 million dollars after we have already spent 4 million dollars into the project and these things are simply to bring us into compliance with violations we received from DEC. Right? Mr. Sawicki said well, yes, in regards to the two other projects that you mentioned - and as we talked about in the workshop - they are in the consent order and we were able to push that due date or the start date for those projects off by a year so that, and then the intent is to utilize that time to apply for grants that might be available and he knows that Fred has been working on that. Trustee Morris said well the grants haven't been applied for yet from this agency. We are talking about 4.3 just to satisfy violations at the plant. We are still not talking about routine maintenance and upkeep that has to be performed. Mr. Sawicki said right. Trustee Morris said and normal parts that are wearing out, etc., etc., etc. So the total price tag could come to

substantially higher than the 4.3 million dollars. Mr. Sawicki said it would be. It would be higher, sure. Trustee Morris thanked him.

Trustee Byrne said what you are asking us to adopt tonight is simply the schedule. Mr. Sawicki said right. Trustee Byrne said is that right? Mr. Sawicki said that is correct. And that is requested by the DEC and that is usually the first order of business. They will review it and comment on it and possibly ask to have it modified. Trustee Byrne said and if it does have to be modified you will be coming back here for that modification, he assumes? Mr. Sawicki said sure, absolutely. A motion to adopt the implementation schedule outlined by Mr. Sawicki was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Morris. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

C) Application of Payment:

Mr. Sawicki said he was requesting payment of application of payment #9 to Northeast Remsco Construction in the amount of \$54,450 for the WWTP digester upgrade project. He said this is a final payment. This is contingent upon the receipt of all close-out documents. And he has talked to the treasurer and the funding is available. A motion to approve the payment was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Sawicki said he was requesting payment application of payment #5 to HVS, LLC for the electrical portion of the WWTP digester upgrade project in the amount of \$6,724.25. This is contingent upon receipt of all close-out documents and the treasurer has indicated that funding is available. Trustee Byrne said that is a final payment he thinks Mr. Sawicki indicated. Mr. Sawicki said a final payment as well. A motion approving the payment was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Markunas.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Sawicki said this is in response to questions concerning the MS4 outfall reconnaissance inventory in which 8 outfalls were

identified. The NYS DEC MS4 program for the Village is in compliance, has no violations, and has received a satisfactory rating during the January 2015 audit. This program relies on many Village employees who take their responsibilities very seriously to ensure compliance. The Village has taken a very active role within the stormwater consortium of Rockland County to stay on top of any and all changing requirements. The DEC requires that an inventory be conducted for each stormwater outfall every five years. The main purpose of the outfall reconnaissance inventory is to detect illicit or suspect discharges from stormwater outfalls. The procedure requires an inspector only after a minimum of 24 hours of dry weather conditions to physically visit the designated outfall to determine if any suspect elements such as an oily sheen, discoloration, suds, paint, or odor are present. If the inspector finds any elements of a suspect discharge the inspector will immediately contact the director of public works who is the stormwater manager officer. A sample for lab analysis will be taken. Additional data will be collected and the adjacent and upstream stormwater systems investigated to determine the source. In pursuit of a complaint filed with the NYS Attorney General, the NYS DEC submitted two questions to the Village concerning outfalls no. 6 and 7. The questions were: number one - are you able to provide any explanation to two outfalls being inspected at the same time. The response was outfall number 6 and number 7 are located on the Mahwah River and are directly opposite of the waterway in close proximity. Our outfall number 6 was dry and outfall number 7 had moderate non-suspect flow. As a result of the non-flow conditions the field sheet for outfall number 6 was completed very quickly taking a minute or two to complete. During the January field portion of the audit, the DEC auditor agreed.

Question no. 2 - does the Village know why outfall number 7 always flows. The action taken was Friday, September 19, 2014. A professional engineer from Brooker Engineering along with Village personnel conducted inspections of outfall number 6 and number 7. Outfall number 6 was dry while outfall number 7 had a slight flow present. The flow was clear without odor, tepidity or floatables. The flow was characterized as a non-illicit and non-suspect discharge. The source of the flow from number 7 was traced through the stormwater system to higher elevations on James Street. In addition, topography as shown on the GIS maps in the vicinity of outfall number 7 suggests that an underground stream may be present. All indications lead towards ground water infiltration. The Village will continue to monitor the stormwater systems for any possible illicit discharge. The DEC does not require sections 3, 4 and 7 to be completed for non-flow outfalls and sections 3 and 7 for non-suspect outfalls.

Outfall number 1A, which consists of three in this group of 8, is the effluent discharge from the WWTP. As per DEC requirements this discharge is lab tested daily. The discharge has been removed from

the list of stormwater outfall list as approved by the NYS DEC. That leaves the outfalls number 4, 5 and 15. These three outfalls were inventoried in three consecutive years. And although a few of the outfall inventories may have been imperfect, the main purpose of the program was satisfied. Last year, inspectors received outfall reconnaissance inventory training from a stormwater consultant and will receive additional training on an annual basis.

Mr. Sawicki asked if there were any questions. Trustee Markunas said stormwater outfall pipe 6 and 7. One had flow, one did not. Mr. Sawicki said correct. Trustee Markunas said one traced back up to James Street. The infiltration of water into the pipe is due to the pipe being broken? Mr. Sawicki said there is typically, and that is what it is here on the outfall 7, is reinforced concrete and it has a male-female joint and over time - initially when it is installed that joint is mortared. Over time that joint, and the mortar in the joint, breaks down, gets some cracks, and you do get infiltration in the pipe from time to time. Particularly if you are coming from a higher elevation where you have a greater opportunity with water - Trustee Markunas said as in that case on James Street. Mr. Sawicki said right. Trustee Markunas said okay. Trustee Markunas said and the number of inspections performed annually - what is the - is it annually on the requirement? And the percentage of outfall pipes that need to be inspected. Mr. Sawicki said the requirement from the DEC is essentially to have each outfall inspected every five years so that equates to twenty percent per year so if you did twenty percent per year over that five year period you would complete one hundred percent of the outfall inspections. Trustee Markunas thanked him.

VILLAGE CLERK:

A) Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of February 4, 2015:

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner said first of all we have the minutes of February 4. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Markunas. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Consultant - Mr. Rella's Agreement:

The Village Clerk said the next is the consultant - Mr. Rella's agreement - which starts July 1, 2015 and ends June 30, 2016. Trustee Byrne said if he could just be heard. He said the Rella name goes a long way in the Village of Suffern, as we all know. We are sitting in the Fred Rella auditorium, not named after you, but after your father and one of Trustee Byrne's first forays into local politics was as your father's legislative aid when he got elected to the county legislature - in 1983 or 1982 or somewhere around there. And that doesn't justify your appointment here

tonight, of course, in and of itself, but it is nice to see another long-time family of Suffern taking part in what we accomplish here in the Village and your list that you gave us at the workshop of all the things that you have worked on, accomplished, and those that you are still working on are impressive. We need your expertise now more than ever, frankly, and attempting to get as many grants and aid that we can get to assist us in all of our needs. So he happily makes the motion to approve Mr. Rella's agreement, seconded by Trustee Markunas.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

C) Ole, Ole Restaurant - Request for 4 Tables and 8 Chairs:

The Village Clerk said this is a request from Ole, Ole Restaurant. They have a request for 4 tables and 8 chairs. The Mayor said this is a renewal. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Markunas. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

D) Marcello's Restaurant - Request for 4 Tables and 8 Chairs:

The Village Clerk said this is a new one - Marcello's Restaurant - request for 4 tables and 8 chairs. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Markunas. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

The Mayor said Mike Genito is away at a conference. He sent a report. He filed with the NYS Comptroller 2015-2016 constitutional tax limit, 2015-2016 adopted budget, 2015-2016 tax levy cap form, and 2015-2016 tax freeze form. The Mayor said we did receive from the office of the State Comptroller the 2015-2016 budget review report. And the treasurer's office is preparing the required corrective action plan. The 2013-2014 audit field work is in its final stages. There are just a few items that need to be resolved. And the treasurer's office will be posting the 2015-2016 adopted budget to the financial management system this week.

TRUSTEE:

Trustee Byrne said just on those documents that Mr. Genito sent to all of us either today or yesterday - he forgets - it might have been today. The Mayor said she thinks it was today. Trustee Byrne

said the extent to which those documents can be posted to the website so the public can view what has been submitted as well he thinks would be a good idea. The Mayor said yes, she thinks he just wanted the Board to see it and then she thinks it is going to be posted. Trustee Byrne said he would just ask if it wasn't already contemplated that they be posted.

The Mayor asked if the Trustees had anything. Trustee Morris said we have the executive session coming up. If you want to do the insurance. The Mayor said yes, she is going to do the insurance. But do the Trustees have anything else.

MAYOR:

A) Insurance - Scirocco:

The Mayor said it is time once again to renew our insurance. The brokerage firm that we have used for many years, and has always come in with very good pricing for us and has worked very closely and assisted us through the year, went out and solicited bids from different insurance companies and has brought back the policies to us for our review. Last year we did try to bring in two brokerage companies that really didn't work out all that well because they each could not broker to the same insurance company that the other one was. So basically, using one you were getting the same pricing as if you were to use two. This year she is happy to report that everybody else would have assumed that our insurance would be going up however we have found our liability to go down about \$44,000-\$45,000 for our general liability. And our workman's comp she believes it is about \$16,000 or \$17,000 going up but all in all we are still ahead of the game with what they are proposing which she is very pleased about because it is very rare that your insurance goes down. The Board has had the opportunity to review the documents and she would need a motion to accept the lowest bid of \$197,000 from Allied Worldwide Insurance. Our current policy expires on June 12. Trustee Byrne said just to clarify - the \$44,000-\$45,000 that this is less than last year's - the Mayor said that is correct - Trustee Byrne said it is also less than our budgeted amount. Correct? The Mayor said that is correct. A motion to accept Allied Worldwide Insurance was made by Trustee Markunas, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said we would also need to do the PERMA, PERMA being the

lowest bid at \$459,439. Trustee Byrne said that is the worker's comp - the Mayor said that is the worker's comp, correct. A motion to accept PERMA was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Markunas.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Frank Hagen
Trustee Edward Markunas, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said she needed a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel.

Trustee Morris said he had one question on the insurance. He forgot to ask him - Trustee Byrne said Mr. Crotty - Trustee Morris said flood insurance. He said in the policy it excludes floods. Are we eligible to get the federal flood insurance. Mr. Crotty said he will have to check with Scott Gillinder. He has left already. He said he believes the answer is yes but he would have to check with him. He is the primary agent on this account. Trustee Morris asked if that would include - when you talk to him - the parts of our Village that are in FEMA designated flood areas. Would that flood insurance cover those areas. Mr. Crotty said the answer to that is yes. He said what we are waiting for is the valuations on the buildings. He said he believes they are requested there. He said we just have to get the numbers back. There are forms that are outstanding now that need to be completed and submitted. Trustee Morris said but he means that we have to go to the federal government, the federal flood insurance, to get those areas that are in the FEMA flood zone to get them covered. Mr. Crotty said he can barely hear him. Trustee Morris said the federal flood insurance - in the policy we don't have flood insurance for buildings or property that is in the federally designated flood zones. Mr. Crotty said correct. Trustee Morris said if we get the federal flood insurance would we be covered. Mr. Crotty said if you get the - yes. But first what happens is the paperwork that they are waiting to be submitted has to be completed first. Trustee Morris said okay, but we haven't submitted to the federal yet. Mr. Crotty said that is correct. Trustee Morris said okay. Mr. Crotty said most of it has but about 60 to 70% of it is done. They are waiting for the balance. Trustee Morris said okay, thank you. Trustee Byrne said and it is standard under all the other policies that flood is not covered unless you - Mr. Crotty said correct. Mr. Crotty said what he will do is he will contact Scott and he will have him prepare them and have a copy for all the Board tomorrow. The Mayor said and you will let him know the outcome of tonight, correct? You will let him know what happened tonight. Mr. Crotty said yes. The Mayor said thank you.

A motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation at 10:10 p.m. was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Markunas. Upon vote, the motion was carried.