

**Special Village Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 18, 2012**

A special Village Board meeting was held on the above date at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee John Meehan, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan

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

ABSENT: Trustee Patricia Abato, Trustee Charles Falciglia

The Mayor said we have scheduled this meeting at the request of the Chief because there are some items that need to be dealt with right away regarding personnel because obviously we don't normally schedule 4:30 meetings.

Accept Retirement Letter from Records Clerk Renie Cantu:

The Mayor said she is retiring. Chief Osborn said she has been with us 31 years and she got very sick and said she has to retire. A motion to accept the resignation was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Accept Resignation Letter from Part-Time Dispatcher Sheila Briggs:

The Mayor said next we have the resignation of part-time dispatcher Sheila Briggs who has a new job with the NYPD. A motion to accept the resignation was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Appoint Ryan Ortiz to Part-Time Dispatcher:

The Mayor said next we have the appointment of Ryan Ortiz. The Mayor said he thinks we all know Ryan. The Mayor asked about the pay rate. The Chief said he will find out the rate. The Mayor asked if it was under \$20 or right around \$20. The Mayor said why don't we just make it not to exceed \$21 in accordance with the contract. A motion to approve Ryan Ortiz was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Patricia Abato, Trustee Charles Falciglia

The Mayor said we are saving money because Colleen is going to take Renie's position.

Resignation of Jeff Stern, July 31, 2012:

Chief Osborn said Officer Jeff Stern is retiring after 26 years and moving to South Carolina. So Chief would like to bring him to the August meeting. A motion to accept the resignation of Jeff Stern effective July 31, 2012 was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Appoint John Kiernan to Part-Time Police Officer:

Chief Osborn said he would like to put on John Kiernan as a part-time police officer pending clearance from Rockland County Department of Personnel. He will definitely be cleared. He has been a police officer in Spring Valley for 23 years and he has just retired. A motion to appoint John Kiernan at the prevailing rate was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Patricia Abato, Trustee Charles Falciglia

Accept Lease Proposal from Goosetown Communications for MDT Computers for Police Vehicles:

Chief Osborn said these are the computers which enable them to run all of their prints and they have had a lot of arrests out of these. He said we have them now. It is the same lease but we changed it to better units. A motion accepting the lease proposal was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Patricia Abato, Trustee Charles Falciglia

The Mayor said we have the Intermunicipal Agreement which we already voted on at the last meeting for Hillburn - to provide them with building and fire inspector services. So it is good. We are helping them out and the Village will make a little bit of money and it is really to help a neighbor out.

The Mayor said the other thing is that he has a resolution and we don't do this much but watching what is going on with the Tappan Zee Bridge and the craziness of people, especially for him when he sees Astorina from Westchester saying "oh, we need mass transit." The Mayor said who in Westchester is taking mass transit to Rockland. No one. So it is like we have to build this bridge. The traffic - he said he doesn't know if anyone has seen recently. It has been out of control - worse than ever - because they are starting some work on it. So he just wanted to - and the whole thing is that when we first did this, a couple of days ago, that has not yet agreed with the Governor's plan but the Mayor still thinks it is a good idea. Trustee Meehan said he still thinks it is a good idea to have a train line. The Mayor said the problem is it is another billion dollars for a train. He said five billion dollars just for the bridge. To do just rapid bus would make it eleven which is ridiculous because the train is more important than the bus because of the whole hook-up to the 87 corridor. Then to put in a train would be 20 billion. So what he said is there is no way we will ever build right now a 20 billion dollar bridge so let's build a 5 billion dollar bridge and see. And look - if ARC comes online with Christie. They are only 2 billion short there. Only 2 billion. That is what they are fighting over. Christie didn't want to spend 4 as opposed to 2. So most of this is history and then just saying to support the building of the bridge.

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RESOLUTION NO. 8A OF 2012

WHEREAS, construction on the Tappan Zee Bridge began in 1952 and the bridge opened for use in 1955; and

WHEREAS, the Tappan Zee Bridge was designed to be functional for 50 years and has now been in operation for more than 55 years; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have identified the deteriorated and insufficient condition of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, during the past 20 years, traffic volumes on the bridge have grown by nearly 30 percent and the carries

approximately 138,000 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, the traffic utilizing the bridge far exceeds its design capacity; and

WHEREAS, the bridge does not meet current New York State Department of Transportation bridge and highway standards with respect to such essential characteristics as land and shoulder width; and

WHEREAS, the accident rate for the bridge is double the state average; and

WHEREAS, the bridge provides the only interstate highway crossing of the Hudson River for the 48-mile stretch between the George Washington Bridge and the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge; and

WHEREAS, travel across the bridge is frequently characterized by long delays as a consequence of the volume and accidents;

WHEREAS, In April 2000, a Long Term Needs Assessment and Alternatives Analysis was completed by the New York State Governor's I-287 Task Force which called for replacement of the existing Tappan Zee Bridge because it was concluded that rehabilitation of the existing bridge would be highly disruptive, perhaps as costly, and not as beneficial in mobility enhancement or meaningful congestion relief as compared to a replacement bridge; and

WHEREAS, New York State officials announced plans to replace the Tappan Zee Bridge with a new bridge in 2008; and

WHEREAS, various reports have analyzed replacement of the bridge and various alternatives, as well as the potential the environmental impacts of the same; and

WHEREAS, the proposal as well as alternatives and potential environmental and community impacts have been the subject of public outreach and numerous hearings and opportunities for the submission of comments; and

WHEREAS, a new bridge will provide for safer and more convenient and efficient travel;

WHEREAS, the new bridge will be equipped to support enhanced express bus service, bus rapid transit and commuter rail; and

WHEREAS, building a new bridge is anticipated to create or sustain more than 45,000 jobs and to provide new economic opportunities for businesses on both sides of the Hudson River and across the entire northeast region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, for the foregoing reasons, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern supports the efforts to replace the Tappan Zee bridge with a new bridge as currently proposed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees supports Governor Cuomo's efforts to expeditiously cause the construction of a new Tappan Zee Bridge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees urges all public officials to demonstrate support for the expeditious replacement of the Tappan Zee Bridge as currently proposed in order to enhance and promote the safety, economic well-being and convenience of the residents of the region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Cuomo, Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand, Representative Engel, County Executive Vanderhoef, State Senator Carlucci and Assemblypersons Jaffee and Rabbitt.

The Mayor made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 8, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

A motion to close the meeting at 5:00 p.m. was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.