

**Village Board Meeting
Monday, August 4, 2014 - 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: Deputy Mayor Jo Meegan-Corrigan
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee John Meehan

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

ABSENT: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Matthew Byrne

SET DATES FOR SEPTEMBER MEETINGS:

Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said we are going to set the dates for the September meeting. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and the Board meeting will be the following Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING - REZONE PROPERTIES ALONG EAST SIDE OF ORANGE AVENUE:

Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said we are holding over the public hearing for the rezoning along the east side of Orange Avenue. And it will be renoticed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

A) LOSAP - Change in Language:

Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said the first thing on the agenda this evening is the Fire Department. Chief Stark is not with us tonight so she will take this one for him which is the LOSAP and the change in the program per the comptrollers opinion and the Board has read through it and Terry has looked at it and the consultant looked at it and the Fire Department agrees with it so she would like to adopt that this evening. A motion to adopt the change was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

CULTURE AND RECREATION:

Mrs. Cathy Mills said she had a few things coming up in the month of August. This Thursday, August 7, will be the last summer concert of the season. It will be "Reflections, the Big Band" and she hopes that will be outside. Last year, unfortunately, it was

inside so they are hoping it will be outside at the gazebo. If it is bad weather they will be inside. The Fire Department is having their blood drive on Wednesday, August 13, and they have flyers up on the stage for anybody who wasn't able to get one. If you do give blood you get free Boulder tickets - two Boulder tickets - so it is an incentive to come out and give blood on August 13. They have the senior picnic at the Mahwah Elks on Thursday, August 28 and that will be starting at 11:30. And then starting on August 16, which is a Saturday, the pool will be closing for the summer early starting at 7:00 p.m. On September 1, which is Labor Day, the pool will be closed for the season. Mrs. Mills said she wanted to note that there is a change to the calendar - the Fashion Show that was scheduled for October 5 on the calendar has been canceled this year. The organizers chose not to put it on this year. A little change of personnel.

Mrs. Mills said a few things for Save the Date that Recreation is working on now. The September 11 ceremony will be Thursday, September 11. The candlelight vigil at Donna Hallet Park. She said we have the Suffern Street Fair coming up on Sunday, September 14, and Suffern Day is going to be Saturday, September 27, and they are looking forward to that. And then one thing that she would like to ask tonight is that they have a change of personnel at our pool. One of our head lifeguards, Kelly Sheehan, is leaving us a little early. She has received a teaching position so she is leaving a little early so Mrs. Mills said she would like to have Emma Patwell appointed to head guard. A motion to accept the resignation of Kelly Sheehan and the appointment of Emma Patwell to take her place was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried. Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said they are very happy that Emma will take her place.

The Deputy Mayor said on the agenda they are changing the format just for one thing and they are going to review and listen to the façade program for Shamrock. She said they are going to award that bid this evening.

Carrine Kaufer said she had prepared a memo and a breakdown of the bid that was received for 84 Orange Avenue, otherwise known as the Shamrock Hotel. This was a single building project that went out to bid. She said we only received one bid back but as you know we have had a long history of having a difficult job of getting any bidders so one is better than none. And after reviewing the bid and comparing that to the architect estimates they believe that the bid is reasonable. It was within a close enough proximity that they can advise the Board to award the bid

to Corofin Construction. That is actually the same contractor who did bid the other phase - the other two buildings - so we will be working with him on the other two and then he will move onto the Shamrock after he finishes the other two. And the total bid was for \$49,800 and we would be awarding for the full amount. Trustee Meehan said he took note in the e-mail that Carrine sent them of what the architect's estimate is and he knows that happens especially in community development and it is a shame and he hates to award one bid but he thinks it is the right thing to do. So he will move it. Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said the motion is to award the Corofin Construction Corporation for the architect estimate and for the value of the contract at \$49,800. Trustee Meehan moved it, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Frank Hagen

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Matthew Byrne

Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan thanked Carrine very much.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

There was nothing to report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Clarke Osborn said he appreciates everything with their help and support. He said a couple of quick updates. The one that they spoke about the other night is the stop sign on Bon Aire Circle heading southbound at the intersection of Milford Lane. He said he worked with Charles and with Joe and it looks like they have everything set up for the sign to be installed. He said Joe and he mapped it out last week. They trimmed back some bushes and they met with the Bon Aire officials just to make sure that they knew that we were going to trim back before we did it for safety reasons. He said they are pretty much set and he is sure it is going to be going in very soon. That is a definitely needed stop sign. The traffic engineer has given us the location to put the signage and we are ready to go. Trustee Meehan asked if there is a warning sign too. Chief Osborn said that coming up the hill at Sussex there will be a stop ahead sign. Also he and Joe discussed it and there will be a "stop ahead" in the roadway as well. Particularly they would like to get it at two different spots

just to let people know it is coming up and there is enough visibility for the sign to see that it will now be a three way stop at this point. So they should be in good shape with that and he will keep them updated but it should be up hopefully the next meeting they will have it done.

Chief Osborn said opening day of DARE hockey is September 6, which is a Saturday, and he would invite them. He said they have a huge event. He said they pretty much are going to call it Celebrate America Day with their DARE hockey coaches running it. They have a large league. They have 13 teams of Suffern kids. About 160 or 170 kids. They will be having a barbecue. Everything free. Ice cream truck. A celebration with other stuff going on so he would like to invite them to that. The Chief said the police department is having a barbecue for seniors on September 3. And just one more thing that he would like to bring up. He just gave Virginia a memo today - as he was looking through his notes about this time of year last year and one thing they had an issue with was the snow parking - he said he doesn't even want to mention the snow - but he thinks it is far enough in advance that he thinks we should change this. He said in our Village Code 254.15 - Village Snow Parking Regulations - the memo pretty much clearly explains it but from 11 at night until 6 in the morning the law says that if snow is forecast you can't park there. The problem is that we have had heavy, heavy snows come in at 7, 8, 9, 10 o'clock and have had to write summonses and two cars earlier with the assistance of the DPW and with the court it says you can't write before 11 before it was forecast. It is a very confusing statute and he spoke with Terry today and he thinks it would ease up with a lot of the confusion for the court and the P.D. and for all of us and the DPW if we just got that wording out of there. The wording that he gave to Virginia - he is just asking for a public hearing next month. He said he just wanted to let them know. He thinks it is something that is needed. He said he discussed it with a couple of his officers today and they explained some of the issues that they ran into on the road last year as well. And that is pretty much it. A motion to set a public hearing for September 8 at 7:40 p.m. was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Charles Sawicki asked for authorization to modify the electrical portion of the Digester Upgrade project as a result of minor field changes. The modification is in the amount of \$1,930.32. The current contract amount is \$86,973. The modified

contract amount is \$88,903.32. A motion to modify the electrical portion was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

Trustee Meehan said he had a question which was not pertaining to this particular issue. He said he has heard that there have been some complaints of the odors at the wastewater treatment plant and he was wondering what the status is of correcting that problem. Mr. Sawicki said as he is probably aware we currently have a large project underway - the digester upgrade project - and as a result we will have odor issues. Some days are going to be worse than others and that is going to exist through the end of October into November and unfortunately there is no way around it. Because it is a large project and they have the digester cover off and they are not under normal operations and there are times that the odors are heightened and we are continuing with that particular project and will be done - scheduled in the fall - most likely in the beginning of November.

Somebody said they could not hear Mr. Sawicki. Mr. Sawicki said he will repeat himself. He said the wastewater treatment plant is currently undergoing a very large capital project. It is the digest upgrade and that project will continue through the end of October into November and we will have periods of time where the odors are heightened and unfortunately there really is nothing we can do to eliminate it. Again, there are going to be some days when it is going to be worse than others. We are just going to have to, unfortunately, we are just going to have to deal with it for this period of time. We have no control - it is not under normal operations at the wastewater treatment upgrade project. Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said it has to do with the upgrade project and that is what the scenario is. It is not going to be an ongoing issue once the upgrade is completed. Mr. Sawicki said that is correct.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Jo Meegan-Corrigan
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Matthew Byrne

Mr. Sawicki asked for authorization to commence with the construction of a bio-retention basin subject to the NYS DEC approval. This project will satisfy the Environmental Benefits project as required by the WWTP Consent Order. In addition, this project will satisfy the agreement with the Lafayette Theater to

modify paving area drainage. The DPW will provide "in service" labor and equipment and will purchase all required materials to complete the project.

Attorney Rice said there is a contract or something involved in this. Mr. Sawicki said we have a consultant that put together a design drawing. Attorney Rice said and the material costs, right? Mr. Sawicki said we have an estimate. There is an estimate for the cost - is that what you are referring to? Mr. Sawicki said the only expense we have incurred so far is the design of the bio-retention. Attorney Rice said alright. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Jo Meegan-Corrigan
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Patricia Abato
Trustee Matthew Byrne

Mr. Sawicki said he would like to add two personnel items to the agenda.

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization for Mr. Joe Hunt to carry over ten (10) vacation days from fiscal 2014 to fiscal 2015. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization for Mr. Scott Brown to attend the Refuse/Debris Collection seminar to be offered by the CSEA in Albany, New York. The seminar will be on August 11, 2014 with no cost to the Village. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Jo Meegan-Corrigan
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Patricia Abato
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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said we are now up to audience participation and asked when someone comes up to please state their name and their address and speak into the mic.

Jim Giannettino of 2 Memorial Drive said he had a couple of questions. He said you are voting on things tonight, projects to be done, without a dollar amount on it. He said he knows that some of the work is being done in house. But how do you vote on something when you have no idea what the cost is going to be. Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said this is the project that we have been talking about for the \$10,000 - that the movie theater has given us - and that this is part of the requirements that we have to do some gardening and green upkeep. She said this is what we have been talking about for a while. Mr. Giannettino said the retention? Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said yes. Mr. Giannettino said that is part of a grant or a gift? Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said no. The movie theater offered to give \$10,000, which we got, and it is in the account waiting for this project to be done. Mr. Giannettino said okay. He thought it was Village tax money. Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said no. Mr. Giannettino said it would be nice if we knew that. He said another thing - he said he sees it has been taken off the agenda. At the workshop there was talk about a \$65,000 project on the James Street sewer line. Has that been pulled? Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said has the project been pulled? She said no. Mr. Giannettino said you are not voting on it. Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said we are getting more information and more quotes. That was discussed at the workshop. If you remember after a while discussing it Charles was going to go out and get a couple of more bids. Mr. Giannettino said why wouldn't we do an RFP on that. It is a big ticket item. It is over 10 grand. Shouldn't we look into a couple of bids. Attorney Rice said it is professional services so it is not subject to the bid requirement but the discussion was that the Mayor brought up the fact that she wasn't comfortable with just getting a quote from just one set of engineers even though they have done most of the work so far on the sewer plant and Charles is going to get quotes from two other people. Mr. Giannettino said okay. And since you quoted it it is immaterial but for the future. When you put backup on the website - the backup for that project was wastewater treatment plant and a blank page. That is not backup.

Vince Crapella and he is a director with our Chamber of Commerce. He said there are three issues that he would like to bring up. Number one - and there is a tremendous excitement with everyone that he speaks to about it. It's lighting up the Village with lights in the trees from late fall to spring. And a theme could

be built around it - lighting up the Village. It could tie in with a holiday theme and it is a very inexpensive way of lighting up our Village. He said our Village is dark. It is not conducive to people walking through town and to improve the lighting would cost a lot of money. So what he is proposing is this. He is speaking for himself, not for the total Chamber - but they are very amenable to supporting it. If they could co-sponsor together lighting this Village up like a New England town and they could be on a timer and there could be lights. And right now we have no commerce in town. Two businesses that have gone out of business already in the past week. So we have to do everything to promote the ambience of coming to downtown Suffern. So his proposal is this - that we could form a small committee to work with our Chamber - not too big - he thinks we could move a lot faster - and we could develop ideas of how to light up the Village. And it is exciting. And it is a very inexpensive way of lighting up the Village and creating a great holiday spirit and an ambience so that people would want to come into our Village. So he would like to present it to the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Board that we could work on this together. He said he thinks this is big. Everyone he talks to is excited about it. We could have All Bright Electric come in and give us a price on it. We could get some bids on it. And so perhaps one or two of the Trustees could work with the Chamber and we could really develop this. It is big.

Mr. Crapella said the second thing he is proposing is three hour parking. He said there are a lot of patrons that come to our restaurants, hair salons and other places and they are intimidated about two hour parking because if you - for example - he is a hairdresser. So he will take it from that point. If you get your hair done and you want to have lunch some place else you have to worry about getting out of town. We are chasing you out after two hours. That is not good. We have more than enough municipal parking. But in the winter time people don't want to walk. They are elderly. They don't want to walk. If we increase it to three hours he thinks it would be a big plus adding to the ambience of our Village. And we all love the Village. And we are all looking for what is best for the Village.

Mr. Crapella said the third issue is a few years back we had a signage law and we had the building inspector go through town and look at a percentage of the window with signs. He said he would give an example. There is a new business that is hanging coats and jackets in the entranceway to their store. It is cheap looking. So if we could revive the signage law that we have had and we can control it so that the town doesn't look tacky with a

lot of big signs in the windows. Another thing - if you look where the cleaners is and the Peruvian restaurant - it is filthy in that corner. Now if you take someone who is new to our Village and they are walking through and they shouldn't be exposed to something like this. So there are three issues - the lighting is a big issue, and it is an exciting issue. He said he thinks we are ready for three hour parking. If there are certain businesses that need 15 minutes, let's put 15 minutes in front of their business. So we work together. The three hours is not going to make everyone happy but what is happening is that a lot of businesses are putting their card in the window. The guy is doing a great job who will cite a violation if you are over two hours. But he is doing what he has been told. So he is proposing that we work on the three hours and the big thing is the lighting and he hopes that it creates an excitement and it is an inexpensive way of lighting the Village up. So hopefully we could co-sponsor financially - the Village and the Chamber - and we could create a committee and it is early enough that we could work on it and we all want the same thing. We all love our Village. We all put our years of love in this Village and we want people to come in.

Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan asked Trustee Meehan if he thought there was anyone from the downtown committee who would want to spin off and pair up with Vince and talk about that idea? Trustee Meehan said absolutely he does. And Vince got a hold of him a couple of weeks ago and he thought at that point of time it was a great idea and invited him to come here. And Trustee Meehan said he would certainly volunteer there and he will get someone from the committee and he will get in touch with Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan and we will take it from there. Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said perfect and then we will talk to Chief Osborn about the three hour parking and then she can get with the code enforcers and Terry and see what kind of laws we have.

Joseph Cestone of 25 Temple Lane said today Village employees took up the broken concrete in front of the new park that you built and filled it in with dirt and leaving access to that park only from the road for small children and mothers with carriages. How could you do such a thing. Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said it is not done yet. She asked Mr. Hunt to give an update on that. She said she knows they spoke about it this morning. She said that he is going to replace it in front of the park. She asked Mr. Hunt to let them know the plan. She said she knows they reviewed it this morning. Mr. Cestone said they cut it off six inches from his driveway. Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said Joe Hunt is behind him and he is going to explain exactly what is going to happen. Mr. Hunt said since the park has been put in

play and a fence has been put up and things have been put in there we have had multiple residents parking on that sidewalk accessing the park and it got jagged and broken and over time it is decrepit. So they removed it. They are getting ready to do a big planting project. They staged stones around the front of the gate so nobody can drive into it by accident backing out of a driveway and they felt that once we put trees in there the concrete won't stabilize and it was either re-pour a whole brand new sidewalk through there and right now his budget is not feasible so all they did was a planting to make it pretty. Mr. Cestone said that what you are saying is that you don't care about the mothers and children on Temple Lane and Lonergan Drive. Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said that is not what they are saying. Mr. Cestone said you treat Squires Gate like it is a slum. Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said we are going to make that park look - we are not done yet, she promises. We still have plantings and what not.

Nobody else spoke.

VILLAGE CLERK:

A) Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting of March 31, 2014:

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner asked if the Deputy Mayor wanted to take these individually. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan asked if anybody had any issues with any of the meetings. Trustee Meehan said he thinks on some of these issues - on the specials - it depends on who was there. He said he knows that Matt was there at a bunch of specials - Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said we are going to hold over the minutes until we have the full Board so everyone has an opportunity.

Trustee Meehan said we can do the regular one.

Trustee Meehan said he moved for approval of the regular Board meeting of May 12, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said the minutes of the regular Board meeting of May 12 is what they are approving and the special Board meetings they are going to hold over until we have a full Board.

B) Request - Block Party - Kim Hamilton:

The Village Clerk said we have a request from Mrs. Kim Hamilton from Lexington Avenue to have their annual block party which will be held August 31. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

C) Set Public Hearing - Request for Taxi License:

The Village Clerk we have a request to set a public hearing for a taxi license for Biensy A. Rosa. A motion to set the hearing for September 8 at 7:45 p.m. was made by Trustee Meehan. Trustee Hagen said we need some input from the Chief on this. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

MAYOR:

A) Resolution No. 10, 2014 - Subrecipient Agreement between Rockland County and the Village of Suffern:

Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan said this is a subrecipient agreement between Rockland County and the Village of Suffern.

RESOLUTION NO. 10, 2014

RESOLVED, that Patricia Abato, as Mayor of the Village of Suffern, is hereby authorized and directed to sign the 2014 Fiscal Year Subrecipient Agreement between Rockland County and the Village of Suffern for accepting and administrating the Fiscal Year 2014 Community Development Block Grant program for the District Revitalization Building Façade program in the amount of \$100,000.

A motion adopting Resolution No. 10, 2014 was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

