

**Village Board Meeting
Monday, July 13, 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

SET DATES FOR AUGUST 2015 MEETINGS:

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the July 13 Board meeting. She said just a note. They had talked in the workshop about setting the dates for the August meetings. Initially we had said in the workshop, for those of you who were there, that we were going to do it on July 29 with the workshop. That has changed due to Clifford Theater utilizing the stage with their sets. We are going to be unable to do that as we need the microphones for the machine that tapes for us for Kathy to be able to type the minutes. So therefore we have decided to have it on August 24. So the Village workshop will be on July 29. The Board meeting will be on August 24. Just to let you know a little bit ahead of time. The September Board meeting would have been scheduled - it falls on Labor Day. So we will be pushing that back a week - probably to September 14 as well. So they will be spread out a little bit. So she thinks that works out a lot better and we don't have to worry about the space being taken by Clifford Theater. So again, workshop July 29, 7 o'clock. Board meeting August 24 at 7:30.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

A) Two New Members - Hose Company:

Chief John Salmon said he just had two items tonight. He said they have two new members in the Suffern Fire Department - Brendan Castronovo and Katherine Bednarski. A motion approving the members was made by Trustee Markunas, seconded by Trustee Byrne. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Request Permission to Join Rockland County Firefighters Association to Host September 14, 2019 Parade:

Chief Salmon said also the fire department is looking into and they

would like to request permission of the Village Board to move forward with looking into to hosting the Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Parade for September 14, 2019. A motion to have the parade was made by Trustee Markunas, seconded by Trustee Byrne. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

CULTURE & RECREATION:

Mrs. Cathy Mills said she had a few updates. She said the pool is open and it is going very well this season. It is open until Labor Day of 2015. They have a few summer concerts this season. They have one this Thursday, July 16 - Reflections will be performing at 7:00 p.m. That is the big band. It is a beautiful concert for those of you who would like to come out. The next summer concert is Kurt Gallagher - that is the children's concert and that will be Monday, July 27. And then the last concert for the year is Carnaby Street on Thursday, August 6, again at 7:00 p.m. All concerts are rain or shine. So if the weather looks poor they will be going inside the community center. The farmer's market is on every Saturday between 8:30 and 1:00. They have Clifford Theater, as the Mayor had mentioned, and we will be having that on Friday, July 31 and the performance will be at 7:00 p.m. And then August 1, which is the Saturday, and they will be having performances at 2 and at 7. They have two kids pool parties coming up. They have one on July 20 and one on August 4. And then the street fair going into September - we have the street fair on Sunday, September 20. That is the Chamber of Commerce. And then Suffern Day - they have a huge day planned for that. That will be Saturday, September 26. They will have activities and fireworks and they will be working closely with the chief and Dan McInerney, who is also a huge help as always with Suffern Day. And they have activities planned for Saturday, September 26.

The Mayor thanked her and said she wanted to take the opportunity to thank her once again for the outstanding job - she said she doesn't know if there was anyone in the room that attended the Family Day over at the pool on Sunday, but it was an outstanding event. She spent some time with the families down there and they had a wonderful time. The pool is now warm, so everyone was very, very happy. Thank you to the DPW, Charles Sawicki, and the water department for getting the leak fixed. So the pool is warm. Please come down. And thank you again to Chief Clarke Osborn, Virginia Menschner for manning the hot dogs and the whole entire recreation board, lifeguards - it just was a really fantastic day and thank you for all your hard work. Mrs. Mills thanked her and thanked everybody. Trustee Markunas also thanked her.

GRANT WRITER:

Mr. Fred Rella said he had two items for tonight - the first one being that he had written the final report to the New York State

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Development Preservation, actually, for \$3,000 for Clifford Theater. So that check should be coming very shortly - within the next ten days, hopefully. He said the second item is that the Community Development Block Grant awards were announced for Rockland County. There were twenty-nine awards which were handed out to varying municipalities, not-for-profits and varying organizations that help the community. The awards ranged from \$8,000 up to \$100,000 and there were three \$100,000 awards. The Village of Suffern was one of the municipalities that received \$100,000. We were awarded it for sidewalks to be put along Orange Avenue from Oliver Street down to the point and will be done in conjunction with the repaving of Orange Avenue this year. The Mayor thanked him and said that is great. Thank you so much.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

A) Local Law - Regarding Housing Standards:

Attorney Terry Rice said first of all, as we discussed, the Building Department has requested that we set a public hearing on an amendment to the housing law dealing with the amount of space - generally with the amount of space required for occupancy of rooms. So he said he thinks we might want to set a hearing for the August 24 meeting. A motion to set the public hearing for August 24 at 7:40 p.m. was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Attorney Rice said the other thing we discussed in the workshop meeting in connection with both the purchase of the VFW building and the financing - he said he provided to the Board an Environmental Assessment form and a negative declaration under the State Environmental Quality Review Act essentially finding that because there will be no intensification of the use that it will not have a negative impact on the environment. The Mayor asked if she could have a motion to adopt the negative declaration. Trustee Byrne said just for the record that he is not participating in this vote as he hasn't previously because of his firm's representation of the VFW. A motion to adopt the negative declaration was made by Mayor Abato. There was no second so the motion was not carried.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

A) Approve - State Wide Inspection Services to do Electrical Inspections:

The Mayor said Steve Conlee is here - she asked him to come down. Steve is here to talk about the electrical contractor that he had asked the Board to approve. The Board has some questions for him. Trustee Markunas said his concern was - does Mr. Conlee have any background information on this inspection - on the electrical

inspectors. Have they worked in the area. He asked if Mr. Conlee could elaborate a little more on their qualifications. Mr. Conlee said on the current applicant no. He said he does not know who they are. They just contacted us and asked if the Village would consider putting them on and that is a Board decision but they have to be credentialed by the County before they can be licensed to do the inspections. So they check on all their qualifications and the different classes and levels of expertise that they have to have. Trustee Markunas said right. Mr. Conlee said in commercial, in one family residential - all the different qualifications. Trustee Markunas said and they have all these qualifications? Mr. Conlee said he hasn't seen it on this particular group. Trustee Markunas said you haven't seen it? Mr. Conlee said no. He said they called and said they had everything. Mr. Conlee told them that before the Village can approve it they are going to have to be licensed by the County. Trustee Markunas said right. Mr. Conlee said so he has not seen anything yet back from them so he is assuming that they are licensed by the County or they wouldn't probably even be proceeding. Trustee Markunas asked Mr. Conlee if he would advise us to see that documentation from the County before we - Mr. Conlee said yes. Trustee Markunas said okay, thank you.

The Mayor said so we will table that. Agreed? Mr. Conlee said he hasn't seen any of it - Trustee Markunas said it would be helpful for us to have that information from the County indicating that they are fully qualified to work and be inspectors in the Village. Mr. Conlee said right. Because we do have a list. It comes from the County. Trustee Markunas said right. Mr. Conlee said of licensed electrical inspectors that we go by. Trustee Markunas said okay. He said he would make a - he asked if there was any further discussion.

Trustee Byrne asked Mr. Conlee if he could, maybe just for the public's benefit, kind of explain what the roll of the inspectors are in relation to his department - what function do they. Mr. Conlee said they actually perform all the electrical inspections. He said we do not. We are not credentialed to do electrical inspections. We have had no classes on it - nothing. So what they will do is they will come in and do a roughing inspection, which would be the first part - rough wiring put in and everything is run and then once the job is completed they will come back and do a final inspection which the fixtures have to be in, the switches, the outlets - the wiring has to all be connected and then they will issue an electrical underwriters certificate that we have to have in the file before we can issue a certificate of occupancy. Trustee Byrne said and the cost of that inspection is borne by homeowner or the person that is doing the work? Mr. Conlee said the homeowner. The Mayor said and also we should explain that they are asking to go on the list of people that we use. They wouldn't be the sole electrical inspector for the Village. They are asking to go onto a list that we would use to call in the electrical inspectors as we

need them. So it wouldn't be as though the Village was exclusively using them. There are many of them on the list and the Village can choose whoever they like to do the inspection for that particular project. Mr. Conlee said that is correct. Trustee Byrne asked if the Village actually chooses the inspector. Mr. Conlee said no. Trustee Byrne said you give a list of people that are available - Mr. Conlee said most of the electrical contractors know who the inspectors are and they can just call whomever they want to as long as they are licensed by the County and the Village has approved them to be active electrical inspectors for the Village. Trustee Byrne said he doesn't know why we couldn't, subject to confirmation, that they in fact have been appropriately vetted by the County and licensed - he said he would make a motion to approve, subject to that confirmation. He said he doesn't see why we would have to - if they don't have the credentials as reviewed by the Village Attorney then they are not going to go on the list. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hagen.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

A) Hire John Roberts as Part-Time Police Officer:

Chief Clarke Osborn said he had some items to vote on along with some informational items. He said we just spoke about the items we voted on over at the workshop and the first one he would like to recommend is that we have a part-time police officer opening that we are anticipating in the next few weeks. This is just a replacement - not a new officer - and we are looking to hire John Roberts as a part-time police officer. That would be pending, as all of our hires, clearance from Rockland County Department of Personnel. He said that John just recently retired from the Town of Ramapo police. The Mayor said and that would also be subject to Leila's vacating the position. Chief Osborn said correct, yes. Which should be coming very, very soon. Trustee Byrne said and at the same rate of pay. Chief Osborn said correct, that is correct, yes. A motion to hire John Roberts as part-time police officer pending Rockland County Personnel clearance 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

B) Request Det. Michael Fennessey be Assigned as Group Supervisor of the Rockland County Narcotics Task Force:

Chief Osborn said the second item is that they are requesting that Detective, our own detective, Mike Fennessey be assigned as a group supervisor of the Rockland County Narcotics Task Force. Chief Osborn said he has given the details in the workshop and he asks that he be assigned there for a period of one year starting July 14, 2015 for a period of one year. Trustee Markunas said before we make the motion he asked Chief Osborn if maybe he could elaborate for the residents on what Mike's roll will be in the Narcotics Task Force and how it will benefit the Village. Chief Osborn said sure. He said the Narcotics Task Force is a county-wide agency that does narcotics enforcement - drug sales, drug distribution. Detective Fennessey will be in charge of a team of officers as one of the primary responsibilities of his team and one of his prime responsibilities will be the Village of Suffern. So it will benefit all of us by having an active narcotics investigator with a team of officers to address any issues that we have or will have in the next year. Trustee Markunas said that sounds great. Trustee Byrne said to the chief that Detective Fennessey has worked with the task force many times over the years, correct? Chief Osborn said yes. Trustee Byrne said this is not a new assignment for him. The chief said Detective Fennessey has been there two prior stints. He said he thinks the last one was in 2012, he believes. And obviously he has been out a couple of years. It is good to send him back every few years to clean things up a little bit. A motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement 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

C) Approve 2 Stop Signs on Rockland Terrace:

Chief Osborn said the last two will be public hearings - one will be to approve two stop signs on Rockland Terrace - one facing south at the intersection of Lincoln Street and one facing north. He said he will get the dimensions to Terry. This has been an ongoing problem in that development. In speaking with the residents and meeting them on a few occasions, one of them being this weekend, a very legitimate complaint. When you come out of Lincoln Street it

is a little difficult to navigate the ways and get out safely if there are vehicles parked on the side of the street on Rockland Terrace. He said so they think this is a safety measure which is needed. There are a lot of kids on that street and as they spoke about in the workshop this road has become a cut-through down to the state line by South Street. So he is asking for a public hearing for the next meeting. A motion to set a public hearing to approve the two stop signs on August 24 at 7:45 p.m. was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Mayor said we would now need a public hearing for - Chief Osborn said the next one will be, and he apologizes that it is not on the agenda - they were just trying to figure it out today. One of the issues that they continue to get complaints on is Washington Avenue at the intersection of Boulevard. There are no parking signs at certain spots on each corner. He said he is going to suggest that we pull them back a little bit. He said he does not have the exact measurements but he will have them tomorrow. He will go down there and take a look and he will get them to Terry for the public hearing as well. He said he just thinks for safety - he said he thinks most of us go down that way but if you don't just go down and watch the traffic a little bit. A lot of traffic comes up Boulevard onto Washington and it always is a lock up there because of the parking situation. Trustee Byrne said you are talking about the space on both roads - Chief Osborn said yes - Trustee Byrne said Boulevard and Washington. Chief Osborn said exactly. He said he is just trying to figure out the best way of where he wants to pull them back. He said he just wants to assess it another day to figure out exactly what would be the best way to do it. Chief Osborn said this is based on resident complaints as well. Trustee Byrne said he would make the motion for the public hearing subject to the information to be supplied. The Mayor said okay, and we can do it at 7:45. We can do all these at 7:45 but we just need to do them separately. So Matt's motion for 7:45 on August 24, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Chief Osborn thanked the Mayor and Board and said he had some informational items. He said they actually had a very busy month over the last month in the police department. He said they have actually been very busy. The Mayor said excuse her - she asked if we could also do the handicapped spot as well - Trustee Markunas said on Chestnut Street - the Mayor said there was a handicapped spot that was moved. The Chief asked the Mayor to please explain it to him again. He will take care of it. What do you need. The Mayor said it was moved. We just need to do the public hearing on it so we are actually going to put that into the 7:45 public hearing and do all three of them at the same time. Chief Osborn asked if she wanted him to help out with the dimensions. The Mayor said Joe Hunt is here and he will get all the information - she asked Joe Hunt to get all the information to Terry. The Chief said they will take

care of it tomorrow. So she needs a motion. A motion to set a public hearing at 7:45 p.m. on August 24 was made by Trustee Markunas, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Chief Osborn said one of the things this Board approved, and he wants to thank them, is that they approved the use of Narcan. Narcan is a nasal injection spray that is used for overdose cases - for opiates, heroin, for some different narcotics. He said we haven't used it since we were certified that we carry it in their medical bags and they actually had to use it three times since last Sunday here in the Village. All three lives were brought back. All three of the people were treated at the hospital. One was a 19 year old Ramsey teenager who stopped by to see him to thank the officers for all they did to get him back on track. The Chief said hopefully they are going to get the help they need to lead good productive lives away from what the overdose issue brought them. And he just wanted to let them know and thank them because it did work. He said we have never used it before and it worked three times in a row in one week's time. Trustee Markunas said that is great. The Chief said they did a good job. Thank you. Chief Osborn said he hopes we don't need it again but if we do we know we have it.

The Chief said Sergeant Dave Tarantino, who he will be bringing to a future meeting, was off-duty in the Village of Airmont at an event. A woman was choking while eating. The Chief said the woman was actually passing out, turning color. It was that serious. Sergeant Tarantino gave her the Heimlich maneuver and was able to dislodge the item and basically saved her life. So we had a pretty busy month. The Mayor said as the Chief said we will be recognizing these individuals at a future meeting.

Chief Osborn said they had a few arrests he just wanted to alert them to. He said the Board has been great. He sends e-mails and texts and they are great responding. He said one of them was in Bon Aire - on Bon Aire West. They had a vehicle in the early morning of July 5 - it was 4th of July night. A woman went into Bon Aire and smashed up - drove into several vehicles and left the scene and fled the area. A DWI. They were able to ascertain that and were able to charge her with DWI. A local woman. Hit numerous cars. Residents were very happy we were able to get her. Obviously for insurance reasons to get their vehicles fixed. He said they also had an arrest last week with a gentleman who really was in the Village about a month, they found out, did an investigation. He was staying in an apartment illegally. They notified the Building Department, notified the landlord. And they went out there and charged him with burglary, attempted burglary and several other counts of peeking in people's windows at 2 o'clock in the morning. Stalking a woman. And he fled about 2:40 a.m. on July 4th night and officers were able to apprehend him at 2:40 a.m. They got him and charged him with multiple crimes and put a good bail on him and

hopefully going to add multiple charges in the future for other incidents. He has fourteen prior arrests, out of New York City and Albany. So he just wanted to let them know. They did a great job. It just took them a week or two to find him. And they did get him. And they apprehended him. He said they spoke to every resident who had an incident. They personally spoke to them and explained we had him and they were very, very appreciative to all of us in the Village. So he just wanted to let them know that. He thought that was a great arrest that they did.

Chief Osborn said community events - they had a DARE pool party - thank you Cathy - and Family Day they always support. And they look forward to being around the rest of the summer in helping out the concerts and anything else they need. The Mayor and Trustee Markunas thanked him.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Charles Sawicki said he would like to give the wastewater treatment plant consent order update. He said the Village has been successful in deferring the start dates of the sanitary sewer abatement phase I and II - the DEC consent order projects for a period of one year. He said in return the DEC is requiring the Village to complete the manhole repair and rehabilitation for phase I. Manhole inspection, spoke test, dye water testing for phase II. And the construction of a bio-retention basin at Village Hall. The initial plan was to utilize DPW workforce to complete this work saving significant capital fund. With the current manpower, this will not be achievable. As a point of reference, in the 2004 fiscal budget the DPW had 35 employees. One wastewater treatment plant chief operator/consultant and summer help. In 2005 fiscal budget the DPW had 37 employees - one wastewater treatment plant chief operator/consultant and summer help. The 2016 fiscal budget has 28 employees. One laborer position was eliminated from the street department. Currently there is one vacant position with a second position becoming vacant at the end of this month. These positions are MEO I and MEO II positions, respectively. Moving forward, the DPW will be requesting to fill these positions with much less expensive labor grade 7 employees with a savings in excess of \$43,000 per year. Mr. Sawicki said he would like to request the Mayor to appoint Mr. Aniello Vacchiano to vacant labor position working in the refuse department effective July 20, 2015 at a rate of pay of \$16.86 per hour. The Mayor asked if she had a motion to confirm. Trustee Byrne asked Mike Genito if this position was budgeted for - the laborer - Trustee Byrne said he could ask Mr. Sawicki - Mr. Sawicki said it is and just to clarify we had an MEO I employee - an MEO I position and he submitted his resignation last month so his salary was much higher than the laborer's position that we plan on filling. His rate - he doesn't know off-hand but it was probably in excess of 20-25% higher than this position that we are doing. Trustee Byrne said and the vacancy is

in existence now - he notified you a month ago and that employee has finished his employment. Mr. Sawicki said yes, he completed his last day about four or five weeks ago.

Trustee Morris said he had a question. He said you made a statement that it is much cheaper to do it with DPW workers doing repairs that you itemized there. What is the cost. In other words, what did a private contractor give us as a price and what does it cost us for our DPW to do it. He said that anybody can say that it is cheaper to do it this way, to do it that way. What are the numbers. Mr. Sawicki said the one thing in terms of the sanitary sewer abatement work - whatever the cost would be, whether it was cheaper or less expensive to go outside we would need to have capital funds to be able to accommodate that work and by doing it in house we do not spend those capital funds. Trustee Morris said that's a fact but that is not what you said. What you said is it was cheaper to do it with DPW workers than with an outside contractor. Mr. Sawicki said right. Trustee Morris said and he is asking him what is the cost. He said obviously he researched this and he has numbers, don't you? Mr. Sawicki said the intent of his statement was that it would not cost the Village any additional funds because we already have the manpower budgeted. We do not have the capital funds budgeted.

A motion to confirm the hiring of Aniello Vacchiano was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Hagen

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Matthew Byrne

NOES: Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Edward Markunas

ABSENT: None

Mr. Sawicki said he did have one other item - he said that Mr. Don Tuscano is our chief operator at the wastewater treatment plant and there is some new law in place that would require him to take on some additional training. And this is the NY Alert Notifier Training course. Mr. Sawicki said unfortunately Don was not able to get into the July 16 course that was scheduled. Mr. Sawicki said he would like to get approval from the Board to attend the class or the course work - it is a one day course with no cost to the Village. He said they are not sure when the date is. These things sometimes fill in very quickly as we found out this time. So they would like to be able, once it becomes available, to be able to have Don attend that course. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Resolution Authorizing the Village to Amend the 2013-2014 Snow & Ice Agreement:

Mr. Sawicki said as everyone on the Board knows we have an agreement with the NYS DOT to plow their roads and to deal with the snow and ice - the snow and ice agreement. Because of the severe winters we had the last two previous years they have increased the dollar amount that they are going to pay the Village and as a result we will need to pass a resolution to adopt those new dollar amounts. The Village Clerk said and have the Mayor sign it. Mr. Sawicki said for 2013-2014 the dollar amount is increased from \$17,305.38 to \$18,551.37. A motion to amend the agreement and to have the Mayor sign it was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Markunas.

RESOLUTION NO. 13, 2015

RESOLVED, authorize Mayor Patricia Abato to sign the amended 2013-2014 Municipal Snow & Ice Agreement. The amendment is as follows: \$17,305.38 adjustment \$1,245.99 equal to \$18,551.37.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

C) Resolution Authorizing the Village to Amend the 2014-2015 Snow and Ice Agreement:

Mr. Sawicki said the same holds true to the 2014-2015 agreement. The initial dollar amount of \$17,305.38 and the new dollar amount is \$19,105.14. A motion to approve the amendment in the agreement and for the Mayor to execute the agreement was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

RESOLUTION NO. 14, 2015

RESOLVED, authorize Mayor Patricia Abato to sign the amended 2014-2015 Municipal Snow & Ice Agreement. The amendment is as follows: \$17,305.38 adjustment \$1,799.76 equal to \$19,105.14.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

D) Resolution to Sign 2015-2016 Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement:

Mr. Sawicki said the last request here would be the resolution to adopt the 2015-2016 municipal snow and ice agreement. Trustee Byrne asked if that was the amount that Mr. Sawicki mentioned in the workshop. Mr. Sawicki said the dollar amount that he has and Virginia could confirm that is \$17,052.47. A motion to approve and have the Mayor execute the agreement was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

RESOLUTION NO. 15, 2015

RESOLVED, authorize Mayor Patricia Abato to sign the 2015-2016 Municipal Snow & Ice Agreement at \$17,052.47.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

The Mayor said if you would like to speak please come up to the microphone and state your name and address for the record and address the Village Board.

James Lyons of 29 Temple Lane said he was just wondering what the status was for the emergency railroad track crossing. He said from what he understands the funds have been appropriated. New Jersey Transit gave the okay. So when is this going to get done.

The Mayor said she will tell him that we are moving forward. Unfortunately there has been some residents who have been upset with the location for the emergency railroad crossing. She said the reason that New Jersey Transit agreed to this at all, because they don't generally do these things, is because of the good working relationship that the chief has established with them and they have agreed to this location. The Mayor said if it is not at this location she doesn't believe that New Jersey Transit is going to go ahead with it. She said they won't - the chief is saying that they won't. The Mayor said she did meet with the residents that would have been affected by the emergency crossing. She said she did explain to them that although it is a crossing it would be for emergency vehicles only. It would not be a daily in and out traffic. It is just to keep the West Ward residents safe and to allow emergency vehicles to service the West Ward in emergencies where both entrances to the West Ward are affected. She said we are right now - Terry is working on the agreement with New Jersey Transit so we are trying to move forward but we have had a lot of push back. She said maybe Trustee Hagen can talk about the push

back since he has brought it to the Board's attention that the residents over there, because he happens to live on the street that the access would come through - he could elaborate on that. Mr. Lyons said so it is the people who live on the street where the access is - the Mayor said on Dunnery Court, correct. Mr. Lyons said the people who would need it - they don't want it. The Mayor said that Trustee Hagen has been dealing with them so she thinks he could probably elaborate better on that. Trustee Hagen said to Mr. Lyons that he wouldn't say that. Trustee Hagen said what he would say is that if this comes up for a vote he will not vote because he lives there. Anything further you want to know about Dunnery Court crossing you should come into Village Hall and they will show you a whole folder. He asked Mr. Lyons if he would mind doing that. Mr. Lyons said no, he wouldn't mind. Trustee Hagen said Virginia has a whole folder in there. She will gladly show you what is in there. Mr. Lyons said okay. He just thinks it is something that is necessary and he doesn't know why it would be held up. He thanked them.

Jim Giannettino of 2 Memorial Drive asked why wouldn't we have a public hearing on that. The Mayor said on what - the emergency crossing? Mr. Giannettino said on the location. The Mayor said because - Mr. Giannettino said he thinks overwhelmingly we would get support. The Mayor said she thinks there is no other location so if we don't do it at this location it is not going to happen and she thinks human life is much more important. Mr. Giannettino said he agrees with her. He is not disagreeing with her. He is just saying that he thinks if you had a public hearing you would have public support for this project in its present location. The Mayor said right. And the second portion of it is we don't own that land - she said we don't own that land yet. Mr. Giannettino said he understands. The Mayor said we haven't acquired it yet so we can't do a public hearing on land that we haven't acquired. Mr. Giannettino said he thinks the road would be a lot easier if you could do it the other way around but if you can't, you can't.

Mr. Giannettino said he had another question. He said he received an e-mail about putting in for grant money - \$150,000 - for temporary barriers at Lonergan Drive to suppress the water. Mr. Giannettino said he knows that the county has allocated \$150,000. Mr. Giannettino said according to the information that he received Senator Carlucci and Ellen Jaffee needed the signature of the entire Board to go forward with this project. And he understands that she did not want to sign that. Mr. Giannettino said it was no cost to us. What did we have to lose. We had everything to gain.

The Mayor said okay. First of all, Mr. Giannettino, you are definitely misinformed. She said she has set up a meeting with Assemblywoman Jaffee and Senator Carlucci. She did not refuse to sign that. She said she thinks that was someone who was probably politicizing this whole - and it really is just sad to think - and

she has set up a meeting with them because this Village has not had a demonstration on these barriers. Nor have we been given any information with regards to the cost of these barriers. We have not been given the viability of these barriers. We have not had anyone contact our fire department, our DPW. We don't have any information to do a narrative or a project narrative for these. She said we don't know who would be putting them up, where they would be stored. We have absolutely no information so to ask prematurely for capital funds before you have all this information before the Board is ridiculous. So, she did not say that she would not sign this. What she said is that it was premature and that she would like to meet with the Senator, she would like to meet with the Assemblywoman and she would like to get all the information. The viability of being able to use these. What liability would be onto the Village if the Village did put these out. The attorney has not been spoken to. No one has come forward to the Board, as a whole, to give a demonstration of these and to lay out a plan of how they will be used. And that is the reason that she did not, at that time, sign a letter. She said she can tell him that Ellen Jaffee has secured another \$250,000 in capital funds which she is looking to use in Suffern for flood remediation. So that is something that we are going to discuss on Friday, when we meet, and we will also try to get all of this information in place before we ask for capital funds of something that we don't have the information about. That is why it wasn't signed at that time. She said she never refused to sign it. She just simply asked for it to be held onto until we had more information. Mr. Giannettino asked if she was finished. The Mayor said she was. Mr. Giannettino said good. He said to the Mayor that you were at the same demonstration that he was at Kakiak Park when you saw that system work on the Mahwah River. The Mayor said that is correct but that is - Mr. Giannettino but you just said you never saw the operation. The Mayor said excuse me - Mr. Giannettino said he would like to talk - the Mayor said okay, but you - Mr. Giannettino said were you not at that demonstration? The Mayor said she was on a demonstration of them being used in a river. The Mayor said the county, everyone was there. The Mayor said in a river. That was in a river. And there is nothing in that letter that says those are the same barriers that we are requesting funds for. No where in that letter did it explain to the Assemblywoman or to the Senator where they were coming from, what the manufacturer was, that they were the same ones. The Deputy Mayor of this Village went ahead and sent out a letter on behalf of this Board - and she is the only one who saw that demonstration - so that is not fair to the rest of these Board members as well. Mr. Giannettino said they weren't in office some of them so they couldn't have seen it. The Mayor said but it should have been done before any funding was asked for. They don't even know what they are asking funds for. Mr. Giannettino said they are asking for flood barriers. Trustee Markunas said it was a simple request - Mr. Giannettino said the way you work it - Trustee Markunas said it was a simple request for capital funding. Mr. Giannettino said the way

you work out details here in the future that you don't know what is going to happen - the Mayor said okay - Mr. Giannettino said you could have asked the state to provide the money contingent on approval of the barriers. Trustee Markunas said correct. The Mayor thanked him.

Trustee Markunas said this was a request for flood barriers to protect our citizens down in the Memorial Drive area and in the Squires Gate area. It was a simple request. That is what they were seeking. They were seeking to help. They were putting a tool in the firemen's tool box there to help prevent flooding or mitigate flooding and to possibly prevent oil spills or any other uses that we can use these barriers for. It was another tool for our emergency services just like Ed Day authorized the purchase of \$150,000 worth of these barriers for the county to be stored in Pomona to be used by emergency services personnel. That is what he was seeking. That is what the Board agreed to. That is what the rest of the Board signed the informational letter on. And the Mayor - you did not sign the letter. The Mayor said she did not refuse - Trustee Markunas said right. He said you did not sign the letter. The Mayor asked him if she refused. Trustee Markunas said you did not sign the letter. The Mayor said at that time. Thank you.

Jo Corrigan of 46 Park Avenue said she was at the demonstration. Did you gentlemen seek out the company that is going to be working on this stuff? Trustee Morris said yes. Ms. Corrigan said okay. Trustee Morris said he has a video of it and he has the written advertisement of the product - Ms. Corrigan asked where is this company from. Trustee Morris said he spoke to Roy Tschudy. He was at the demonstration and he thought very highly of it. He said he thinks Richie Karrp was there too and he is not sure who else was there - Ms. Corrigan said she is sorry but she is having a hard time hearing Trustee Morris. Trustee Morris said he is sorry. He said yes, he has the pamphlets home saying what this barrier does and how it works. There is a video attached to it that you can go on and watch it function in flood stages. He said when the original demonstration was done he wasn't on the Board at that time so he wasn't invited to watch it. Ms. Corrigan said actually it was done for the whole entire Village - Trustee Morris said subsequently - Ms. Corrigan said it wasn't just for the Board. Trustee Morris said he understands that but he didn't get an invitation. He said subsequently the barriers appear to function as they are designed to function. Ms. Corrigan said in a river and did anyone - Trustee Morris said what is in Squires Gate - the Atlantic Ocean? Ms. Corrigan said yes, but these are actually going to be wrapped around the homes or wrapped around their shed. This isn't going to be used for stopping the river flowing because if you do then you need to have the Drainage Agency and make sure that they approve it. Did anyone go to the Drainage Agency to see if that would be acceptable to them because they were not in favor of this then. She said her other question is what happens with the \$150,000. Is it

secured that every home is going to be getting one? Trustee Markunas said no one said any home was getting one. He said this was another tool in the tool box for emergency services to come in - just like pumps. They have pumps on the fire trucks. They have hoses on the fire trucks. There are all kinds of tools that emergency service uses. Ms. Corrigan said yes. Trustee Markunas said so now what they use - he said what he would imagine is if there was a situation where they needed to divert water in an emergency situation that they would be able to deplore these portable flood barriers and divert water - possibly from homes, possibly from Village infrastructure. Possibly from the downtown area. Ms. Corrigan said but you are changing the flow of the river and without - Trustee Markunas said he didn't say he was changing the flow of the river. He said he was diverting the water from flooding other areas. Ms. Corrigan said if house number one doesn't have it - because it is only \$150,000 and house number two does have it. House number three doesn't. As we know how water flows if you are securing one area it diverts to the other areas. What happens to those other two homes. Trustee Markunas said we need to work through this. We need to know how many homes we are going to divert - how much water is going to be diverted. It is all different scenarios. It is not just one scenario based on one home or five homes. Ms. Corrigan said she understands that. Trustee Markunas said it is a scenario. It can be applied or deployed differently throughout the Village. Ms. Corrigan said okay - back to the question of the \$150,000. How do we know as a Village that we are going to be getting that \$150,000 for those being stored at - where did you say they were going to be stored at - Pomona - at the emergency management - Trustee Markunas said this is for the county. There are two separate issues here. Ms. Corrigan said for the county. Trustee Markunas said one is for the county. We would be getting our own.

Ms. Corrigan said during that demonstration that Mr. Morris watched - as you saw - it was generally done through flood plains. And as you know Squires Gate is not an open flood plain. So therefore these barriers have not been 100% proven or tested to wrap homes. Yes, they did do it in New York City and it worked very well. They had very large streets to be able to mandate that water from moving away. Ms. Corrigan said so if these do not work as they are designed who is responsible for this - who is responsible for the damage on house 1 and house 3 when house 2 now has no water in it and those two houses have water. Trustee Markunas said that based upon what he believes would be the way you would implement and use any device there would be training involved. So he would imagine that the fire department would be trained to utilize and deploy this equipment. If the equipment was being ineffective they wouldn't deploy it just like they have a responsibility to deploy any other type of equipment. Ms. Corrigan said so you spoke to the chiefs and the police chief to ensure that - Trustee Markunas said no, he did not - Ms. Corrigan said oh, oh. Because they would be

the first - aren't they first responders? Trustee Markunas said they are first responders, yes, yes. Ms. Corrigan said okay, so she guesses her questions have been answered. She asked Trustee Morris if he had something. Trustee Morris said yes, he did have a question. He said she was there, he thinks, for the first testing of these barriers? He asked if she was on the Board when these first barriers were brought up. Ms. Corrigan said yes, she was. Trustee Morris said and what was your opinion of them. Ms. Corrigan said her opinion was that she thought they were very interesting. She does not know that they are proven for the area that we are trying to flood mitigate. Trustee Morris said but you don't know that they are disproven either. Ms. Corrigan said no. Trustee Morris said in other words you have basically no working knowledge whether or not they will or will not function. Ms. Corrigan said neither do you. Trustee Morris said you have no knowledge of that. Ms. Corrigan said no, do you? Do you? From what they showed us - Trustee Morris said again you are the one that is asking the question - Ms. Corrigan said it is not proven for homes. Trustee Morris said what he is simply saying is it appears they work, they have worked in other locations - Ms. Corrigan said in flood plains, correct - Trustee Morris said if they have worked in other locations in flood plains the cost to the Village was nothing. You are talking about liability. You know as well as he does that - Ms. Corrigan said but there is no proven thinking - Trustee Morris said you know as well as he does that we would have no liability if these things were overrun with water. We would have no liability and you know that as well as he does. Ms. Corrigan said how do you figure that? Trustee Morris said there is an attorney sitting here that can explain it. Ms. Corrigan said and yet if every single house was wrapped she would think that this would work - without a doubt from what she has seen on a video. So if you think one house is going to be wrapped - Trustee Morris said you are right. And then we need your help to secure a million dollars to do it. Ms. Corrigan said sorry? Trustee Morris said then we need your help. If you think these barriers would help if we put them by every house - Ms. Corrigan said what is the cost of each barrier. Trustee Morris said then we would need the money to do it. Ms. Corrigan said what is the cost of each barrier? Trustee Morris said it depends on the size of the barrier. Ms. Corrigan said okay. Trustee Morris said there are 8 inch barriers, there are 12 inch barriers, there are 18 inch barriers - which ones were you looking at. Ms. Corrigan said and what was our last flood at. Trustee Morris said which ones were you looking at. Ms. Corrigan said well what barriers are you looking at. Trustee Morris said you were there. He asked her to tell him what barriers worked effectively and then we will look at the price. Ms. Corrigan said what was our last flood at. What would you suggest. Trustee Morris said he is not an engineer - Ms. Corrigan said you saw the video - Trustee Morris said you were there and actively involved, weren't you? Ms. Corrigan said right and you watched the video. Trustee Morris said he was asking her if she was actively involved - he said you were. Did a 12 inch barrier

work, did an 18 inch barrier? Which one. Ms. Corrigan said if you are going to wrap every house she would say - Trustee Morris said you are trying to be an engineer and you are not. She said if you are going to do every house - Trustee Markunas said he thinks this is just - this back and forth is bantering and it is not productive for anyone here in the audience.

The Mayor said to Trustee Morris that you have made a lot of statements about palm cards and the election. She said the one thing that she will not tolerate in this meeting is anything to do with the elections. If a resident who lives in this Village and is a taxpayer comes to this Board you owe that taxpayer the respect of answering their questions and not to point a finger at them about a political gain or misfortune in their campaign. If they choose to run for Trustee in this Village it is their right. For you to bring it into this Board room is wrong. And she will not discuss it with him any further. Trustee Morris said you are right. The Mayor said so to make a comment like that is disrespectful to the taxpayers that put you in that seat. Trustee Morris said you are absolutely right. The Mayor said thank you.

Attorney Rice said the question was raised about liability issues and this whole proposal has not been submitted to him and no one has spoken to him so he can't give any type of opinion on liability. He said he would be happy to take a look at it if anyone wants to provide it to him.

Joseph Hunt of 72 Bon Aire Circle and 80 Washington Avenue and the end of Ridge Road. He said he is the supervisor of the DPW. He said he was there through the whole function of setting up these barriers across the river. He said they never did close a house and when you look at the area that you have to put these barriers in the grade drops so you can never get a level - so you have to have multiple barriers. He said barriers do come 25 and 50 foot in length from 2 inches to 5 to 10 feet. The flow of water if you look at some of the videos that Mr. Tschudy gave you, and God Bless him for being an advocate for flood mitigation. Very good man. Mr. Hunt said they do show you regular straight flowing rivers with naturally level banks - nothing rough. He said the reason he came up here to say is you need to go to the Drainage Agency and look at the reports that they have done in 2008 or 2012 on flood mitigation in Squires Gate and the Army Corps of Engineers will tell you the same thing - there is nothing they can do with the barrier or without. He said they came up with a thing way back when putting a wall from Tilton - Lake Antrim - all the way to Hillburn - 15 foot high - and then they bailed out on it because they weren't sure that was going to hold up under the pressure of water. So anything you do, whether it be temporary - every agency needs to be looked into. He said now the biggest thing - DEP/DEC needs to be notified if we put anything out or up to prevent because we could take the water and push it across the river and cause erosion so we could

create a problem. So once we start looking at things, and he knows that you guys like to look deep, dig deep - dig a little deeper because we really need to do something for those people down there but at the same time we have to help our environment to stay stable. So just going out and trying to get something for the Village - it's a positive. We can use it in other avenues if we can't figure that thing is going to work - but again - please research it. It is a waste of time in his eyes if we don't put every entity together and get their opinions too. And then again, you can get his whenever you want. The Mayor thanked him.

The Mayor said and she should probably just add - as a matter of fact the Board will get it in their mailboxes tomorrow - she said we are working on the B lot. We have asked for some capital funding for some green infrastructure down there to try to take on some of this water. And we also will be using some money from Tree City USA. She said we have a quota of trees to be planted every year and we are looking to plant some trees in Hallett Park. Also, these might seem like small steps but a lot of small steps can help in a big way. So we have not given up. Charles and she have been working all week on these two flood remediation ideas. Charles has researched fully the viability of both of these projects and it really will help - not in the grand scheme obviously but we are trying to do what we can with the resources that we have. She said she should also mention that she met with the Drainage Agency and Mr. Markunas sat in on the meeting to talk about - we have had some trees come down into the river - the Drainage Agency has been wonderful in responding to that. They have come and taken them away. We have had a long battle with being able to go actually into the river with power tools and so on and so forth to try to clear some of the debris out of the river. She said she is happy to report that she is working through that. Vince Altieri will be bringing his men over to take a look at the river and to look at the debris that is in the river as well as some potential trees that look like they are ready to come down so we can keep the flow of this river moving as this September and October will bring the rainy season and a lot of water. So we are really trying to get ahead of that. They have not met yet. As soon as they do she will update everyone on the progress with getting into the river and trying to clear some of that. She said our fire department - she said she has met with chief and he has gone out there once already with our men and he is certainly willing to go out there again to clear this area. The Mayor said she must tell them that in their meeting Vince Altieri had let them know that some of the residents properties come into the river so maybe halfway to the river may be the property owners responsibility and also the banks of the river on the other side of the river belong to the residents. Instead of a he said, she said who belongs - I didn't do it - she feels the best way to remedy this is get it cleaned up, get this river moving, not have anymore devastation down there and then going forward from there alerting the residents that we have cleaned it

up but it is your responsibility to take care of it going forward. So we will see what happens. We will see what the Board's decision is on it but that is where the update is right now for that project.

Paul Gerard of 2 Cross Street said just a final point on the barriers. He said to Mr. Morris he thinks it is great to hear concern about the liability of the Village in that example that the young lady offered. But in that example, resident 1 and resident 3 is screwed. So let's make sure that we are concerned about whether or not the barrier works. Mr. Gerard said he wanted to talk about or ask about revenue. He said obviously the Village needs a lot more revenue from other sources other than us residents. He asked where are we on the City of Suffern project? The Mayor said okay - so the draft for the City of Suffern has been completed. She and Terry have been working on it. It is not quite ready for distribution as we are just making sure that the tax map ID numbers are correct. There are a lot of degrees and westerly lines and so on and so forth so before we present it as a rough draft they want to make sure that all these distances and degrees are all correct. So that is the only portion of it that they haven't completed. But they have completed all of the other general provisions, election of officers, all of the different agencies that we will still work with and all of the responsibilities that we would have on our own as a city. So she anticipates that next month she will be distributing it to the Trustees so that they may go over it and become familiar with it and the following month she will be presenting it to the residents for their comment and to look over it. The Mayor said she expects that we will have a public hearing at some point to get public input on it. She said we are moving along. We are very close now. Much closer than we have been in quite a while and as soon as it is completed we will give - we may even have a public informational meeting on it so that the residents can come so that we can fully explain what it is all about and video it so we can put it online so then people can formulate questions and have that public informational meeting. So we are very close. Mr. Gerard said okay. If residents have an opportunity to review whatever is proposed and give their feedback that would be much appreciated.

Mr. Gerard asked what the Board's perspective on this is. He said he knows he asked some of them last month. He said he didn't know if there were any additional thoughts on this idea or do you want to wait for the proposal to come out? Trustee Morris said we have no information on it. He said they have not been privy to any discussions on it. They have seen no mention of financial costs, agency status - nothing. He said sitting here they know as much about it as he does right now. The Mayor said just to elaborate. She said she has done all the investigating on her own as far as what you would need and she has asked Terry to weigh in on the different laws that apply to doing this. She said there have been

no meetings. It has just been her own desire for this Village to stop paying for duplication of services and she said we have talked about it at so many meetings and none of the members have come to her to sit down and say "Hey, I would like to get involved; hey, what's going on; can you give me some information?" The Mayor said she has actually been doing this just because she feels it is something that Suffern can benefit from. Just as you would with flood barriers. She thinks they would benefit. She said the same kind of scenario.

Trustee Markunas said he is sorry but he has to interject here if you don't mind. He said this has been going on for a few months now in regards to the City of Suffern. He said he believes that as the Mayor the Mayor should be transparent and share all of this information with the Board and with everybody else with whatever goes on in this Village instead of keeping it to herself. He said according to the Mayor she is continuing to do it on her own. He said you are not going to get any help if you don't ask. He said we don't know what you are doing. If we don't know what you are doing how can we ask you what are you doing? He said they need the information on the City of Suffern. He said he is asking her now - please provide him the rough draft copy of what you have and maybe the rest of the Board would be interested in looking at it too and reviewing it and familiarize themselves with it. The Mayor said that is what she is doing. She just stated that. Trustee Markunas said thank you.

Trustee Byrne said he has long been a proponent of what was discussed probably 20 or 25 years ago which was the Town of West Ramapo. And we talked about separating Suffern, Hillburn, Sloatsburg and the adjoining areas into one town to separate ourselves from the Town of Ramapo. And he long thought that was worth exploring. He said unfortunately the legalities behind doing that require, as he understands it, not just the approval of the Village of Suffern, Hillburn, Sloatsburg and the other municipalities but also the Town of Ramapo and that wasn't going to go anywhere because of that obstacle. So he would say that the concept of the City of Suffern, while it - and he actually quite a long time ago - it might have been six or eight months ago, maybe even longer - it has been a long year - raised some concerns in a discussion that he had with the Mayor mostly about the obligations of the Village with regard to social service benefits. Many cities in New York have a burden of their own social services. We wouldn't want to take that on ourselves and as he understood, at least briefly in their conversation, that was something that could be worked around in a way that it did not create an extra obligation on the part of the Village. And that was one of the concerns he raised originally - the Mayor said let her apologize because he is right. Matt did come to her and he did have a conversation with her about this and did raise his concerns and we did talk about them. She said she apologizes. She totally forgot about that meeting. So

yes, Trustee Byrne did come to her with some concerns that he had and she told him what she had learned through investigation and from Terry on that issue. Trustee Byrne said like anything else - the devil is in the details and he looks forward to seeing the details and he is sure the rest of the Board does too. And he thinks we should all be open to the conversation. He said he thinks we need to be creative in finding ways - he said he doesn't know if it is a magic bullet in terms of our finances or not. He would be curious to see that and he hopes there has been input - and he is sure there has been from our Treasurer as well in terms of some analysis of the money. So that is important. But he thinks we should all be open to a discussion at the very least and he looks forward to seeing whatever is proposed.

Mr. Gerard said to Trustee Markunas that he is glad that you are showing some interest in looking at it. He said he knows last month it seemed he had already made up his mind that we needed to - he thinks he said that we needed to get our house in order before we consider that. But he hopes you guys want to review it and poke some holes in it and let's figure out if it is the right thing to do. But then again, you and Mr. Morris ran on the issues of financial instability here. As he said before, this is a big opportunity, the biggest opportunity any of us can see right now in terms of getting some more revenue outside of jamming the rest of us with a bigger tax bill. He said we've got some - Trustee Markunas said just to elaborate a little bit to that point that going to get your house in financial order and now financial stability - going back now we are looking at long-term deficit financing, we are looking at capital project financing, we are looking at tax cert financing, we are looking at consent orders, we are looking at service award programs that have not been funded. So once we start getting our house in order, and that was his statement - you are correct - last month was that there is a lot out here in the Village of Suffern that needs to be put in order. And of course if there is a plan out there he wants to be privy and made aware of the plan be it a plan in finance deficit financing, a plan in the City of Suffern, a plan in the Town of Suffern - but he really believes that we need to continue to work to get Suffern in order. Mr. Gerard said absolutely. He said he is not disagreeing with that. Again a million and a half dollars that we are already paying. We are getting very little in return. We can move it over here and where are we going to get an amount of money like that some other way.

Mr. Gerard said another source of revenue that is coming under question over the next couple of years is the Novartis property. He asked if there was anything progressing because that is obviously a big risk in our future. Trustee Markunas said the Mayor may have more information on that in regards to Novartis. The Mayor said she did have a request from someone who was very interested in the property who had more than adequate funding for the property and

for the use which she can tell him is commercial. Unfortunately, Novartis has asked for no one to actually talk about the terms or talk about any of the information just as of yet and also the person that came to speak with her asked that it not be - that our meeting be kept confidential. So she will definitely keep that portion of it as she promised. But she can tell him that publicly she has been notified, through the grapevine because she has asked and has made phone calls - not just because she was notified through e-mail or anything - that there has been four bids put in on the property and they all are of commercial or mixed-use nature. So it was very good news and she continues to keep tabs on it. She calls every other week just to kind of find out where we are on the progress of it but at her last phone call she was pleasantly informed that there is definitely commercial interest so she is keeping high hopes and she is keeping very positive that this will come to a good end. They will not be completely out of the property until 2016 which was good news for us. The water and sewer will decline over the end of 2015 so but for right now we are in a little bit of a stable situation with the hopes of very good news shortly. Mr. Gerard said okay. When he looks at some of the budget numbers we have got some substantial growth - as far as he remembers our safety costs went up about \$300,000 and our pensions went up almost \$600,000 so we are talking about the way we are generating revenue right now we can't absorb that kind of growth. We have got to do something, he doesn't want to say radical, but we have to do something out of the box. Not something that - simple financing is a nice word for borrowing. We have got some services - we have our own services in a lot of places and we can become competition for other municipalities around us that provides those services to some of the other local villages. So we need to think about it. He thanked them. The Mayor thanked him.

Andrew Zavoski of 3 Center Street said just on the lighter side he just wants to thank the street department and the DPW. He said they had a street fair on their block and they came by and cleaned the street and did a very nice job. It was long overdue and the residents appreciated it. He said they had a wonderful time. A lot of people showed up and a lot of kids. It was really nice. He said they really enjoyed it. He said one other issue that is on his street has to deal with some hedges that are kind of really unkept and kind of really very high. And he was just curious if the street department or maybe the code enforcer ever take the proactive look at things in the Village to say boy, this doesn't look right. Hedges that are as high as the street sign on a corner lot could pose a significant injury to a young child that is playing on the street. He said when you can't see around the corner and there is a car that is going very quickly or a truck and there is a tot out, a little tot outside playing on a scooter, it could be a potential catastrophe. He said he was just hoping that maybe somebody would take a more proactive, in the Village, look at it on corner lots. The Mayor said they do ride around the Village but obviously this

is a situation where they haven't seen or she is sure they would have been on it. She said we have an excellent code enforcement department. They are very proactive. She said but please don't wait to report this at a Board meeting. Please call Virginia right away if it is a safety issue. We certainly don't want to wait for a Board meeting for a safety issue. So if you could give the address. Mr. Zavoski said it would be 1 Center Street. The Mayor said 1 Center. She said we will send somebody there. Mr. Zavoski said if somebody could take a look at it. The Mayor said absolutely. He said he thinks the hedges are actually protruding out. Trustee Markunas said if he may. He said he was at that block party and he actually noticed it himself and if you are coming down Highland Avenue and you make a right onto Center Street it is very hard to see around the corner when you are making that right turn so if we can note that with the DPW that would be something - the Mayor asked Trustee Markunas if he reported it to the code enforcement. Trustee Markunas said no, he did not. The Mayor said we will take care of it in the morning. Mr. Zavoski said he was just concerned for the children. He said you don't want to have a situation there. The Village Clerk said she will do it tomorrow morning. The Mayor said absolutely. We will get somebody right out in the morning. Mr. Zavoski thanked them. The Mayor said thank you for letting us know.

VILLAGE CLERK:

The Mayor said there are a whole bunch of minutes that are supposed to be approved tonight. She has read through them. Unfortunately, the Trustees have not finished with them so we cannot vote on them tonight. She said we were going to do a portion of them but some read backwards, some read forwards. So we are going to actually hold onto them until the next meeting. But they are all done through June and she wants to thank Kathy very, very much for all of her hard work as the Board had asked that she try to get them caught up and she thinks that she has done a phenomenal job in getting them done. So thank you so much for all of your hard work. Trustee Markunas said great job. Trustee Hagen thanked her.

A) Priya Restaurant - Request for 4 Tables and 16 Chairs:

The Village Clerk said we just have a request for tables down at 36 Lafayette Avenue. They want 4 tables and 16 chairs and the code enforcer has gone out and approved it. A motion to approve the request was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Markunas. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

A) Resolutions authorizing 2015-2016 capital projects and issuance of debt to finance said projects:

Treasurer Michael Genito said tonight we have several resolutions

that are covering the approval and the bonding for our capital projects for the 2015-2016 budget. Mr. Genito said as you know when we adopt the budget we adopt an operating budget but the capital projects is really a list that would be approved later on throughout the year. He said and before you are five resolutions that basically deal with the bonding of those capital projects listed in our 2015-2016 budget. He said there are a couple of projects that are not included because those projects do not need the funding right now and in fact may receive alternate funding from either other projects or grants or aid. He said the bond resolutions, by the way, were prepared by our bond counsel at our request. The Mayor asked if she had a motion. Trustee Hagen said to Mr. Genito that we talked about this in the workshop. He said that is for like \$500,000? Mr. Genito said he doesn't know what the total is all together but it is five different bond resolutions that you have in front of you and he is not sure - he asked Attorney Rice if we need to adopt these individually. Attorney Rice said yes, if they are separate resolutions, you do.

Trustee Byrne said he would move the resolution authorizing 2015-2016 capital projects and issuance of debt to finance said projects. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hagen. Trustee Morris said he just wanted clarification. He asked this is for how much of a bond. Mr. Genito said the total amount is he believes slightly under 400 - Trustee Morris said this is saying \$1,347,000. Mr. Genito said the capital projects listed in the budget were \$1,347,000. \$750,000 belongs to a sewer abatement project that is being - probably not going to require funding until next year so we are not including that in this funding. Trustee Morris said so what we talked about is we are going to deduct - Mr. Genito said what we talked about in the workshop. Trustee Morris said \$820,000 from that \$1,347,000. Mr. Genito said correct. Trustee Morris said okay, that is fine.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

B) Resolution authorizing the issuance of debt for payment of tax certiorari judgment:

Mr. Genito said there is another resolution to bond a tax certiorari. What this is is a challenge, or actually a judgment, that was placed against us on a tax challenge that covered not only the current year but prior years and it was not anticipated in the budget because the judgment didn't come down until after the budget had been adopted. In fact, we didn't have knowledge that it would

have been passed at that time. So this is a bond resolution that authorizes us to borrow the money to pay for that tax certiorari. Trustee Byrne said this is one property. Mr. Genito said it is one major property, yes. Trustee Byrne asked if we knew which property it is. Mr. Genito said it is Stonegate. Trustee Byrne said Stonegate - Stonegate ? Mr. Genito said a series of properties in Stonegate. Trustee Byrne said there are several groups in Stonegate. Mr. Genito said right. Trustee Markunas asked if we had any money currently in the budget or last year's budget for tax certs. Mr. Genito said we have that in the current budget. He will have to look at the amount. It is between 40 and 50,000. That amount of money is really there for the smaller challenges and settlements and judgments that come up throughout the year. Trustee Markunas said so we will not be using any of that money that is in that fund. We are just going to bond out this money. Mr. Genito said that is correct. Trustee Markunas said okay. A motion to authorize the issuance of debt for tax certiorari judgment was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Morris.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

C) Adopt resolution authorizing the issuance of debt to finance purchase of real property and building:

Mr. Genito said there is another resolution before you. This is for the purchase of the VFW building and - Attorney Rice said we can't vote on that in the absence of a SEQRA negative declaration so it will have to go over. Mr. Genito said then we are tabling with that. The Mayor asked if the Board wished to move forward on the negative declaration for the VFW property. Trustee Byrne said just again as stated earlier he is not participating in the vote. The Mayor asked if there was a motion to accept the negative declaration on the VFW building. Trustee Morris said we discussed this in the workshop. He said no. The Mayor asked Trustee Markunas. Trustee Markunas asked if this was a vote. The Mayor said she was asking him if he would like to go forward with it. Trustee Markunas said no. The Mayor said no, we can't go forward with that.

D) Transfer of \$25,000 from Water Fund Contingency account F.1990.4 to Water Fund Administration Contractual F.8310.4:

Mr. Genito said the final item is the movement of \$25,000 from the water fund contingency to water fund administrative contractual expenses - \$25,000. Trustee Morris asked why is that necessary this early in the budget year. Mr. Genito said this amount of money is

actually to help pay for the grant writer. He said we are probably going to get some reimbursement of some or all of the funds back when we file for the various grants. This includes our CDBG funds for the road work that is being done down Orange Avenue. Also the grant writer was very much, as you know, besides the things that recently came up - the facade program - over the last four or five years has culminated about \$500,000 in grants. He participated in the grant for NY Rising of 3 million dollars. What was budgeted in the budget was \$25,000 and we normally have a \$50,000 amount. So that is what this money is for. Trustee Markunas said this would be like an allocation out of the water fund. Mr. Genito said that is correct. Trustee Markunas said okay. Mr. Genito said and it stays within the water fund. A motion to transfer the funds 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

BRUCE SIMON RE: SUFFERN TREE COMMITTEE:

Bruce Simon of 31 Utopian Avenue said he is here on behalf of the tree committee just to announce that in the coming weeks we are going to start what is called a tree inventory - meaning we are going to go around - we are going to need volunteers to go around the Village that are just going to take a count and make a general assessment of any trees that are on public property or in the public right-of-way. He said we are not walking on anybody's property. We are not going in anybody's back yard. There is no cost to the Village. This is all volunteer. He said he just wanted to let the Board know and let anybody watching this or anybody here know that if you see some people with vests walking around looking at your trees we are just counting them. That's all. He thanked the Board. The Mayor thanked him and said he is doing such a great job with the tree committee and she wants to thank him once again for all of his hard work. The Mayor said this is all volunteers. She said Bruce volunteers his time and so does everyone that works with him and it has really been great for our Tree City USA working with Charles. Charles is also on the committee and volunteers his time on it so we thank all of you for all that you do for the Village in terms of our trees and our foliage and our environment. So thank you. Mr. Simon said he is just the one lucky enough to stand here and talk about it. He said he has to give as much credit, if not more, to Charles and to Fred who put in probably more hours than he does.

Trustees:

Trustee Byrne said he began serving the Village in one capacity or another in 1994. And he was very honored to serve as Village Judge in 1994 until 2010 and he took a little break and against the better judgment of his doctors and his psychiatrist and his therapist he ran for Trustee in 2013. He said he was very honored to be elected two years ago to serve. Many of you have learned through the typical Suffern grapevine that his plans, his immediate plans for his family is that they are moving out of state. And that was not a decision that was made lightly as this is where he was born and raised. Suffern means a lot to him. He said he has his law practice here in Suffern. Been there for 21 years. It has been part of Suffern since 1956. So they are no strangers to the Village and he cares about his Village very much and he hopes that in the last better than a year and a half that he sat here he has always attempted to bring some reason to the conversation. He has always attempted to be reasonable. He has always attempted to do the right thing. He said people can disagree and that is wonderful, but his time serving the Village is coming to an end and he thought he would use tonight to make that official announcement although you might have read about it in people's comments, you might have learned about it from watching videos of Board meetings. This is coming really from him. He said effective essentially within two weeks he will be stepping down as a Trustee in the Village of Suffern effective July 24. He said he does that to spend the next two weeks assisting as best he can in whatever needs to be helped and whatever he can do and have continued to do and tried to do for the last year and a half. So again, he does this with a heavy heart. He said he loves this Village. He put a lot into it. He has gotten a lot out of it. And he just jotted down the names of the Mayor's that he knew - that we all knew - from Mayor Rella - that is probably the first one - actually he thinks he may have met Terry's dad once as a little kid - Mayor Rice, he can probably say, Mayor Rella, Mayor Savarese, Mayor Scarr, Mayor Parness, Mayor Haggerty, Mayor Glinsky, Mayor Keegan, Mayor Giannettino - all fine people. And while we may disagree and there have been some heated disagreements up on this Board long before he got here. This is nothing new. This is nothing new. We have seen it even when the Board has been controlled by one party and not the other. It is not about that. Sometimes it is just about people's passions. But it has been an honor to serve in some capacity for the last - since December 2013 - and he truly wishes he could have completed his term but his obligations to his family frankly do come first and while he has attempted to kind of juggle all of that for the last nine, ten months it is coming to a quick conclusion. So he wants to thank everyone up here without exception. He truly believes that everyone sitting up here has the best interest of the Village at heart and he doesn't say that lightly. He said we have different ways of going about it. We have different approaches. Different techniques. We have different tones. But no one is up here for the wrong reason. We are all here because we care about Suffern and democracy put us here and democracy will decide in a few months who

stays, who goes. That is what it is all about. He said he knew when we had March elections - and he much preferred the March elections, quite frankly. The March elections were hotly contested every single time but at the end of the night at election night everyone kind of showed up at the same place, shook hands and moved on. Even people that called each other names during the election. So hopefully that will continue in some respect and he urges that to continue. He said he thanks you for allowing him to serve - he said there are people watching on You Tube whether it is everyone here in the room tonight - he thanks them for allowing him to serve. It really meant a lot to him to be able to do that and he wishes them all the best. He said he is here for two more weeks - he said he is here for longer than that - he is just here in that capacity for the next two weeks and will be here to help in anyway he can during that time. He thanked everybody.

The Mayor said that she personally wants to thank him. She said she thinks she is the only one on the Board that has been with him through several years of his capacity as Judge and as Trustee and she has to tell him that you are going to be missed. Suffern as a whole is going to miss you. She said she remembers his dad very, very well both in a personal and professional capacity. She said his dad and her dad, actually, spent many a time together and he was always a true friend and a gentleman and such an enormously intelligent person. And she knows that he is proud of the service that he has given to this Village and she wishes him and his family the best of luck. She said she is sure his children are going to be very happy to have their dad back. She said she wishes him the best of luck in whatever he wishes to do going forward and she hopes that he will keep in touch with us and she is sure we will follow him on Facebook and will see all the success that she is sure he will have in his new home. Trustee Byrne said thank you. He will watch it on You Tube. Keep it interesting.

Trustee Hagen said he had two things. He said he wanted to thank Kathy Van Sickle for working so hard in getting all the minutes done and they will vote on them next month. And the other one - Vacchiano is going to be a laborer. What happens to the Parking Authority? Does he get replaced. The Mayor said we will have to hire somebody to replace him. The Mayor said the chief will have to find someone to replace him.

Trustee Morris said what he really wants to say is that a lot of disagreements could be avoided if when information is given it is given all in entirety. He said we had a resolution on a position and all we got was, and you are going to bring it up next anyway, to reappoint the attorney that represents the Village traffic court. And that is great. But we are asked to approve a resolution that had no dollar figure in it. So you would have to be an idiot to say, well yeah, let's hire him and then find out six weeks later that we gave him \$200,000 a year. A simple thing like that. The

other resolutions had dollar figures that were missing. The budget line - that money could have been deducted prior to these forms being made out and there wouldn't have been necessary for the conversation that went on. In other words we knew a week or so ago that this was probably not going to be needed - probably more - the \$750,000 or \$820,000, he believes - it wasn't going to be needed in this capital budget and here it is on paper and we are sitting here arguing about a pointless thing because we didn't need it. And that is just really in the spirit of transparency and openness. If we have the facts to start off with it makes things a lot easier to go along with them.

Mr. Genito said he just wanted to clarify. He said the document you are looking at, the one that you are referring to with the \$750,000 - at that time when the budget was adopted we fully anticipated having to pay for that. Again, the discussions and the resolution with the DEC to be able to put that off another year didn't happen until after the budget was adopted and the document was printed. Trustee Morris said you are absolutely right. That is the only reason why that was - Trustee Morris said but again it could have been adjusted prior to tonight's meeting saying, listen, because of AB&C happening we don't need the \$1,347,000. We only need 800 and something thousand. That is all he is saying. And it would have solved twenty-five minutes of conversation over this. The Mayor said that is what the workshop is for. Trustee Morris said he understands what the workshop is for but again - the Mayor said that is what we work at - Trustee Morris said a simple adjustment - again transparency. The Mayor said okay.

MAYOR:

A) Scott Brown:

The Mayor said it is a bittersweet announcement that Scott Brown, who has been an employee of this Village for an enormous amount of years - he has been definitely a fixture in this Village for many, many years, cares deeply about this Village, has taken on the enormous task of being the president of his union, is probably one of the hardest working men that we have in this Village, has given his notification that he will be retiring effective July 31. So it is with, like she said, with bittersweet - she said he is going to a beautiful place with beautiful weather and beautiful things and a beautiful motorcycle and are just going to enjoy what you have worked so hard for but we will miss you, Scott Brown, so she thanks him for all of his dedicated years of service to this Village and heavily hearted accepts his resignation from his position at the Department of Public Works.

B) Intermunicipal Agreement with Sloatsburg:

The Mayor said the second item she has on the agenda is that she

would like to have a motion for the Mayor to sign an intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Sloatsburg. She said we have for a few years now entered into this agreement to do some of their mechanical work. It is a little extra revenue for the Village. It has now expired. Mayor Wright has once again requested that we renew that agreement so the Mayor would need a motion to enter back into that agreement with the Village of Sloatsburg. A motion to enter the agreement was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried with Trustee Byrne abstaining since his firm represents the village of Sloatsburg.

C) Renew Contract with Robert Yodowitz:

The Mayor said the next item on the agenda is to renew the contract with Robert Yodowitz as the prosecutor for the Village of Suffern. Trustee Byrne said and that was at a rate of \$1500 per month. The Mayor said that is correct. A motion was made by Trustee Byrne to renew the contract, seconded by Trustee Morris.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The Mayor said she is going to defer the adjournment of this meeting to Matt Byrne. Trustee Byrne said that many of you who have been in Suffern a long time remember and know, he is sure, with great affection Judge Terrence Ryan. Judge Ryan served the Village for, he believes, twelve years from the early 70s to the early 80s. His math is probably off but twelve years, nonetheless. Judge Ryan is retiring from a distinguished legal career this week, as a matter of fact. And being that he did serve the Village for a good three terms as our Village Judge, is a fine man, and just a little inside baseball - in 1982 when Judge Ryan decided to step down and not run for re-election he recruited Trustee Byrne's father to run for Village Judge in 1982. Judge Ryan was a democrat. Trustee Byrne's father was a Republican - isn't that beautiful? It wasn't about party. It was about two men who had affection for each other and knew each other's legal abilities. So he would just like to adjourn this meeting in honor of Judge Terrence Ryan, acknowledging his retirement, his long service to the Village of Suffern, and that would be his motion to adjourn in his honor. The motion was seconded by Mayor Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried, with the meeting adjourning at 9:58 p.m.

