

**Village Board Meeting
Monday, April 1, 2013**

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

PRESENT: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Patricia Abato, Trustee Charles Falciglia,
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan

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

ABSENT: None

SET DATES FOR MAY MEETINGS:

The Mayor said the first thing he would like to do is to set the dates for the May meetings. The workshop meeting will be Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. and the Board meeting will be the following Monday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Mike Stark said that he had a few items on the agenda this evening that he is going to ask their approval on.

A) Approval - Brandon Egbertson - New Member - Hook & Ladder:

Chief Stark said this is a new member for the Hook & Ladder - Brandon Egbertson. A motion approving him was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Permission for the Following Fundraiser Events to be Held at Hose Company:

Chief Stark said there are a few fundraisers that the Hose Company would like to hold in the upcoming months. The first one is the Kentucky Derby Day on May 4, the car show on July 27, with a raindate of August 3, and the Hook and Ladder is going to sponsor a car wash for the Rockland County Explorer Post on April 27. A motion approving the events was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

C) Permission for Fire Chiefs to Attend the Fire Chiefs Seminar in Baltimore, MD B July 25 to July 27 B Not to Exceed \$1500:

Chief Stark said this last item is permission for the Fire Chiefs to attend the seminar in Baltimore, Maryland July 25 to July 27, not to exceed \$1500, which is in next years budget, if approved. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor asked Chief Stark what time the Kentucky Derby was starting. Trustee Abato said she didn't think they had one. Chief Stark said he would have to confirm that. He doesn't know if they actually have a time yet. He believes it is in the evening so it will probably be about 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The Mayor said okay. Sounds good.

CULTURE & RECREATION:

Mrs. Gail Curtin said that since the last Village Board meeting the AARP Tax service has continued and will continue tomorrow and one more Tuesday at the Leo P. Lydon Community Building on Tuesdays. Battery Saturday was held on March 9. A DARE Dance was held on Friday, March 15. Breakfast with the Bunny and the Egg Hunt, as each of you know, was very successful and was held on Saturday, March 23. And the Spring Coloring Contest, which was a little slow last year, got back on track this year so they had a good turnout.

Mrs. Curtin said upcoming they are very excited about this Saturday night. Talina and Friends in Concert Saturday, April 6, community center. The doors will open at 7 o'clock. The concert will start at 7:30 and she hopes they can all be there. There is a DARE Dance on Friday, April 12. Suffern "Keep Rockland Beautiful," which actually Charles Sawicki is spearheading this year, Saturday, April 13. There is a LEAD session on Friday, April 19. Farmer's Winter Market on Saturday, April 20. And a retirement celebration on Saturday, April 20 at the community center.

Mrs. Curtin said that she would also like to mention to them that, with their approval, they have been working with the

Village resident who is donating the absolutely wonderful monument in memory of the Newtown tragedy. She said she would like to show it to the Mayor perhaps tomorrow and they have a meeting at 1 o'clock to actually move ahead with it. She said it probably is not going to be done, if you approve it, for at least four or five months. Mrs. Curtin said the selection has been made by some members of the Recreation Board and some members of the Chamber of Commerce for the selection of Movie under the Stars this year - "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." Mrs. Curtin said that the Lions Club has asked for approval for their dates for their blood drives - Tuesday, May 21 and Tuesday, October 15. With the Board's approval, they will put them on the calendar. A motion approving the dates was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Mrs. Curtin said the Lions Club has also asked for a health fair at the community center on Tuesday, October 1. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Mrs. Curtin said that not on the agenda, but as of this evening, she was able to, just in the nick of time, get a nomination into the Rockland County Office of the Aging. Mrs. Curtin said the Mayor and she and Elaine actually talked about this and they did nominate Ray Guttierrez for Outstanding Senior Citizen in Rockland County. So you will hear about whether or not he makes that this year. Also tonight they received a draft of the pool calendar. She said she told them that she would try her best to get that done before she leaves and it looks like that will happen. It should be to us by the end of next week and certainly in the residents mailboxes by the end of April. Mrs. Curtin said she deliberately did not do lifeguard interviews yet. They were set up and with the possibility that her successor was going to come on board, they held that up. So now that that is going to be done, she believes, by them tonight, they will move ahead and give her the opportunity to sit in on those interviews with them.

Mrs. Curtin said lastly. She did give the Clerk a few days ago, last week, a copy of a letter that reads:

Honorable Mayor and Trustees:

This letter will serve as official notice that I will be retiring from the Village of Suffern as of Friday, April 26, 2013. I thank you and previous administrations for the opportunity to serve the Village in the capacity as recreation

and cultural coordinator. I will assist in whatever way I can towards a smooth transition of my position to my successor. Thank you.

A motion to accept Mrs. Curtin's letter of resignation was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Mayor at this point called Mrs. Curtin to the podium. He said he would like to take this opportunity to thank Gail for her almost 32 years with the Village of Suffern. He said this is just a way for them to say thank you on behalf of the Village Board. There will be a more formal, or he guesses informal, as to how you look at it, informal celebration later this month. But again, on behalf of the Village Board, thank you Gail for everything you have done. You really have been such a huge asset and a tremendous part of this Village. And he would like to say that there can be no replacement. There can only be a successor. The Mayor then presented Mrs. Curtin with flowers.

Mrs. Curtin said she absolutely loves these flowers and Colonial knows that. So thank you very much. She said that she too will be having a lot more to say on April 20. Thank you very much for the flowers, for the acknowledgement and for the opportunity.

The Mayor said it is a little bittersweet that this will be Gail's last meeting. But she won't be far. And thank you again for everything.

The Mayor said moving right along we have three public hearings on the agenda this evening all related to the budget.

7:45 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDING SEWER RATES:

The Mayor said what he would first like to do is open up the public hearing for the sewer rents. He would first like to say that our Treasurer, who normally is here, is unable to be here this evening. He had some surgery a while back and a little complication. He is going to be okay but Tom couldn't be here tonight. So the Mayor will answer any questions that anyone may have.

So the first thing the Mayor would like to do is open the public hearing for the sewer fund. The Mayor said the sewer fund - the most important part, obviously, is what the rents represent and the tentative 2014 budget calls for a 3.97% increase in the sewer

rents. Included in the budget is a contingency fund regarding our deficit reduction plan, which we put in place which will call for the elimination of the sewer fund long-term deficit. As everybody knows, we have invested millions of dollars in the sewer plant to fix it - replace all the personnel and the last piece of that is obviously the financial aspect. And the sewer budget has had a long-term deficit. We are starting the deficit reduction plan and that will include a \$50,000 payment in 2014 towards deficit reduction. In addition, at the last Board meeting, they voted to appropriate \$140,000 that remained from the first large piece of the sewer rebuild project which was the digester roof cover which came in at the end of the project under budget by \$140,000 and it is appropriate when a capital project comes in under to return the money to the originating fund, which would be the sewer fund. So with ten weeks left in the current budget year, assuming that everything that they predicted is on for the year we are in we will see the deficit reduced by \$140,000. So \$140,000 there plus \$50,000 for the 2014 budget and we look to be deficit free with the sewer rebuilt by the year end, by fiscal year end May 31, 2017. The Mayor said first he will open it up to the Board if anyone has any questions and then to the public. And this is just on the sewer fund.

Since nobody spoke, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2013

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING
CHAPTER 220 OF THE CODE OF THE
VILLAGE OF SUFFERN
REGARDING SEWER RENTS

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

Section 1. Section 220-44 of the Code of the Village of Suffern is hereby amended to provide as follows:

- A. The sewer rent shall be established and may be changed by Local Law following a public hearing

thereon. The sewer rate shall be \$6.60 per 100 cubic feet of water consumed for properties located in the Village of Suffern.

- B. The minimum sewer rent shall be \$20.00 per billing period. [Amended 4-2-2012 by L.L. No. 6-2012]

- C. The Board of Trustees may allow properties located outside the corporate limits of the Village of Suffern to access and utilize the Village sewage system if it is determined that all aspects of the system possess sufficient excess capacity. If it is subsequently determined that any aspect of the system is insufficient, the Village may terminate such outside-the-Village access upon such notice as the Board of Trustees deems to be reasonable. Such outside users shall be charged at the rate of \$6.60 per 100 cubic feet of water used as reflected on the bill provided by their water supplier. Such user shall provide copies of such water bills to the Village Clerk within five days of receipt of the same in order for the Village to calculate the applicable sewer rent. If the outside user fails to do so, the Village will render an estimated sewer rent. If such outside user fails to provide such water bill upon demand, the Village may terminate service upon 30 days written notice. In any event, the minimum bill chargeable to an outside user shall be \$20 per billing period.

Section 2. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

A motion to adopt the sewer Local Law No. 3, 2013 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

7:45 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDING WATER RATES:

The Mayor said next on the agenda is the public hearing on the water rates. The Mayor said this is the same type of situation. The water rates versus last year - we are seeing an increase of 2.8%. You can see the rates at the bottom of the second page F-0 is going from \$2.84 for the first unit, which is 750 gallons, to \$2.92, which represents a 2.8% increase. Obviously as anyone who lives here in the Village of Suffern knows, other than Nyack, we are the only other municipality that has our own water utility and our rates are significantly lower than United Water's. Similarly there this administration inherited a long-term budget deficit in the sewer fund - in excess of half a million dollars. In the current budget we are in we have appropriated \$122,000 towards deficit reduction. Again, with ten weeks left in the year, everything looking on target, that will call for a reduction in the deficit by \$122,000 and we also have placed, and you can see in the contingent account, the further deficit reduction in this budget that we are adopting tonight of \$70,000. So if everybody sees the budget there, the increase is far less than actually - the increase alone is less than we are putting towards deficit reduction. So if you took away the deficit reduction we actually would have lowered rates. But it makes sense and this Board is committed to eliminating the deficit by May 31, 2016. So a year ahead of the sewer deficit. So again, if there is any questions. Also, in terms of infrastructure we will be committing two pumps - Mr. Sawicki said two wells - the Mayor said we are doing work on the two wells which is included directly in the water budget and that is going to be about \$50,000. So included in this budget is deficit reduction and \$50,000 investment in infrastructure.

Since nobody spoke, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2013

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING
CHAPTER 261 OF THE CODE OF THE
VILLAGE OF SUFFERN REGARDING WATER RATES

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

Section 1. Section 261-15 of the Code of the Village of Suffern is hereby amended to provide as follows:

A. Water Rates. Water rates will be charged as follows:

I. For consumers within the Village:

- a. For the first 10 units or fraction thereof: \$35.00 minimum charge;
- b. For that portion over 10 units and less than 71 units: \$2.92 per unit;
- c. For that portion over 70 units: \$3.34 per unit.

II For consumers outside the Village limits:

- a. For the first 10 units or fraction thereof: \$55.00
- b. For that portion over 10 units: \$4.36 per unit.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

A motion to adopt Local Law No. 4 for the water was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

7:50 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPT 2013-2014 BUDGETS:

The Mayor said the last item in the public hearings is the budget - the 2013-2014 budgets. A couple of weeks ago we had our public hearing on the budget. As some of you may know we changed the process, this administration. It used to be that we had a public hearing and we would adopt the budget the same night. Because when we have the public hearings if we don't vote on the budget that night we are required to continue the public hearing each night until we vote on the budget. So it didn't make sense in the view of this Board that we would ask the public to come in and

comment and then not even give the opportunity to reflect those comments in the budget because we would have to vote the same night. So the process has been streamlined. It is online. It starts in January with the presentation of the budget worksheets to the department heads. They go through their budgets and then the Treasurer puts all that data in. And the Treasurer and Mayor sits down with the individual department heads and go over their budgets. Once the Mayor has a preliminary budget with the Treasurer they then afford the opportunity for the Board of Trustees to meet individually with the department heads. Once that process is done they post the budget online. Give the public an opportunity to comment. And then they have the public hearing which they did a couple of weeks back where they got comments and then they come back here to adopt the budget. So before he opens it up to the Board and then to the public hearing, he just wants to note a couple of things.

The Mayor said that the budget which was posted before the public hearing two weeks ago - the only change to it was that we were at 1.78. That was the proposed increase. We are currently at 1.58% and what that represents is - you can see on page A2-15 - under public safety, departmental income, A3158.9 - that line was increased versus the last budget by \$17,500 and what that represents, working with these Board members, specifically Trustee Falciglia, is the Salvation Army in our meeting has agreed to increase their payment in lieu of taxes to the Village which had previously stood at \$10,000 since 1978. We are still working on the exact number but the number that we reflect here represents a pretty conservative approach to what that increase will be. In addition, the hospital, Good Samaritan, has pledged a \$50,000 payment in lieu of taxes for two years. And Esther Gitlow Towers as well is coming in at \$50,000 as a payment in lieu of taxes. So those three items will significantly reduce the levy that would otherwise be borne by the taxpayers. So we are very happy about that. And that really was the only change in the budget versus the one that we looked at two weeks ago. In addition, a couple of other items that he would like to note. The Mayor said that this budget - we also reported the year-end statement from 2012, May 31, 2012 fiscal year end. Our auditors gave us a preliminary report and in that our fund balance is in the black by a little over \$60,000 which represents about 2/3 of 1% in the black and with 10 weeks remaining in the current fiscal year which is set to end May 31 we are also projected to be in the black once again. That means in the last three years - 14 months in advance because when we pass this budget tonight, the books will not be closed on this 2014 budget year until May 31,

2014. So almost 14 months from now. So for three years in a row for us to be within 1/2 or 1/3 of 1% of what we originally projected is a testament to the hard work of all our department heads, the Board members here, and our Treasurer Tom Zordan.

The Mayor said also, in terms of our commitment to continue capital investments, we are going to invest over one million dollars this year in revamping our sewer plant and then consistently we have \$500,000 a year capital projects plus other money we get from the State for highway funding so we are going to look this year - there is various equipment in the fire department of \$73,000, a new roof at the hose company for \$60,000, an Ionize study, which is part of the sewer plant rebuild which is \$50,000, a patrol vehicle at \$37,000 for the police and roadway improvements of \$279,000 plus money from other sources. We are looking to put about \$450,000 in another roadway improvement which will bring us into several millions of dollars in the last few years. The Mayor said so again we are looking to not only keep taxes down but continue to invest in infrastructure. The Mayor said that is pretty much it from his end. He asked if there was anything from any of the Board members. Trustee Falciglia said that just so you know he spoke to Major Forman at the Salvation Army and the money in lieu increase they have approved it on the local level and they have sent it to the Eastern region for approval and they have also picked up on our recommendation to tie it to an index for a yearly or an annual increase to be compounded. Trustee Falciglia said he suggested that we just tie it to our annual budget increase or decrease, they can benefit, so he hopes to hear back from him within a couple of weeks.

The Mayor said that is great and he appreciates the Salvation Army willing to recognize that we are in a much different environment than we were when they first entered into that arrangement and he thinks that our budget has increased ten-fold. So he thinks what we have asked is reasonable given the circumstances. So if there is no other comments from the Board, the Mayor will open it up to the public.

Since nobody spoke, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Since somebody wanted to speak, a motion to reopen the public hearing was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Jack H. Rosenberg of 13 Somerset Drive said he couldn't make the public hearing because his family and he decided that they had to take his wife out for her birthday. So he couldn't make that. But somebody was nice enough to drive him here tonight. He is under restriction never to leave the house without somebody so this gentleman was very nice to him and drove him here so that is why he is here.

Mr. Rosenberg said you mentioned that this is the budget for the fiscal year 2014 and he noticed that in that budget there is a figure of \$410,000 of revenue to come from fees and permits. Now we are currently in the fiscal year 2013 and there is an item in that budget saying under fees and permits \$180,000 and most importantly in the 2012 budget which ended a year ago there were two figures. One was \$300,000 in the revenue column with the others saying that we are going to sell a piece of property and we are going to put \$300,000 into the bank. And in the same budget it said that we were going to take in \$475,000 from fees and permits. Mr. Rosenberg said if you add up the four figures - 475, 300 is 775, 180, 55, and 410 is \$1465 and considering that this Village is not like the federal government which passed something called 787 billion dollars, this little budget is next to nothing, next to nothing. But for us in the Village it is very important because the figure he quoted them is a substantial portion of the operation of the Village - not including the sewer and the water departments. Mr. Rosenberg said that in the first year, 2012, you put down \$475,000 and at the end of that fiscal year you were short approximately \$250,000. You didn't receive the 475,000. You took in 225,000. So you were short the receipt of money \$250,000. In addition, you could not sell the \$300,000 piece of property. So there between those two items alone you have a loss of revenue, revenue, of \$575,000 - well over half a million dollars. Now, this year has seen all but sixty days - sixty days has expired. Today is the first of April. There are 29 days in April and there are 31 days in May. That is 60 days. So that means that 305 days have passed in this fiscal year and obviously there are monies to be accounted for as of the end of the year but obviously there is a certain amount of money that has not been received for the year of 2012 and he believes that a certain amount of money has not been received for the successor year. Obviously, you can't tell what 2014 would be because it doesn't go into effect until June 1. Now, how can you possibly not receive cash money which is supposed to make your budget balanced. The law compels the Village to balance a paper in black and white. Putting something down on a piece of paper is not the

same as receiving the money. Somebody should look at the question of well how come that all these large sums have not been received. He said he doesn't have access to the information. The five of you have access to that information. Why don't you take a good look and see whether or not any of the items that were under fees and permits were listed more than once because it shouldn't be.

The Mayor asked Mr. Rosenberg if there was a question. Mr. Rosenberg said that is it. The Mayor said let him clear up his question on this. One, yes. The one item you referred to and we addressed it at the public hearing which, as you said, you couldn't be here because you had your wife's birthday. At that public hearing we addressed the \$300,000 of 120 Orange Avenue and that property was not sold. However, we were able to gain sufficient revenue in the budget to make up that \$300,000. So essentially what happens is that now enables us where this property - the money that was made up - so when we do sell it it is not going to fill a hole but it will be additional revenue because that revenue was made up. And ultimately, as he said before, what matters is that at the end of the day when we close our books. And when we close the books on 2012, which he talked about - we were in the black by over \$60,000 and with ten weeks left in this current year we are going to be in the black again. So whether a specific revenue item may have been off when the books are audited at the end of the day we are in the black. In terms, and he also mentioned, yes, there are some revenue figures there with sixty days left because there are some large projects that may come in at the tail end of this current year we are in which ends May 31. Specifically, the Esther Gitlow project, which is a \$17 million project that includes the building of the third building and a parking garage. So that has already been approved and the permit, the building permit associated with that would be \$170,000. So if that comes in before May 31, we will not only meet that building department revenue figure but we will exceed it. So as we discussed before, when that comes in, it depends on whether later in the year - if it comes in in the current year, we will have to amend the budget to allocate some of the fund balance that exceeds what we currently project into the budget that we are entering. So that particular permit - where it falls, the revenue will come in but we have to figure whether it comes in blowing away our numbers in the current year for the building fees and then we would have to appropriate some fund balance or whether it comes in in the next year. But the number that we looked at is over \$400,000. Every project in there has been approved by the Planning Board. These are not speculative

projects. There are some other projects that he does believe will come to fruition before we close the books on 2014 but none of those projects are reflected in the budget in revenue any way. So everything in there, he believes, is appropriate. And again he guesses the proof is in the pudding that for three years in a row we have ended the year within 1/3 of 1%. So if you had a budget that was a dollar at the end of the year we are within 1/3 of one penny. So he thinks that obviously that's why a budget is just a budget but when the books are closed and they are audited, that is when the proof is in the pudding. And we have come in right on target. So we are going to continue to do that.

Mr. Rosenberg asked if we will receive ultimately the 475,000 that you said would be received by May 31, 2012. The budget was adopted. The Mayor said 2012 is closed out. We have the official audit report - Mr. Rosenberg said you have \$475,000? The Mayor said other revenue numbers came in ahead and we are \$60,000 in the black. Mr. Rosenberg said you have the 475? The Mayor said he would have to look at the specific revenue figures. He doesn't have that budget in front of him. The Mayor said we closed the books. The auditors have issued their preliminary report and for the year ending May 31, 2012 we are \$60,000 in the black. The Mayor said we can talk about the specific numbers if you want to call them up. Pull out that budget and look at them. But he doesn't have those numbers in front of him of which revenue you refer to. The Mayor said again he refers to the fact that we are in the black. Mr. Rosenberg said he knows for a fact that the approval for a project was two years ago. That money should have been paid by the end of last May. The Mayor said he doesn't know what approval you are talking about. Mr. Rosenberg said Gitlow. The Mayor said Gitlow wasn't approved two years ago. Mr. Rosenberg said yes it was. The Mayor said no it wasn't. Mr. Rosenberg said he was here. The Mayor said Gitlow III was approved in the last several months, not two years ago. The Mayor asked him if there was anything else. Can we continue? Mr. Rosenberg said what about the \$300,000 that you didn't get for 120. The Mayor said he just said that that again - we made up the revenue in other ways so when the book closed on 2012 we are in the black. Which means that when it sells that that money will come back into the general fund and it will be a windfall. It is not included in this year's budget so it is not on the books there. So it is a piece of property that whatever we get for it will be additional revenue.

The Mayor asked if anybody else had any public comment. Since nobody spoke, a motion to close the public hearing was made by

Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Trustee Meehan said what he was going to be offering on the vote on the budget is a small amendment to the capital budget. Now for years the Suffern Fire Department has sought to establish an emergency crossing of the railroad near Dunnery Court, which is the street which runs perpendicular to the railroad in the west ward. So that would be so that emergency vehicles - fire trucks and also ambulances and police cars - could access the west ward because with greater and greater and greater frequency the two underpasses - one at Ramapo Valley Road in New Jersey and the one on Chestnut Street in the Village - become flooded and become impassable to emergency vehicles and actually Ramapo Valley Road, which intersects with Ramapo Avenue in the west ward, also becomes impassable itself. Trustee Meehan said it was our understanding that when we received the \$300,000 settlement from the Mahwah mall developer - and by the way that \$300,000 went a long way in offsetting our failure to sell the property on Orange Avenue. But he believes the Board members here are very much in favor of this project. Yet our official document doesn't reflect this. As he said extreme weather events are occurring with greater and greater frequency and he thinks that by placing this in the capital budget he had a brief discussion with Charles Sawicki and he thinks he and you had worked up a preliminary figure and the figure is not too important. The other thing he would point out is that he also had discussions with Tom Zordan. Trustee Meehan said by placing \$150,000 in the capital budget it doesn't have any effect for this tax year so it wouldn't have any effect on the tax rate. So he would like to move to amend the capital budget to include \$150,000 dedicated to the crossing of the New Jersey Transit railroad at Dunnery Court between Orange Avenue and Dunnery Court. And he moves that and he is sorry. He should have discussed this, perhaps, earlier with the Board members but he is asking - he said he knows that they all think that this project should be done so he is asking for a second here and he hopes to have a vote on this amendment.

Mayor LaCorte said he would like to offer something on this. He said he understands - yes - two points in what you are saying in terms of the project - potentially the money we got from Mahwah. The feeling that, at least he had, is that with respect to this project - the funding that we got from Mahwah was unrestricted and he was instrumental in doing that because he thinks the feeling is, and especially he knows this Governor and the storms, is that we believe that we will be able to secure funding for

this crossing project. So if we were to spend that money on that - \$150,000 - which is a lot of money - we can't get grant money for it. While yes, we do want to get it done. We are actually seeking money for that project and he would rather have it paid for by a grant then take \$150,000 out of the general fund that would otherwise come in with the settlement. The other issue is we do keep the capital project budget consistent at \$500,000. So pretty much what that would do is going forward it would raise the current budget or next year's budget by \$150,000 because what we essentially do is that we have our long-term borrowing which we have two bonds - the sewer bond and the bond he thinks we did four years ago with the road project and one of the fire trucks. Those are our two long-term borrowings and then on top of that every year we have \$500,000 that we put in capital projects that we pay off in advance. So each year when we pay off \$500,000 we try to spend a new \$500,000 in infrastructure. So while he thinks that that is an option, he thinks that increasing the capital budget we would have to look to remove one of the current projects to keep it consistent.

Trustee Meehan said to let him say this. He really thinks that this project is more important than some of the other items that are in the capital budget and that if we had to we could reduce it in other areas. He also thinks that putting this in the capital budget would not preclude in any way, and he can't think of any legal way and of course we don't have our attorney with us tonight, but he can't think of any legal way in the thirty years that he has served in public office that would preclude it if we had that in the budget - that would preclude it being funded by grants. And he thinks that is a good idea.

Trustee Abato said no, Jack, you are wrong on that. If you have money allocated for a project in your budget you cannot secure grant money for that project. Trustee Meehan said he disagrees. Trustee Falciglia asked where are we with the project. He said he thought Clarke was working on something.

Chief Clarke Osborn said he has been working with Charles and Mike here for - he thinks we started working on this a year and a half ago. The biggest part was basically securing the property and basically to have New Jersey Transit allocate use of the rail for this purpose. We secured this. The second step which he knows Charles is working on is in regards to putting plans together. It seems like DPW can do a lot of the work with the exception of anything on the tracks which is basically stipulated that it has to be done by New Jersey Transit and it will also be done by

their workers. Which he can understand because apparently it is not - they have to put certain mats down between the tracks. At this point he thinks that we are literally just waiting to get the approval. He said he knows we have talked about the plan. And to get the funding at this point from what he understands. New Jersey Transit, he believes, did not get us the final numbers. It takes a while to get through with them from experience in dealing with them for the last year and a half. But we have gotten pretty far. The last time we met, he believes, and Mike was with them and with Charles, and the one big thing that we have to do is that they are requiring a fence all the way down on Orange Avenue on both sides of the tracks. What they are concerned about is people just jumping on the tracks and trying to get across that right of way. So it is definitely in the works. And that Mahwah - it was Bruce and Sam and they all went down to Mahwah the other day. He was part of that meeting with the Mahwah officials and the Mahwah Police Chief and the Mahwah Fire Chief in regards to flooding issues and that came up and he pretty much advised them of the same thing - that we are looking just to get it finalized by New Jersey Transit. But the reality is we are going to have to need a funding source from somewhere to really push this through because that is one of the questions they consistently have. Who is going to fund this until they need to know as we really start pumping money into this for New Jersey Transit. That is pretty much - it is a pretty involved process that we have been dealing with. Trustee Meehan said it is very interesting as far as grant funds are concerned. Because he went to 711 and he ran into our grantwriter and he didn't know anything about that. Which is sort of interesting if we are seeking grant funding for this project. The Mayor said he meant more of going through our state officials directly. The State assemblymembers and state senator. But the issue there is that we did try to seek it for the environmental benefits project associated with the consent agreement which we entered with the DEC but he believes on that one they said that we couldn't use that project. But what we can do, Jack, if we want to get this done and he does believe that there is a commitment by this Governor that he said he wants to spend significant monies on this and this is a pretty substantial project in terms of public safety is that we do not have to itemize what is in the capital budget until we go out for borrowing as long as a number - the \$500,000 - is what we are doing. Obviously, we want to do - the Chief will tell you he wants a new roof on the Hose Company - but you know. But what we can do is we will talk about it. We don't have to finalize this. Obviously we want to do a significant road project this year but again as long as the budget is consistent and we do before we

finalize it if it is moving forward and we do need the money it is potential to tap this capital source. But he doesn't think we can increase how much we are spending. He thinks the \$500,000 - it is actually \$499,229 - is a number in order to balance our budget we keep that number consistent. Because another \$150,000 if you think about it - paying it over 5 years would be over \$30,000 a year. Trustee Abato said she agrees with Trustee Meehan. She thinks it should be on the capital list and she thinks it is far more important than some of the projects but going down the road if Clarke is successful and we do get a number from them and it is something that we can move forward with then that would go obviously to the top of our list. Trustee Meehan said that you know with the State that reduces its budget by 90 million dollars to the handicapped - are they going to go for a railroad crossing? He said he doesn't know. He said in his experience as a grantwriter this is not the type of item that he sees being funded. Now we used to have something called member items. If Tom Morahan were still around it would probably be pretty easy to come up with this money as a member item. But we don't have member items anymore so he doesn't know. And the State has adopted its budgets unless it is items that is in the budget it certainly is not something that we are going to see anytime soon, as far as he can see.

The Mayor said he understands in general but they are increasing the amount of funding for flood mitigation. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said that Fred and her are working with Joe Abate about some extra funding and this is one of the things that we can bring up to him. He should be back from vacation tomorrow and she would be happy to review that with him. If you have paperwork - Chief Osborn said he feels very confident - very, very confident. He would say that this is going to move forward based on our conversations with New Jersey Transit in meetings. He said he feels confident. We pretty much have the approval which took a while through their real estate section. We have some odds and ends we have to work at in our end which he can discuss - nothing major. But he does feel confident that we will - that we pretty much has the approval that we need. The Mayor said the track work. Chief Osborn said yes, the track work and that is something that they really didn't get back to us with an amount and we really need to step it up with them. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said it falls under one of the grants that we have been trying to find what we can spend the money on so maybe this will work. The Mayor said we will put it at the top of the list and we probably have until the early summer before we have to finalize what items are in the capital - we don't finalize until we - Trustee Meegan-

Corrigan said it can't hurt to try. Trustee Meehan said he is an old legislator so let him see if he can't get a loan at least get a half a loan. So he would make a motion that it is the intent of this Village Board and that the Village Board goes on record because it is not on the record - that the Village Board goes on record that they will pursue this project diligently within the next year and that if grant funding is not available that we use funds of our own to accomplish this goal. The Mayor said he personally feels comfortable with that and he will second that. Trustee Meehan said he will withdraw the original motion. The Mayor said then we will vote on the budget and then we will vote on that.

A motion to adopt the 2013-2014 budget was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor thanked everyone for their hard work.

Trustee Meehan said he will reiterate the intention of this Village Board to complete at the earliest possible time the emergency crossing of the railroad at Dunnery Court and that it is our intention to do that either with, hopefully, with grant funds but if not that we would use our own funds to budget it, seconded by Mayor LaCorte. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

A) Hallett Place License Agreement with County of Rockland:

The Mayor said that Attorney Rice isn't here but the one item we have is the agreement - the Mayor asked Bill Schoenleber to come up. The Mayor said we have an agreement here with the County of Rockland for use of Hallett Place and Mr. Schoenleber will talk about this. Mr. Schoenleber said what it all concerns is the contract for Hallett Place for the buses for layovers. He said they have had an agreement for about ten years in which we weren't getting any funding whatsoever and our contract expired. So we sat down with the Transportation Department and they agreed

to pay us \$1500 a month for layovers and give us \$20,000 to repair any of our lots. It is a four year contract and it would end up being a little over \$96,000 so he is asking for approval to get that signed. The Mayor said great job. Trustee Falciglia said he had one question. He said the \$20,000 for improvements. If the contract is terminated or the license is terminated because each party has the option of doing that within the four years or 51 months. Is that like a use it or lose it? Mr. Schoenleber said no, no. He believes that right now - as soon as we sign the contract - there is a lot of repairs that have to be done in the lots so he plans on using it right away to get the lots repaired. Trustee Falciglia said before someone says ah - you know. The Mayor said we should talk to Charles and Terry about obviously a lot of paving - what the rules are with respect to the Parking Authority going out with our contract that we are going to be doing for roads. So it may make sense because obviously our project is going to be in excess of \$400,000 so with the mobilization fees - a \$20,000 paving project isn't significant. But we should talk to Charles about that and Terry to see if we can add that funding and then add the work that you identify that needs to be done for paving. Mr. Schoenleber said he already talked to Charles and he will get together with him to try to work out if the Village does the work and we can pay the Village \$20,000 for whatever needs to be done. The Mayor said okay, we will work on it. Thank you. Good job. A motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said once again to Bill good job with that. Thank you so much.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Clarke Osborn said he had some very brief announcements. Number one is that he is asking the Mayor and Board if next month we could have an awards ceremony. In May, usually he believes it is the second week in May, it is National Police Week so he is asking the Board if he could bring officers and residents in to

award them for exceptional duty for the past year on some of the incidents we have had here in the Village as well as some residents who have done some exceptional things for our department as well. So he is asking the Mayor and Board if they wouldn't mind if we could do that in May. The Mayor said of course.

A) Training:

Chief Osborn said their firearms training will be starting in May. This is yearly training for our officers. We are training pistol, shotgun and our patrol rifles and we will be doing that for probably a three or four day period and that is our yearly training. The DARE rink is going great. We have all our lights being installed this week. Trenches are being dug. Conduits are being dug. We should have the lights installed by Wednesday or Thursday for our spring season which opens up April 13 or 14. And last but not least. He has spoken to Trustee Falciglia about some overnight parking issues. Trustee Falciglia asked if we could check the B Lot for overnight parking which is prohibited there and within a week we issued 17 summonses which is \$40 a piece. So he just wanted to let them know. He said he knows we have been speaking about it. Trustee Falciglia said that is \$680. The Mayor said this reminds him that someone approached him a couple of years and while we do have a prohibition against overnight parking but if someone visits one of our restaurants and has a few drinks and doesn't want to drive we should look to not penalize somebody for overnight parking. We want to encourage safety first. He said he doesn't know if we want to designate some area but he thinks it is more important - Trustee Abato said she thinks a designated area would be a great idea. The Mayor said we should talk about this. Chief Osborn said that the summonses were issued Monday through Thursday for that reason. The Mayor said you may not but people party during the week, Clarke. Chief Osborn said he knows. Trustee Falciglia said his idea was to get an idea and to see if there was additional revenue out there during the graveyard hours and he is really happy with the way it worked. He said we had to be selective and targeted and he thinks that once people got wind of it - Chief Osborn said the first couple of days they were written but after the second and third day it pretty much died out. The Mayor said to Charles that we also talked about another source of potential revenue is that people who own their own businesses park large commercial vehicles in their driveways. The economy is bad and we don't want to hurt our residents but some people complain that they live in a residential area and they don't want a large box

truck parked next door to them. So one thing we talked about is potential locations where we could sell permits to allow local people who own businesses to park their vehicles overnight. So a lot that is not owned by us that is used. We don't want to hurt people but we want to make sure that commercial vehicles aren't parked in residential neighborhoods for residents. The Chief said okay, that is all he has.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

A) Resignation Letter - Mr. Joseph Jacaruso - March 22, 2013:

The Mayor said we have a resignation letter from Mr. Joseph Jacaruso dated March 22, 2013. Joe served us well for a little over two years and now he has sold his home in Rockland and is officially retiring to his other home. The Mayor said he thanks Joe and he will be back and forth and if anyone wants to reach out to him. He still has some moving going on. A motion to accept the letter of resignation was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Bill Pamm of 176 Doxbury Lane said he has two items. He said that quite a few months ago he brought this up again. It is about Yorkshire Drive - the lines. And most of our main thoroughfares were redone except from the intersection of Parkside Drive and Cragmere Road. He said he doesn't understand why it wasn't done. It is a large road. He thinks the Mayor suggested that he go to Chief Osborn and he gave him a copy from Frederick P. Clarke Associates, a very well-known firm, and they examined this - the subject was Yorkshire Drive, Suffern, New York and it was dated September 16, 2009. He said he will just read a little of it. "As requested by the Village we have conducted a field investigation of Yorkshire Drive from the intersection of Cragmere Road to the east to the intersection of Milford Lane to the west to determine if it would be appropriate for a double yellow center line to be installed on this roadway. It was recently paved by the Village." And they describe the thing on the road - the parking - and he thinks what is very relative to this is that on the next page "the roadway serves as a collector in serving large residential areas in two large multifamily type developments. It is likely this road functions as a bypass to Route 59 which is located to the north. Motorists use Yorkshire Drive both for access for their specific neighborhood and also to traverse the southerly portion of the Village pathway to the hospital area. The

observations indicate that generally motorists are driving down the middle of the road. There is a lack of directional traffic flow especially at night - you can't see where you are on this road. The roadway is not a local neighborhood roadway. Based on these observations and the level of traffic observed during the weekday afternoon time period it is recommended that the Village consider installing a double yellow center line for the entire length of Yorkshire Drive." Mr. Pamm said that you can see on the last page that they have an aerial picture. It did used to have a single line down it. So he suggests that the Village made a mistake and they should draw a single or double line down Yorkshire Drive. That is one item.

Mr. Pamm said the next item is concerning the terrible tragedy that happened in New Town a few short weeks ago. The worst tragedy that could happen to a community occurred on December 14, 2012 at the New Town Sandy Hill Elementary School. And obviously a mentally sick young man, Adam Lanza, blasted his way into the school with automatic weapons firing perhaps 150 rounds in a matter of minutes and massacred 20 5 and 6 year old children plus 6 teachers and their principal. He then killed himself. Previously to that he had also killed his mother. There are simply no words to describe the horror of this event to the families, friends and the entire country. Many other killings have occurred before and after this event. As a matter of fact there are over 32,000 deaths by firearms every year in the gun culture of our country. It is time to put a halt to this carnage. On the other sheet it is being taken up by Congress, he thinks the State of New York Legislature, and he has distributed copies of this and they want to hear from the grass roots. And he thinks that this is the grass roots and he recommends that the Board pass a resolution along these lines concerning guns. Background checks before acquiring a gun must be more thorough. For example, in Canada, there is a twenty day inquiry period plus two citizens must sign forms attesting to the character of the potential gun owner. This should also cover the purchase of a gun at gun shows. This is a big loophole of guns being purchased and sold at gun shows. Ban the importation of assault weapons containing gun clips of thirty to fifty bullets. No citizen needs this deadly weapon which should only be used by police forces and the military. All of this does not impinge on our second amendment rights for legitimate uses of rifles by hunters. Another item is in the schools to increase the mental health facilities in schools for young men exhibiting very bad antisocial behavior. Mr. Pamm said he thinks it is really time for our country to address this issue. It is being addressed and he hears that

certain things are waiting. Certain portions they may only get adjournment. But he thinks especially these assault rifles really do not belong in the hands of citizens. Mr. Pamm thanked the Board. The Mayor said he personally - and he doesn't know if the Village wants to - but he has personally expressed in other arenas similar positions as his and he believes the AR15 which is the weapon of choice in these mass murders - there is no need for law-abiding citizens to have them. High capacity magazine clips, mandatory waiting periods. He said he does agree with everything he said. Obviously if this Board at some point wants to do something he is supportive of that but he has kind of left each individual to address that and as he knows it is definitely a State issue now and he believes that Congress is not passing the assault - reinstating the Clinton era assault weapons ban. But yes, it has now become a local issue especially in this County with the gun map. It is kind of a very hot button issue in Rockland and the State as well. So thank you for your comments.

Roy Tschudy of 16 Lonergan Drive said he would like to wish the Board and everyone here a belated happy Passover and Easter and he wants to thank them for the opportunity for him to be able to come up and speak.

Mr. Tschudy said the question - one or two that he might have - is regarding the Squires Gate playground. It is now the spring. It has been discussed previously that in the spring that the new park would go in. So he would like to inquire if we have a date on that. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan asked if he was talking about the Temple Park? Mr. Tschudy said yes. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said we are still waiting to hear from the people who own the property. Their attorneys were pretty badly shaken by Sandy and Terry and she has been reaching out to them. She said she did not check in with Terry this week on that. We need to buy the property before we can put a park there on Temple. Mr. Tschudy said he knows but this has been ongoing now for quite a while. The Mayor said it was set for this spring. That is the plan. So we weren't able to do it last year. So it's always been planned for this season. Mr. Tschudy said so it is safe to say that it will be going in during the spring. The Mayor said yes, as long as we get the land. Getting the playground is not - Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said we are hoping so. We are hoping that the attorney is able to get back to his daily functions after Sandy. Mr. Tschudy said okay, he appreciates that.

Mr. Tschudy said that regarding Donna Hallet Park - he said they were hoping to see some seeding done on the area because it kind

of looks like a battlefield, to be honest with them. And with that he believes that benches were to be installed also. The Mayor said we had talked about this. He said now we are shifting out of the winter into the spring. Last year we were mainly focused - there was a lot of water there. Getting rid of the water but obviously yes. We are also looking at acquiring as part of an agreement with the landowner to get the property also on Temple right across from Iskovitz's house from the car wash so they are going to move forward on the site plan and they have agreed to donate that property to the Village. So that will be passive and there will be benches there. And presumably the fence would be moved back to where that tree line is on the property so that will be a good thing also. Mr. Tschudy said yes, it would. The Mayor said we are working on that as well. Mr. Tschudy said in addition to that - you are aware where the basketball court is down at Donna Hallet Park. Many of the young ones lose their ball into the water. There is no barrier of any sort. And what happens is - if he was a kid and when he was a kid - he would have done the same thing that a lot of them do. They go heading into the river to retrieve their basketball and just as a safety issue he would feel terrible, like he is sure everybody else would, if God forbid an accident happens with a child getting hurt. That is inexcusable. So he asked Charles today if they could look into it - if they could put some kind of small barrier fencing up that would preclude a child from going into the water which could incur an injury.

Trustee Abato said we actually talked about that because she actually had the same concern as Mr. Tschudy did because the kids are playing right next to this river and the water. The problem is that when we looked into different ways to possibly put something up there there is a river running. So unless it was something that was put in as a permanent fixture, there was really no way to keep any kind of fencing or barrier up there because of the obvious reasons with the river coming up. That being said she still thinks that some kind of deterrent should be put there. What it is - Charles is still trying to come up with something. Mr. Tschudy said in addition to that - if that is not possible due to a very valid point. If they could just take the baskets off and put it on the other way to the bigger side of the field so that it would be going east and west instead of north and south. Trustee Abato said so it doesn't go into the river. Mr. Tschudy said yes. Trustee Abato said she agrees with him. Mr. Tschudy said this way that would preclude any injury. And the last thing on that - if it is possible - it is embarrassing to say - but there are a lot of people in the Village who do not

pick up after their animals and that is also a health issue. He said he doesn't know if summonses are ever issued on that or not - Trustee Abato said we do have an ordinance. Mr. Tschudy said it is terrible to look at and it is a health issue. The Mayor said yes we do - Mr. Tschudy asked if we could along the park put doggie bags. The Mayor said yes, along with signs to curb your dog. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said there is a dog in her neighborhood who has been very busy and she literally now is chasing people down with extra plastic bags. Mr. Tschudy said he agrees. He carries numerous bags. But he thinks they come out late at night, like vampires or whatever to walk their dog. Trustee Abato said she is pretty sure that we talked about doing that at every park - to make sure that there is something at every park. Mr. Tschudy said it is just unhealthy.

Mr. Tschudy said lastly he would just like to thank Clarke and Charles for coming down today to the park to help them - the Committee that has been formed - Concerned Citizens of Suffern - where they were looking to upgrade the neighborhood with issues that are pertaining to that and with the cleanup that will be coming. So he would just like to thank them on that.

Trustee Meehan said just a brief comment. He said we had a curb your dog sign on Hallett Park and everybody did. And so it created a problem - everybody curbing their dog in the same place. And then the neighbors asked to have it removed. But the ordinance that we have makes the presumption that if you don't have the equipment with you to take care of your dog that you are in violation. Police don't like to hang around to get these people.

Rich Karpp of 88 Lonergan Drive said again he is going to ask them. When are those houses scheduled on coming down. It's been a long time now and that might change the neighborhood. The Mayor said we are going through the process. As you know, we secured the funding. And the last step was - we are moving right along. So what are we shooting for? Summer, spring? Mr. Karpp asked if any preparations had been made, as of yet, to put out bids for contractors to take them down. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said we are starting on that, right Charles? Mr. Sawicki said yes we are waiting for asbestos surveys. The Mayor said that was the last thing - an asbestos survey. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said it is a process. The Mayor said everyone here he has to say is moving through the process as quickly as possible. Mr. Karpp said he was just asking. The Mayor said he knows it seems like a long time but compared to many other municipalities - Mr. Karpp said it is

a long time - compared to other municipalities we have been very fortunate that it is moving along quickly. That we secured the funding and obviously it is in everybody's interest to remove them. Mr. Karpp asked if there was any idea when any time schedule - the Mayor said what do we think. By the spring or summer? Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said hopefully by the summer. Trustee-Meegan Corrigan said until we get the bids back and until we get everything done. We are still waiting for Albany on a few things. Everything is secured. It is going to happen. It is just that they are not really giving us a timeline although she will tell him that it will happen by June, 2014 because they have no choice. Mr. Karpp thanked them.

Adam DeStefano of 19 Prairie Avenue said he had a couple of questions. The first is from the 2012 budget that you and Jack were talking about earlier. He said he didn't want to bring it up during that time because it wasn't related to the budget. He said we lost \$300,000 because we didn't sell the property for revenue and we also lost \$200,000 in the building permit. Where did we make that revenue up from? The Mayor said he has to look at the numbers. We had the revenue - he said he would have to look at the numbers - but we had the revenue from the settlement with Mahwah, which is \$300,000. Mr. DeStefano said but that was for the next year. It didn't go into the budget that year. The Mayor said yes it did. The budget we are in. The 2012 budget. Mr. DeStefano said no, he is talking about the budget before that one - the one where we had the \$475,000 for the building permit - the budget that we are currently in we only have \$180,000. The Mayor said the \$300,000 was in - he has to look at the numbers. Mr. DeStefano said no the \$313,000 for the sale of the property. The Mayor said he doesn't have it - he is not going to comment on something he doesn't have in front of him. Mr. DeStefano said he remembers because we talked about this the one time - the Mayor said we talked about this and he doesn't have the budget in front of him. Mr. DeStefano said he and the Mayor - he remembers talking about this during the one budget meeting on it and the thing that you brought up was that it wasn't that we added our revenue it's we actually lowered our expense. And that is why we were able to come in the black during that budget. The Mayor said again. He is not going to comment on something that he doesn't have the numbers. We can talk about this. He does know again that when the books closed we were in the black - Mr. DeStefano said no, we were in the black. The Mayor said he would have to look at the numbers. He doesn't have the revenue lines in front of him. He is not going to talk about it - Mr. DeStefano said he doesn't blame him for that at all.

Mr. DeStefano said the other thing he wanted to talk about is with the rock quarry with the possible project that might be going on there. This is something he is against because this is the second time in the Village in the last couple of years that we have had a builder use a piece of land as a hostage in a situation where the first one was on Washington Avenue with Don Brennan where he never cleaned up the property. He said he understands he wanted to keep the super structure there in case he wanted to rebuild and he agreed with that but the rubble on the property - there was no reason for that to be maintained there. And his thing was when he came here for the meeting he said as soon as he got approval for the zone change he would clean that up. Now we are having a similar thing going on with Goldstein saying well as soon as you approve my project here I will be able to build a pumping station for the Squires Gate area to help reduce flooding and he would ask the Board to look for an alternative way to get that pumping station. That way we don't have someone who - he took it off the tax rolls for what was it - five or six years did he take it off for? And that is not a good sign of a good neighbor or anything - the Mayor said you should be careful here also. He didn't take it off the tax roll. The land was donated by Tilcon to the Town of Ramapo. It had nothing to do with the developer. It has to do with the fact that it was donated to a municipality who then, by the nature of the fact that it was owned by a government, it was off the tax roll. Mr. DeStefano said which we are not allow to tax, yes. And Goldstein has been waiting to buy that property as soon as we have a zone change. The Mayor said no. Again, he will talk about this but the fact is that is not accurate. That is not accurate. They are not waiting. It is not an approval. They have a separate agreement with the Town of Ramapo. In terms of what happens ultimately they have to go through a process before our Planning Board. But there is no contingency that he is aware of. He does know that there was a meeting that we had here in Suffern at the Community Center and it was really that the developer would be willing if they were made whole by their investment - the Mayor believes they have invested close to a million dollars in the property - so it would be a million dollars, let's say, plus he thinks the flood mitigation system that Brian Brooker designed for them was estimated at 2.1 million dollars. So he thinks that yes, if you had the funding of 3 million dollars - could it be done where that property - the developer would walk away - they would be made whole - and would there be another way to get the funding to do that project? Yes. But he doesn't know who has 3 million dollars - Mr. DeStefano asked where would we have to give them 3 million dollars to invest in a property that they don't own. The

Mayor said it is 2 million dollars. Mr. DeStefano said yes, 2 million dollars for the pumping station. You are saying 3 million because we would have to give them a million.

Trustee Falciglia said no, no. The whole project would be about 2.5 million. You can either do it privately or for whatever reason Chris St. Lawrence and the Goldstein's - he said he doesn't know if he remembers the North Carolina four corners stall offense. They have stalled off on this and now they are putting their hopes on a zoning vote change by this Board. Trustee Falciglia said he called Phil Tisi last week and he asked him to set up a meeting with him and Chris St. Lawrence - one on one. Mr. Tisi could sit in as a witness. And Trustee Falciglia said he has a couple of proposals that he would like to run by him. Trustee Falciglia said he is losing his patience, to be honest with you, about this whole thing. Mr. DeStefano said he agrees with him about this 100%. But he would ask that we look into an alternative way as to having us be forced to do a zone change in order to get a pumping station. See if we can get some type of grant because as you said they are doing flood mitigation grants now more and more especially after Irene and Sandy. See if we can get one of those and work with the Town of Ramapo. Trustee Falciglia said there is no money on the federal level. The Mayor said he believes though at that meeting that the County Legislatures were there that they would go back to the County to try to get the 3 million dollars. They should probably follow up - we currently don't own the property. But obviously - Mr. DeStefano said the Town of Ramapo does - Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said that Ramapo did put that in as a flood mitigation project. Mr. DeStefano said they put the quarry in as a flood issue? Trustee Falciglia said but they did it six years too late.

Trustee Meehan asked if he could have the floor just for a second. The flood mitigation was never 2.1. It was 1.2. You have the numbers right but in the wrong direction. Trustee Falciglia said we sat with Brian Brooker at that meeting on March 2 and he specifically said 2.5 million. The Mayor said he said 2.5 million.

Jim Giannettino of 2 Memorial Drive said that maybe he could clear this up. Mr. Giannettino said that first of all we are under no obligation and neither is the Town. The contract was signed stating regardless of whether Goldstein builds or not the Town gets the plans at no charge. So check it out. Because he has checked it out. Phil Tisi has checked it out. We are under no obligation to reimburse Goldstein for anything and neither is the

Town of Ramapo. Trustee Falciglia said nobody is under an obligation. Mr. Giannettino said wait a minute. The Mayor is shaking his head. The Mayor said no one said we were under an obligation to reimburse them. Mr. Giannettino said you spoke at that meeting about something about reimbursing the Goldstein's. What happened was that it was said if someone wanted to come in and buy them out of their contract they would be open to that suggestion. He was not saying that we are going to do that or are doing that. He was relaying it that they would be willing to walk away if they were made whole. Mr. Giannettino said they don't need to be bought out. There is a simple way to get rid of them. Let them apply for the zone change, deny it and they go away. And life goes on in the Village of Suffern. What is their problem? They haven't been at the Planning Board he is going to say for eight months now. Do they want to do this project or do they just want to hold us up from doing what we have to do to get something unflooded. The Mayor said they are an applicant and they are moving forward obviously. He said to Mr. Giannettino that you know, you were Mayor - we only control the process on our end. We don't control the process on their end. Mr. Giannettino said that he thinks a meeting should be done with the Town of Ramapo, with the Goldstein's and find out if this is a serious project. He said he doesn't know what they could possibly be waiting for. The Mayor said okay. Mr. Giannettino said either they are interested or they are not interested because as you know we got a commitment from five Legislators that they are willing to take that property. Trustee Falciglia said they may be waiting for the next election. Mr. Giannettino said forget about money. They are not going to put that money up. They not all are going to put that money up. We are going to have to contribute as a Village. The Town is going to have to contribute and the County is going to have to just like they are talking about 10 million dollars in Spring Valley for flood control. So let's get the property and we will worry about getting the money.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

A) Training:

Mr. Charles Sawicki said he was requesting authorization to attend the Green Infrastructure Design of Redevelopment Retrofit project course. This course is offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension in Middletown, New York on April 11, 2013. The total cost of the course is \$225. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

B) W.W.T.P.:

Mr. Sawicki said he was requesting authorization to award a contract for the general construction portion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant sludge dewatering project. The low bidder with a complete and comprehensive proposal conforming with the project bid documents is Northeast Remsco Construction, Inc., Farmingdale, New Jersey. The bid is in the amount of \$833,100. This bid includes a \$10,000 salvage credit for the existing centrifuge and spare bowl. The cost of the project will be charged to the Wastewater Treatment Plant's capital project account. A motion awarding the contract was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Sawicki asked for authorization to award a contract for the electrical construction portion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant sludge dewatering project. The low bidder with a complete and comprehensive proposal conforming to the project bid documents is Vanshaw Inc., Nanuet, New York. The bid is in the amount of \$93,000. The cost for this project will be charged to the Wastewater Treatment Plant's capital project account. A motion awarding the contract was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Sawicki said the Mahwah River Cleanup Environmental Benefits Project Number Three is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2013 starting at 9:00 a.m. The Department of Public Works, the Police Department and the Fire Department will partner with the Concerned Citizens of Suffern to complete this project. Tee shirts will be distributed to all participants. A motion to approve the clean-up was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Sawicki and thanked him also for his hard work during the budget. The Mayor said he knows a lot of work went into that and we look forward to a good road project this year and he thinks people are going to be very excited. We are going to be working on Pavilion Road.

VILLAGE CLERK:

A) Suffern Little League Opening Day Parade - Saturday, April 6, 2013 - 9:30 A.M.:

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner said she only had one item. She said this is from the Suffern Little League and they are requesting permission to have a parade on Saturday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

A) Approval of Morwood Oaks Contracts to Review Utility and Cable Bills:

The Mayor said that Tom isn't here. We have approval of an agreement with Morwood Oaks Contracts to review our gross receipts for the utility bills and the cable bills. The Mayor said we talked about this where there is no fee for this. They get a percentage of whatever money they save us. They have done this work with other municipalities and they have all enjoyed savings. So it is a good opportunity for us. A motion approving the agreement was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Approval to Set Up Capital Project:

The Mayor said this is for approval to set up a capital project 2013-009 in the amount of 1.45 million dollars. This is 100% reimbursable project through FEMA. The Mayor said he commends again Deputy Mayor Corrigan, DPW Public Works Superintendent Charles Sawicki and the lady behind the camera, Elaine Accocella, for all their hard work. Not only did we find out that the homeowners are going to be bought out but also that we are going to be reimbursed 100% for all our expenses. The Village has already spent money on the project through engineering costs, shoring up the homes for the last year and a half. We are going to be reimbursed for that. So what this does is that it will move all that funding out of whatever we spent and set up a capital project. This will benefit ultimately - and this isn't reflected in the budget - it will help our fund balance at the end of this year because the money that we spent already and actually at the end of the previous year will come back to us. So again while this is money that we didn't expect to be reimbursed he believes that we have spent on Brooker Engineering alone that in essence we have spent over \$30,000 so far that the Village expected to be out of pocket. We have now been told that we are going to be reimbursed for that. That is money that will come back in. It will positively affect the fund balance but in terms of trying to be conservative in the budgeting there is no impact in the budget. So it is not reflected there but the additional revenue will help the books when it comes back in. So it is a good thing. A motion to set up the account was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

MAYOR:

The Mayor said he has two items. One that is on the agenda and one that isn't. We talked about it at the workshop but it wasn't placed on the agenda. The Mayor said the first item is that Joe Jacaruso our Building Inspector resigned. We have a Building Inspector part-time right now and we are looking to hire another one. We advertised that position at \$35 per hour. The Mayor said he has a letter here from the president of CSEA Unit 8369. It says: "the Union states all jobs by title are paid at the same rate of pay. The Village establishes a higher rate. For positional employees already in that position must be elevated to the same rate of pay." We have discussed this for our current part-time Building Inspector who had only been working a small number of hours - more like an apprenticeship position but now, especially since we are looking to hire a second Building Inspector, he is the sole Building Inspector right now. He will

be working 19 hours. So this would move his salary to \$35 an hour and it would go back to February 15, which is when he started. We felt that was an appropriate date since he has been working as the lead Building Inspector since Joe Jacaruso announced that he was leaving. Again, going forward, this is in the budget so both positions are budgeted and as he said in the last meeting we actually increased the line item for the Building Inspector to reflect the fact that with the amount of work we are going to have we are going to need them working more hours. So if we are going to get more revenue we are also going to recognize that we are going to pay the people for doing more work so there will be more time and more hours billed from that department. A motion approving the increase was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said the other item he has and he had mentioned and as we had talked about earlier Gail Curtin, after 31 2 years, will be retiring April 26. As he has said since she first told him this there will be no replacement because Gail cannot be replaced, however, Recreation must move on and there will be a successor. The Village requested a list from Civil Service for the position. And one of the people on the list, the person with the highest score, is a Village resident - Cathy Mills - also a member of the Recreation Committee and he is asking the Village Board to appoint Cathy A. Mills as Recreation Activities Coordinator at a salary of \$55,000. Her start date will be May 1, 2013. The Mayor welcomed Mrs. Mills on board. A motion to confirm was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. was made by Trustee

Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.