

Village Board Meeting
Monday, June 4, 2012

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

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

ABSENT: Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan

The Mayor said that before we start the official Board meeting, we have some presentations to make so he is going to go up to the podium and he is going to be joined by various members of the audience.

The Mayor said the first presentation that he would like to make is the Village of Suffern Green Thumb Award. He said this was started two years ago through the recycling/green committee and this is an opportunity to recognize a property owner in the Village who does an extraordinary job in making sure that their property is beautiful with flowers and other landscaping. So Chuck Barone came up with this award so he would like him to present it.

Mr. Barone said the members of the recycling committee were all given the assignment to scour the Village and to nominate homes that were beautifully landscaped. Then all the houses that were nominated the members went and looked at each of them and voted for the most beautiful yard in Suffern and this year he would like to present this certificate and a gift certificate to DaNina's to Mr. and Mrs. Genser.

Mr. Genser said he accepts this on behalf of his wife, who is really responsible for the garden. It has taken twenty years of hard work to get it to look the way it looks. He thanked them.

The Mayor said the next award that he would like to present is the Andrew C. Haggerty Outstanding Service award. This award was initiated by this administration as a way of recognizing citizens, whether they be merchants who have businesses in the

Village, volunteers who serve on any of our many committees or boards, or any other special area that we perceive a special person that goes above and beyond and shows really a phenomenal effort towards the Village of Suffern. This award can also be chosen to be given to a particular group of persons such as a unit within a certain department or a department in its entirety for again working, not only towards the normal good of the Village of Suffern on a day to day basis, but perhaps being bundled with a seriously challenging time-sensitive job. Last fall, after Hurricane Irene, many of us were not certain that we would have the opportunity to open the Suffern Memorial pool for the 2012 season. We either lost or had severe damage to almost everything at the pool. As spring set in, we would ask people and wonder over and over again whether the pool would be open this year. The Mayor said he is happy to say, and he is sure many of them have seen it if they have been out there, that the pool was open and again for the second year was opened a month earlier for Memorial Day weekend. Although projects and normal workloads had to be shuffled around to accommodate the work needed to be done at the pool, the Suffern water department came through with flying colors. Charles Sawicki and Bob Conklin - the Mayor said he would like to thank both of them. On behalf of the Village Board, they are all aware of the extra effort it took to get to where we were two weeks ago. Thanks to the guidance and leadership of both of them, their staff stepped up to the plate and the Village's way of acknowledging this is to present the Suffern water department with the spring 2012 Andrew C. Haggerty Outstanding Service award. Their name will also be put on a permanent metal plate on the permanent plaque that goes out in the hall and we are also going to host a little luncheon for members of the water department at the pool, to kind of show our thank you. The Mayor asked the supervisor of that department, Bobby Conklin, to come forward. He thanked him for his hard work. The Mayor said again everybody here works hard in the Village but they really want to thank the water department for getting it done.

The Mayor said next we have Chief Osborn and we are going to make a presentation. Chief Osborn said that on behalf of the Suffern police department he would like to thank the Village Board to give them the opportunity to recognize an outstanding group of young ladies and gentlemen that are part of our department and that is our Youth Explorer program. These ladies and gentlemen here tonight, and there are others who could not make it tonight, are with the student careers in law enforcement, Suffern residents, and they have been participating for over a year with

his department learning about different facets of law enforcement with Detective Ann Cawley, Officer Lou Venturini, and Dispatcher Jeremy Kaufer. So the Chief said he would like to call up Officer Lou Venturini to explain the program briefly.

Officer Venturini said that he would like to say that the program has been in service for about a year. The Explorers that belong to the police department have participated in community events. They have also along the way been role models for our DARE students. Since the program began they have been exposed to police activities and what our responsibilities are in the Village as a police department. They have been given presentations by officers in our police department and also with the help of our training officer, Rick Marsh, who is here, they have had training in the use of tasers, and how we use them with the police department, gun safety for ourselves and also in the community, and they have had discussions about 9/11 and those events that we should never forget. They have had presentations from our detective bureau on evidence collection, probable cause, and effecting arrest. Also about fingerprinting and seizing evidence. They were also visited by a member of the U.S. Air Force. He talked about his missions in Iraq and what he did during his time in service. Officer Venturini said he believes he was a great role model for them to meet. And also a presentation by our K-9 unit. Officer Venturini said he would like to thank the Village Board and of course the Chief for their support, Officer Marsh, the training officer, and Detective Cawley who really runs the program. Officer Venturini said he kind of helps her. But he wants to say that he is very enthusiastic about the program. He thinks it is good for the Explorers and he thinks it is good for the community and he is very enthusiastic about it because he was an Explorer. He started out in high school as an Explorer, went on to be a police dispatcher, a part-time officer, and a police officer with the Village of Suffern and now K-9. So again he would like to thank the Explorers for being part of the program, support from their families and most of all the Village Board and our Chief of Police, Chief Osborn.

Chief Osborn asked Detective Cawley to come up and help present certificates of appreciation to our Explorers. He also asked Jeremy and Rick to come up. Detective Cawley said the program would not be without these two guys. Jeremy is also with the fire department and he helps run this program and he does a lot for them. A certificate was presented to him.

The Mayor then called up the following Explorers: Thomas Sutera,

Thomas Capone, Taylor Pugh, Sam Bugaloski, Edward Kerner, Maxwell Butell, Andrew Marcounis. The Mayor said thank you so much. It says "the Village of Suffern, in recognition of your participation in the Village of Suffern's Law Enforcement Explorers Program." The Mayor said it is the future of the Suffern police department.

SET DATES FOR JULY MEETING:

The Mayor said due to holidays and vacations, we are going to have one meeting - the workshop and the Board meeting together on Monday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m.

7:30 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - NO PARKING - EAST MAPLE AVENUE:

Attorney Terry Rice said the Chief had requested, after a consultation with the people living in the neighborhood, that there be no parking on East Maple Avenue on both sides from the intersection of Washington Avenue to a point 40 feet east thereof. And in addition from Washington Avenue at the same intersection on the east side to a point 40 feet north and 40 feet south of its intersection with East Maple Avenue.

The Mayor said we will open it up for public comment. 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. 8 OF 2012

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 254-61 OF THE
CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN
PROHIBITING PARKING ALONG A PORTION OF
EAST MAPLE AVENUE AND WASHINGTON AVENUE

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

Section 1. Section 254-61, "Schedule XI: Parking Prohibited At All times," of the

Code of the Village of Suffern is hereby amended by adding after:

[Name of Street] [Side] [Location]

Dunnery Court Both On circle

the following:

[Name of Street] [Side] [Location]

East Maple Avenue Both From the intersection
of Washington Avenue
to a point 40 feet
east thereof

Section 2. Section 254-61, "Schedule XI: Parking Prohibited At All times," of the Code

of the Village of Suffern is hereby amended by adding after:

[Name of Street] [Side] [Location]

Vista Way South 125 feet west of
Sylvan Way

the following:

[Name of Street] [Side] [Location]

Washington Avenue East To a point 40 feet
north and 4 feet
south of its
intersection with
East Maple Avenue

Section 3. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

A motion to adopt Local Law No. 8 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
 Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
 Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan

7:45 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO

THE PLANNING BOARD:

Attorney Rice said that presently the Village has a local law that allows the Board of Trustees or the Mayor, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, to appoint two alternate members to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals so that in all instances there is a full board or at least close enough to it so that we don't run into any problems with any reports from the county department of planning. Although this local law is not related to or directed to a specific project it allows the Board of Trustees to appoint two additional alternate members for a grand total of four and they would be appointed for the year as needed. This arises because there is one particular project where a couple of people have already indicated that they will recuse themselves but again the local law does not say that you appoint an alternate member for a particular project or a particular application. You have the ability to appoint a third or fourth member for the year. And by the way it has been referred to the Village planning board because it is an amendment to the zoning law. They recommended its approval and it also went to the county department of planning and they also recommended approval. The Mayor asked if anybody had any public comment to please come up.

Jim Giannettino of 2 Memorial Drive said his first question is where was this publicized. The Mayor asked where was what publicized. Mr. Giannettino said the notice of the public hearing. The Mayor said in the newspaper - *The Journal News* and the *Ramapo Times*. Mr. Giannettino said it is not on the *Ramapo Times*. He said he has been looking for it for over a week. The last public hearing announcement was for DaNina's public hearing. The Mayor said sure. Next question. Is that it? Mr. Giannettino said he guesses the Mayor thinks that is a satisfactory answer but it wasn't published in one of the authorized publications.

Mr. Giannettino said his next question is who are the people that are recusing themselves and why. Attorney Rice said first of all this isn't related to who is recusing themselves for any particular application. This is because we need the ability, the Board of Trustees needs the ability, when people do recuse themselves to have alternate members. It is not related to this particular law. Mr. Giannettino said well there are people who are recusing themselves for one particular piece of property that is going to be coming before this Board. Attorney Rice said right. Mr. Giannettino said obviously they have a reason for doing so. He said he thinks the public has a right to know who they are and why they are recusing themselves. The Mayor said

they will announce that at the planning board meeting when the case comes before it and it will be obvious at that time that they will do it. Attorney Rice said it has absolutely nothing to do with this law but on the Quarry Ridge application, Mr. Gdanski and Mr. Newman have recused themselves. Mr. Giannettino said okay and the reason probably is because there is an association with Arco. The Mayor said one is employed and then one also works for the Town of Ramapo who has involvement in this project. Mr. Giannettino said the reason he is asking this is there is another person who should probably be recusing himself because his wife receives contributions for her campaign and he is an employee of that particular person. Attorney Rice said there haven't been any hearings yet. There was one meeting at which some very preliminary things were done. He said he doesn't know - he said he can guess who he is referring to and maybe he will and maybe he won't be recusing himself. The Mayor said who is an employee of who? Mr. Giannettino said he didn't want to mention names but the person happens to be an Assemblyperson - Trustee Falciglia said we all know who it is - Trustee Abato said we all know who it is. Mr. Giannettino said he didn't want to go into detail. The Mayor said who are they an employee of? Mr. Giannettino said the husband is an employee of her - the Mayor said that is not true. Mr. Giannettino said okay, if you say so, but he says he is. Attorney Rice said we are really getting off point here. The Mayor said you should state something if it is fact. Then don't throw things out there. Do you know for a fact that he is employed by his wife. Mr. Giannettino said he works in her office. He is not saying that he is a paid employee. The Mayor said you said he is employed. So don't come up here - Mr. Giannettino said but he can be. The Mayor said yes you did. Mr. Giannettino said he works in her office and she received large contributions from Arco. He said he thinks he should step aside like the other people have done. The Mayor said okay. Thank you. Mr. Giannettino said obviously you don't think so. The Mayor said again, this is the third time you have turned your back on someone, okay? When someone speaks to you you should have the decency to look him in the face here and not walk away and turn away. Mr. Giannettino asked if he was going to give him an etiquette lesson - you who yell and scream at people. The Mayor said he doesn't scream at people. You have the reputation. Mr. Giannettino said I have a reputation. The Mayor said yes you do. Mr. Giannettino said we don't want to get into reputations. The Mayor said don't get up here and talk about things that you know are not factually true. It is improper to do. You made a statement that someone is employed by someone when they are not. And the decision will be made by that person whether or not they

will recuse themselves. We are aware of two people who are unable to perform the duties on this project due to their reasons. They have recused themselves. And that is the reason why we are doing this so in similar situations we can maintain a quorum on the board. This is not political. This is not anything. This is just to maintain an amount of people necessary to carry out the business of this Village. The Mayor said okay. Is there anything else you have. Mr. Giannettino said he applauds the people that recused themselves for the reason that they did. The Mayor said if you have an issue with some board member then address it at the proper meeting. This is not the meeting to do it. Mr. Giannettino said you don't get to talk at a planning board meeting unless it is a public hearing. The Mayor said so if there is a public hearing you will have that opportunity. Mr. Giannettino said and if there is not, he won't. The Mayor said there will be. He assures him that there will be. Mr. Giannettino said okay, thank you. He didn't know they were going to have a public hearing on this issue. The Mayor said he didn't say there would be a public hearing on this issue but he is sure if this project moves forward there will be a public hearing. Mr. Giannettino said fine.

Jeff Genser of 32 First Street said that two months ago he thought he was going to die. He found out he had Lyme Disease and he finished six weeks of antibiotics and for the last two weeks has felt better than he felt in ten years. So what he is about to say is that he is lucid, healthy, and if you folks are wanting to pass a law allowing you to have two extra people for - needing people for the planning board in case somebody is recusing themselves - you are implying that there could be some hanky-panky going on or some possible cross-pollination that shouldn't be. He said he will volunteer to take one of those positions, free of charge to the Village, no charge at all. He said he will work endlessly hours and hours. He attended the Pratt Institute of Architecture and he has studied city planning and he is qualified for the job. He said he doesn't want a dime. But he loves Suffern and he would love to help the Village for free if you should ever need his services. The Mayor thanked him.

Jean Hennelly, 135 Wayne Avenue, said to correct her if she is wrong. Is this new law - will it be a two year term, correct? Attorney Rice said yes. Two years. Mrs. Hennelly said she strongly recommends that it be reduced to a one year term with all the issues that have been coming forward about people's attendance and track record and so forth. She said she thinks that one year would be sufficient. It takes a minute of your time

at the December meeting to reinstall them at that time for an additional year. But she really thinks you should rewrite it and have it as a one year term.

Al D'Ambrosio of 4 Cross Street said he just thought it was an appropriate time to say that the year is turning out exquisite and the weather is getting better. And he understands it might be a great time for Cross Street to maybe be ultimately paved. He said he has heard this rumor.

The Mayor thanked him. He said he appreciates that but this again is a public hearing regarding the Planning Board. Mr. D'Ambrosio said only that. Okay. The Mayor said we are looking into the roads now as we look to pave. So we will look into that.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Falciglia. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN
LOCAL LAW NO. 9 OF 2012

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 266
OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF FOUR
ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING BOARD

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

Section 1. Section 266.74.1 of the Code of the Village of Suffern is hereby amended to provide as follows:

§266.74.1. Alternate Members

The Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Trustees may appoint four alternate members to the Planning Board to serve as provided for in this section. Such alternate members shall be appointed for a two-year term of office.

The Chairman of the Planning Board shall assign such alternate member(s) as necessary when the absence of regular members of said Board or the conflict of interest of regular members of said Board would

otherwise prevent five members of said Board from considering any pending matter. Once designated to serve on a particular matter before the Board, the alternate member(s) shall have the same powers and duties as regular members of the Board until the matter is concluded. Any determination of said Board consisting of an alternate member shall have the same weight and be entitled to the same authority as the act or deed of the regular Planning Board and all laws, statutes and regulations shall apply and be applied with equal force and effect. Such alternate members appointed pursuant to this section shall be paid for his or her respective services as fixed by resolution of the Board of Trustees.

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

A motion to adopt Local Law No. 9 was made by Trustee Abato. Trustee Meehan said he thinks Mrs. Hennelly's suggestion is good and would be very easy for us to - it goes to a two year term and it would be very easy to make it a one year term. And so he would ask that the mover accept an amendment to make it a one year term. Trustee Abato said on the question. She asked Mr. Meehan if he was talking about just the alternates or the complete Planning Board. Trustee Meehan said he was just talking about the alternates. The Mayor said the problem is that we have existing alternates. Trustee Meehan said it would just apply to the newly appointed alternates. Attorney Rice said that at that point he would have to rewrite the local law because you are deviating from the text in a substantial way. The Mayor said we have two existing. And do we want to take into consideration - what if somebody is on a project that takes more than a year, for whatever reason, and they have made some comments that indicate that they are going to vote either way. And then look, it's his appointment, and the Mayor can say I don't like the way they are voting so he can change it. The Mayor said that he believes that the purpose of having five year terms for our members, they are like judges, so they are independent of the political process. Trustee Meehan said okay. Attorney Rice said the other concern - the Mayor's comment is correct. You don't want somebody removed because somebody disagrees with how they think they might vote. But the other comment about attendance where we are about to set a public hearing for next month on a local law that changes the method by which the members are paid. They will be paid essentially on a per diem basis instead of a yearly salary so

they don't get paid if they don't come to the meeting. And the local law further says that if you miss four meetings in a year that is grounds for removal. So he thinks that the concern that was expressed is being handled in the potential local law that the Board will consider next month. Trustee Abato said she also thinks that, this is on a volunteer basis, there is no compensation for it - the Mayor said there is. Trustee Meehan said there is. Trustee Abato said so her point would be that to have to every year put on new people when there are projects that are ongoing - if there is a problem with a board member we are addressing it through the new local law that we are proposing in addition to the fact that the planning board members would come forward. Trustee Meehan said he will withdraw his request. The Mayor said we have a motion. Do we have a second? Trustee Meehan said he was requesting the mover to amend her motion and he is withdrawing that request. The motion was seconded by Trustee Falciglia. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

There was no report.

Trustee Meehan said he just wanted to comment on - and he thinks some of the folks did too - but he went to the Hose Company and they had the fundraiser for Vincent Tamburro and he was really impressed by the number of people that were there, by the way it was run, and everyone was having a good time and he hopes they made a lot of money. He said he asked the chief how much and he wasn't aware. It was something that the Hose Company should really be proud of. The Mayor said thank you. Great job.

GRANT WRITER:

A) Renew Consultant Frederick J. Rella's Agreement (\$50,000 per year):

The Mayor said we have on the agenda here to renew the consultant agreement, Frederick Rella's agreement, which is unchanged from

the previous two or three years. It goes from July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2013 in the same amount of \$50,000 per year. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Mayor LaCorte.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan

The Mayor thanked Mr. Rella and told him to continue his good work.

CULTURE AND RECREATION:

Mrs. Gail Curtin said that since the last Village Board meeting, they had a LEAD session on May 11; the Lions Club, Village, Good Samaritan Hospital Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 15; pool registration on May 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 as well as two additional ones that they added after that weekend. Monday, May 21, they did a cub scout tour of the Village hall and the police department. Saturday, May 26, they opened the pool; Saturday, May 26, the Farmer's Market met over at the parking lot of the community center and that night, Saturday, May 26, we had Movie Under the Stars, co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, featuring *Star Wars*, which was well-attended and it was a good time by all. On Monday, they assisted with the Memorial Day parade on May 28. On Wednesday, May 30, one girl scout troop had a bridging at the community center followed by the next night, Thursday, May 31, a second girl scout bridging at the community center. It is listed under upcoming, but it really took place about two hours ago here in this room. The Mayor presided at the dedication, along with Trustee Meehan and the chief of police. The dedication of Blauvelt Way. And she guesses that the Mayor would probably like to speak about it later so she will just say it was very nice.

Also today, on the one hand, she feels like she should apologize but on the other hand it is a great thing so she kind of doesn't want to apologize for the noise upstairs. And that is the fantastic turn-out that is up there auditioning for the 2012 Clifford Theater program.

This week, they will have two more sessions of registration for the pool, which is going very, very well. At this point they have probably signed up 110+ new members in addition to what we had last year. This Friday night they have the outdoor LEAD concert from 5 to 9 p.m. and if anyone is around, they can just kind of meander by. It is usually a very fun night. Saturday, June 16, they have the fishing derby; the DARE pool party is scheduled at the pool for Monday, June 18, with the rain date of June 19. Wednesday, June 20, kicks off the concert series with "No Exit" and she apologizes. The next item on the agenda lists Wednesday, instead of Tuesday - it should be Tuesday and Thursday, June 19 and 21 and those nights they are going to have registration for all of their aquatic programs. They will have the swim instructor supervisor on board to make sure that everything goes well that night. That will be here from 5:30 to 7:30 on those two nights. And then on Monday, June 25, they have their first pool party. Mrs. Curtin said you will notice that you have an attachment to that update. As brought to you twice, most recently at your workshop last week, she has shared with Terry Rice and gotten his permission that this is okay to bring to you and she would like to read it. It is an education reimbursement policy for Village of Suffern Memorial Pool lifeguard staff. On a case by case basis, the Village of Suffern, upon recommendation of the recreation cultural coordinator, will offer a stipend to lifeguards who have been employed by the Village for at least two seasons who take and pass the water safety instructor course. It is believed that this certification will benefit the lifeguard personally, increase the amount of high-level certified staff employed by the Village, and provide additional testing personnel for swim instruction programs offered by the Village. Recommendations include: the lifeguard must have worked for the Village of Suffern for at least two summer seasons before requesting said stipend. A stipend of \$200, which is approximately half of the cost of said course, is suggested. And the lifeguard must be in possession of a valid, current lifeguarding first-aid certificate at the time of requesting such stipend. This was prepared by Mrs. Curtin with one of the members of the advisory board and shared with the Village attorney. The Mayor said he thinks it is great and he thinks it is very important because getting WSI certification is not easy and it only improves their ability to carry out their duties as a lifeguard. He said he only has one suggestion here and just briefly conferring with Terry instead of saying will offer a stipend we should say may offer a stipend in case of some reason, budget-wise or so it is at the discretion. But he thinks overall it is good. A motion to approve the stipend was made by Trustee

Abato, who thinks it is great, seconded by Trustee Falciglia.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan

Mrs. Curtin said lastly that she reminded them in public that they received a donation from a resident to be used towards the purpose of pool games and they also received a very kind donation from a pool resident and member who is asking us to make sure that a family, who might not have been able to afford passes for their children and themselves, be treated to that by him. The Mayor thanked Mrs. Curtin for all her help - we had the movie, and the pool, and it is a really busy season for Mrs. Curtin, for her staff and the recreation committee. And then we pile on additional events like the dedication of Blauvelt Way which was really well-attended. All five of Mr. Blauvelt's children were here - coming as far as Virginia. They drove up. There were probably about 30 family members. So it was really nice, including a number of great grandchildren. So thank you again for all your hard work.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

A) Set Public Hearing - Compensation for Attendance of Planning and Zoning Members - July 9, 2012 - 7:35 p.m.:

Attorney Rice said we have on the agenda to set a public hearing for the local law that he mentioned before. He said he doesn't see any need to describe it again but it would provide for compensation of the Planning Board and Zoning Board members based on the number of meetings that they attend and the possibility for removal for non-attendance. If that is something that the Board wants to move forward with, you can set a public hearing for the next Board meeting. A motion to set the public hearing was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Attorney Rice said the only other item that he wanted to mention - they discussed it at the workshop but for the public's sake, in case they hadn't been keeping up with the details on this. As you recall last year, the suit that one of the retired police

officers, Mr. Arena, had brought against the Village seeking \$15 million in damages, at least that is what the demand was for - our special counsel, Mr. O'Reilly, literally disappeared and hasn't been found since. The court entered judgment against the Village because he failed to answer the papers as he was supposed to do or cross-moved for summary judgment in the Village's favor. After that happened, we moved to reopen the case and moved for summary judgment in the Village's favor and fortunately the court, about a week and a half ago, released a decision granting judgment in the Village's favor, so we have that out of the way, although the plaintiff's attorney has said in the newspaper that he intends to appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Clarke Osborn said first of all he wanted to thank them for allowing them to bring in the Explorer's tonight. It is a great bunch of Village kids that are looking to go into law enforcement and he appreciates the opportunity tonight very much. Chief Osborn said just a few things on the update very quickly. This weekend, they have their DARE hockey playoffs down at the DARE rink. Saturday is the semi-finals and Sunday will be the finals at 9:45 and 11 a.m. with the barbecue for the league at noon at the rink so if you would like to come down, they would love you to come down and see the games at 9:45 and 11:00. On Sunday, their department participated in the NYS Traffic Safety Committee Buckle Up New York campaign which is funded by the state. They issued multiple summonses for seat belt usage - for non seat belt usage - for the last two weeks. And the police department and the PBA sponsored the Crotty Foundation Barbecue Wing Night this past Saturday night. He wanted to thank everybody in attendance. They had over 400 attendees. It was a massive turnout and every year it seems to get bigger. So he wants to thank all of them for their support of that as well.

The Chief said he has two items that he would ask the Board to vote on. First he would ask the Mayor and Board to appoint part-time police officer Frank Guller, who just retired from the Spring Valley police department. He will go right on the street immediately pending clearance from personnel and a favorable background check. He will be replacing Officer Jeff Stern who will be leaving us after, he believes, 28 or 29 years. He is going to be retiring at the end of July. So he is asking the Board to appoint Officer Guller until they can get cleared and at that time he will take Jeff's spot. The Mayor said he thought Geoff was retiring at the end of this month and moving. The Mayor

said the end of July. They are hoping that the department of personnel can expedite it. The Mayor asked what the rate is. Chief Osborn said he believes June 1 it is going to change. He believes \$22 - in that area. The Chief said he has it downstairs. The Mayor said not to exceed \$23. The Chief said he will get the exact rate tomorrow. Attorney Rice said this is a Board appointment. The appointment was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan
Chief Osborn said he would also like to declare a 2004 Ford white Crown Victoria as surplus. It is an old police car that they would like to put up for surplus. They would like to place it for sale on govdeals.com. He said they talked about it at the workshop. It is a very good program. They have taken several items from the police department, DPW, and they have put them on auction and they have made several thousand dollars for the Village on items that were just sitting there and not being used. So he is asking the Board to declare that vehicle surplus. A motion declaring the vehicle surplus was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Chief Osborn said that he knows that the Mayor and he spoke today about Essex Lane. There are some parking issues. There are some issues with the signage. He said he was up there. He met with condo presidents and he spoke to them. And he thinks they have the problem worked out without a public hearing. It was a signage issue. He said he pulled out all the local laws and he did some investigation today and he thinks they have it worked out. He met with the DPW and they will be able to work out the areas that need to be cleared up. And he appreciates it.

Trustee Abato said she just wanted to thank the Chief. She said she attended the Vincent Crotty fundraiser and she thought it was just so wonderful. She said she walked all around there and saw all of our community coming together and still remembering Vincent in such a special way and she just wanted to thank him because she knows that he and his department put a lot of work into that and it certainly shows. They did a great job and she just wanted to thank him again. The Chief thanked her and said he

appreciates the support as well.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Joseph Cestone of 25 Temple Lane said he is opposed to your proposed park next to his house. That is a very bad spot. It is a blind spot. It is on a curve. Children do not watch. Their parents will be there and maybe they will watch. But kids are going to get hurt there. That place is infested with poison ivy, infested with broken bottles, broken branches. Nobody has done nothing for 44 years and now all of a sudden you want a park next to his house and you want to upset his way of living? That is ridiculous. The Mayor said he understands his concerns. First let him say that obviously the property will be cleaned up. Any bottles - anything will be completely cleaned up also. A fence would be erected around the property to make sure it is safe. And really the genesis behind this is that, as he knows, the flood during Irene and also the kind of perennial essentially flooding of Donna Hallet park really has hurt the equipment that is down there. A number of residents have expressed concern about putting in the same equipment. Since obviously we got a significant reimbursement from FEMA for damage we are able to purchase new playground equipment. It would not make sense, however, to make a substantial investment, upwards of \$15,000 or \$20,000 in equipment, and put it in the same area that floods every year. Because equipment would get destroyed pretty quickly. So the thinking was that on that space on Temple that area - yes, it has flooded but only flooded on two occasions during Floyd and during Irene. Mr. Cestone said he is sorry sir but it flooded all four times. He has lived there for 44 years. So don't tell him that it didn't flood. The Mayor said it floods. He understands that it floods but it floods a lot less frequently than Hallet park. There has been a number of floods in the past number of years where it hasn't gotten up to Temple but the Hallet park area, because obviously it is just over the river bank that flooded. So he met with a number of his neighbors and he understands his concern and we are trying to strike a balance between making a sound financial investment and also ensuring that the children and families in the neighborhood have a place to play because it wouldn't make sense to put it back in Hallet park. But he can assure Mr. Cestone that in meeting with his neighbors and talking to people that if we do this we are going to do a good job and it will improve the area and not detract from it. Mr. Cestone said that you spoke to Mrs. Mazza and you spoke to Mrs. Plank and they gave you a petition signed by everybody on that block opposed to it. The Mayor said yes there were a few people. Mr. Cestone said

so you are not representing the people. You are representing your own interest. The Mayor said he doesn't understand - Mr. Cestone said you are representing your own interest. The Mayor said he doesn't understand what interest he would have. He doesn't live in the neighborhood. He just wants to make sure there's a park. Mr. Cestone said that is why. You don't live in the neighborhood. You wouldn't want it next to your house, would you? The Mayor said he would like to have - he thinks playgrounds are an asset to families with children and to the area and it is going to be a nice small playground. It is going to be secure. The Mayor said there are a number of people on Lonergan and the other area who wanted it and again we are trying to strike the proper balance here and he understands if he is upset. We are not going to throw the money out by putting equipment back in an area that floods every year. So we are just trying to do what's right for the community. Mr. Cestone said then he is to live with it then.

Trustee Abato asked Mr. Cestone what exactly is it that you are opposed to having children playing there. Mr. Cestone said he is opposed to having a bunch of children hollering and screaming and making a lot of noise. He is 75 years old and he wants his peace and quiet. He said he paid his dues. Trustee Abato said so you don't want little children playing - Mr. Cestone said he doesn't want - he said he doesn't have any children there. And there are no children in that neighborhood. Trustee Abato said she was just curious. She just wanted to know. She is not arguing with him. She just wanted to hear his side. Mr. Cestone said because he spoke to the Mayor after Irene and he said he would get somebody in the back there to clean up everything that washed down against his fence. Well it took him four months to get all that garbage out. Trustee Abato said that she just feels like if we all felt that way there would be no place for children to play and we have all had them - Mr. Cestone said they can play in their own backyard like his did when they were growing up. Trustee Abato said that we have all had children - Mr. Cestone said yes, he had three girls that played in his backyard. He said we had swings and we had a pool. Trustee Abato said unfortunately some people don't have that benefit. Mr. Cestone said they had it and it wasn't that expensive. Trustee Abato said yes. The Mayor thanked him.

Joseph Varano of 10 W. Maple Avenue said he has been living in Suffern for 55 years. The last time, at the meeting, he wanted to know why they cut trees in this Village with no damage, no wires. Beautiful trees. Over a hundred years. They go and chop it. He said he never heard of this in 55 years. He said he doesn't know

why they did this. They cut his tree over there. No damage. He said he has one on the corner that has been dead for two years over there - a dead tree. It is still over there. Why did they cut his tree? Why? There is something wrong. Something is wrong. Whatever is wrong, he doesn't know. He said he doesn't care. He said he is 80 years old. You think you are going to put another tree over there. Forget about it. He said he doesn't want another tree. He doesn't need it. The damage is done. It is done. It is terrible. Somebody should go to jail for that. He said he knows it is a Village tree and you can do what you want. He said he knows the sidewalk is the Village. But we have to maintain the sidewalk. Do you know how many sidewalks he has fixed in 55 years? He said he fixed that sidewalk. He didn't go to the Village and say that sidewalk is busted. He repaired it. He said that on Ramapo Avenue, the tree went down - for two years it laid over there. He said he could have removed it by himself. He said give him a shovel. He could remove it by himself at his age. Why is that thing still there for two years. Did somebody do a job over here? That is a problem. He said he could write a book. He said people don't know how much he knows. He knows everything. He said it is unbelievable. He used to have a shop and everybody used to come over there and tell him stories. What happened in Hillburn. What happened all over the place. That is why he knew. There is nothing you can do with that tree now. They cut over 100 trees in the Village. You might as well keep it going. He doesn't care. But it is not right. Trees are beautiful in the Village. They are beautiful and they are going to cut trees. Something is totally wrong. Thank you.

Roy Tschudy of 16 Lonergan Drive thanked the Board for the opportunity. He said he would like to speak real quickly about the park down on Lonergan - what we were talking about earlier. With all deference and respect to his neighbor and friend Joe, he has to disagree with him. Mr. Tschudy said that he thinks that if there is a problem with some people who live on Temple so be it. It is a very sensitive situation. If somebody is going to be put out he would rather see adults put out than children put out. And he thinks the kids need a place to play. The park as it is constituted right now is not feasible. If you go down there now, with the bulldozers that have come in and out, they have tried their best to flatten it out and make it playable but it just can't be because of the situation that it is. Kids need a place to play. And not every kid can play in their own backyard. They need to socialize also. That's part of growing up. Kids running, jumping, playing, yelling, screaming. That is the deal. They are kids. They need a place to do that and to grow. So if there are

some people who are against that, that is just too bad. Maybe you could help abate some of their fears if it is a gated community and instead of just having a sign that says at dusk that can't be - if there is a way that it could may be closed down or locked. The Mayor said we are going to do that. The park will have a lock on it. He said Elaine and he and Jo Corrigan met with neighbors and they talked to them and one thing that they were concerned about was a fence. So we said that we will get neighbor input to erect a fence that people feel comfortable with and it looks good and doesn't detract from the neighborhood. We will make sure that there is landscaping around it. And we really do think that it will be an asset because that property, aside from whether or not it is a playground, it really hasn't been maintained. So he thinks that it is going to be a good thing. And as Mr. Tschudy said - he was really a big proponent of the concern about investing money and not returning the old equipment and it would go bad and flood. So one thing you learn in this job is that you can't make everybody happy but you try to balance everybody's concerns and that is what they are trying to do. Mr. Tschudy said he agrees. And he thanks them for taking that into consideration especially for the kids. Because, again, he would rather see kids have somewhere to go than the adults. And also on those agendas. It only seems that people come out and complain when it has a direct effect on them and when we ask for other kinds of participation that we don't get it. So that being said - is there a timetable when that would go in? The Mayor said we are working on it now in terms of acquiring the land and moving forward on the equipment. We are in the process of working on it. Mr. Tschudy said because the complaints that he has received people are saying that we can't sell homes - he said he thinks this would help enhance an area instead of detract from an area and the area that is filled now with weeds, broken bottles and dog feces being replaced by an upscale playground - that is a win-win position. So he is at a loss why people would think that kids running and playing would be a negative. So regarding that, he does thank them. And if the chief wouldn't mind - if they could make sure maybe have an officer that has that sector to maybe just go through a few more extra times that would help allay some of the fears also. The Mayor thanked him.

Al D'Ambrosio of 4 Cross Street said that considering where he left off - sorry he came in on the zoning meeting at that moment earlier - but the same point of interest. If Cross Street can be addressed at this time - we are going into summer - and that would be good since we discussed it the last time when it was just almost winter and we said probably in the spring. It is not

going to happen this winter and that was 2011. So that would be nice. If you have any ideas on dates, months, or something that would be interesting. The Mayor said yes. Mr. D'Ambrosio said the only other point he would make about trees - because that was an interesting subject that the gentleman mentioned. Something that broke his heart literally and probably a lot of other people because we weren't asked for input. Instead it was done. And that was the tree that was outside the new fire department. It was an injured tree but it was not a fatally injured tree. It was a very old tree - he thinks well over 200 years old. An exquisite sort of - what do you call it - it is a tree that is very common in New York and he just can't think of the name of it. But the stump is still there. But that was cut in one day and no one was ever given any feedback. Would you like to chip in money to try to save the tree or anything. It was treated as maybe a threat to the new firehouse and therefore that is the way it was taken out. But he thought that was wrong because it was an exquisite tree and it was very old. It was probably as old as Suffern's tavern, etc. And when he thinks about trees he thinks about that. Because he and his wife were both upset when they saw that.

The Mayor said we are going out tonight - we are requesting - DPW superintendent Sawicki is requesting that we go out for bids for the roadway improvement project so what we are going to do is during this process is to look at what roads we can do based on our budget and in terms of the trees, we all want to make sure trees are great. They are great for the environment. They really beautify our Village. But we also want to make sure that trees are healthy. And we had a large meeting here with a number of people from the West Ward about a year and a half ago because prior to doing the roadway improvement project a number of trees were cut down and people thought those trees were beautiful and why did you cut them down. The Mayor said we have an arborist as a consultant and we look at these things. And often what happens is that a tree may look healthy but it is not. We had an example where it had worms that were probably this big that were inside of what otherwise seemed to be a healthy tree. A lot of times what happens is that Orange and Rockland comes back and they cut trees back that are going into wires and when they do that if they leave where they cut exposed and they don't tar it then disease gets in it. And trees can last a long time but the problem is when you get a storm. A big storm like we did at the end of October when snow was on the trees. What happens then is trees go down and knock down power lines - they fall into houses and God forbid it has happened in a number of places where people have gotten killed by trees that have fallen and if you notice

the Village of Suffern, compared to the surrounding areas of Mahwah, of Airmont, of Montebello, really did not have a lot of power outages during that storm. Interstate Street, he believes, was the only street that was out for maybe more than 12 hours when he had friends who were literally in his house staying there for a week because areas of Montebello and Airmont were out for a week. So he thinks that was due in large part to the fact that we are very proactive on tree maintenance and again we don't want to cut down trees. They are beautiful and you can't replace an 80 year old tree but the problem is that sometimes when they appear healthy they are not. And the root structure is exposed and it is growing out of the curbs or into the curb or the trees are diseased. And often he tells people that if you look back at the stump you can see if it is hollowed out. And he saw on some of these trees that it is. And going over then you know that there is disease there. And yes, maybe they would last another five years, two years - he doesn't know. But if the wrong storm comes they can really do some serious damage and we don't want to be in a position where somebody is hurt or killed and then we say well, we should have maintained our trees better. So again it is a difficult balance and we are trying to do the right thing. We also said we would replant trees if people asked - no charge. We were going to stay away from doing them in the right-of-way because they grow into the street, they lift up sidewalks which presents another hazard and the policy is that we will replant on your property - we will pay for the tree - we will maintain it for a year and then we will turn it over to you. He said he believes our friend Stan there has requested a tree so maybe somebody could talk to him. He saw him earlier in his office. So we talked about planting a tree there. So he is glad this topic came up. So thank you for that.

Adam DeStefano of 19 Prairie Avenue - the Mayor said welcome home from school - Mr. DeStefano said home from school for a couple of months. The Mayor asked him if he got good grades. Mr. DeStefano said yes, he did very good this semester. He thinks he got a 3.05. He said he is actually here because he knows we sent out bids for the Orange Avenue Renewal project. He said you did that a second time. He asked why did we send out a second bid. Was it because we got no bids or did we change the standards. The Mayor said recently? How long ago. Mr. DeStefano said he thinks it was three months ago - we sent out a second bid for it. The Mayor said he thinks we went out for another time. Third? Mr. DeStefano said oh, a third time. The Mayor said we had one person who was interested and then we have some other people who are interested now so again getting more interest only helps the project. He

said he thinks there was concern - maybe even expressed by Mr. DeStefano that it had been a long time since we went out to bid so why not do it again, plus we wanted to see what was going on in the environment. So when we hear back and what's going on we will bring it to this Board and then have the appropriate public meeting concerning it. The Mayor said as he always said he believes that property should be developed and it would be an asset to this Village. Mr. DeStefano said if done right that would be a great asset to the Village. There is no doubt.

Mr. DeStefano said another topic he wanted to talk about is that he knows there is a Planning Board meeting with preliminary stuff for the rock quarry. His advice before the Village goes further concerning the project or not is to contact Novartis first. Because he knows that Novartis in the past has expressed concern with developing the rock quarry and because they are a very valuable asset to this Village we should make sure before we go ahead what their concerns are and work with them because they are a great asset to the Village and we don't want to lose them. And the final thing he has is back in the January meeting there was discussion with Yorkshire Drive with double yellow lines and how there was a traffic study with that. Were you able to locate the traffic study done on that a couple of years ago? The Mayor said yes. He asked if there were going to be double yellow lines painted within - the Mayor said yes, there will be. The reason why it hasn't been done yet is because we are going to do the final coat on those roads - the slurry coat - so we are not going to spend the money to paint it and then go over it. Once that is done, which again we are going out - Charles is requesting that the Board authorize him to go out to bid now and when we get that back. And he believes that is actually a state bid on the slurry coat. The Mayor said we are working on that now and once that is complete we will paint those roads. Mr. DeStefano said okay, that is all he has to say. Thank you very much.

Jim Giannettino of 2 Memorial Drive said he completed a complaint for violations on 166 Wayne Avenue on April 16. He said what he really wanted to know is it designated residential that went through, correct? The Mayor said he believes based on your recent arrest on that property he does not believe that it is appropriate for him to comment. Mr. Giannettino said excuse me - he was not arrested. And someone who has been arrested should not bring up anyone else's problems. The Mayor said he doesn't believe it is appropriate. Mr. Giannettino said he didn't assault anybody. The Mayor said either did he. But thank you. Mr. Giannettino said he still wanted an answer to his question. The

Mayor said he will not comment on that property. Mr. Giannettino said he guesses it just proves what he knew all along. You took care of your good friend over the objections of an entire neighborhood and you are continuing to protect the violations on that property. And you don't have to answer. The Mayor said okay, thank you.

Jean Hennelly of Wayne Avenue said she would like to ask the same question. What has come of those violations. They were written up and nothing has been - the Mayor said he believes that the concerns, and again you can discuss that with the Code Enforcement department because once a violation is written it goes into a process. He said he is really particularly not familiar with violations and it is probably the only time he has been asked specifically if there is a matter that is before the Code Enforcement or Building Department. He said he does believe that some of those matters were rectified and - the Mayor said we actually have our code enforcer here and he can speak to that. The Mayor said to Mrs. Hennelly that as he said he has offered it numerous times every meeting and he will keep the offer open. He implores her to come into his office, e-mail, talk, set up meetings with him or any department head during the month to address your concerns so that we can effect a solution that is beneficial to all in an expeditious manner. So again he implores her to reach out and will do that. But if Mike wants to come up and talk about her questions, that would be great. Mrs. Hennelly said if you are willing to have a stenographer or someone there to record the minutes of our conversation that would be fine. The reason why she comes before the Board is because it becomes public record so that words cannot be misconstrued and misplaced and so forth. The Mayor said we can go and meet with department heads - whatever you want to do. Mrs. Hennelly said so she would like him to stop telling her to come up here when it is her right to come up here. The Mayor said I never said you shouldn't come up here. Mrs. Hennelly said then why are you saying well come to my office, come to my office. The Mayor said he said if there were problems - Mrs. Hennelly said she is coming here - the Mayor said there is no reason to get upset. He said he is offering her - he is here every day - if there are issues that can be addressed before the meetings that you can come up whenever you want. And again he doesn't understand. You can still come up to a Board meeting and make a point. But you come up here often times with these issues with emotion emanating from your voice over these being matters of imminent safety yet you wait thirty days to deal with them. So his point is if you think there is something that you think is such a concern, you can call his

office, you can meet with any member of the staff, and they can address her problems immediately. Mrs. Hennelly said she sends e-mails and she still does not get a - the Mayor said that is all he is saying. You can still come to the meeting and do it. Mrs. Hennelly said she sends e-mails and she does not get responses. The Mayor said you got a response. The last e-mail you sent was regarding the stormwater study to Mr. Sawicki. The Mayor was copied on it and believes he said that when it was available it would be posted on line. And he thinks it was. Mrs. Hennelly said prior to that was the missing windows and doors on the premises and nobody bothered to comment on those. The Mayor said he believes those issues were addressed. Mrs. Hennelly said that nobody responded to her letter. The Mayor said Mr. Stark will talk about it - Mrs. Hennelly said nobody responded to her letter. The Mayor said forget it. If there is a concern about that call and make an appointment. Mrs. Hennelly said that was a concern. She contacted the Mayor and did he reply? The Mayor said you never contacted me directly. Mrs. Hennelly said she will bring in the e-mail, okay? The Mayor said you can call my office - she said everybody else on this Board received the same e-mail. The Mayor told her that anytime she wants, she can come into his office and meet with any department head that you want. You don't have to meet with him. But if you have concerns over code enforcement or the building inspector I told you you can go to those appropriate departments. You still have your right, as you so eloquently stated, to come up during public meetings. But he thinks that in between, if you have a problem, we can address it. Mrs. Hennelly said she has four children. She just can't drop everything and be at your office. The Mayor said anytime you want. Mrs. Hennelly said between 8 and 4 is not a good time. The Mayor said so after four. He is here after four. Or any time you want. The Mayor said if you want we will accommodate you. Mrs. Hennelly said she doesn't understand why - e-mail is widely used. The Mayor said he is offering her - Mrs. Hennelly she doesn't understand why she has to see him face to face. The Mayor said you don't have to see him. He said he has never been before having someone who is meeting with such hostility over the fact that he is saying that whatever you need we are available to you and saying that you can still come to these meetings if you like. Mrs. Hennelly said because your tone with her is what is aggravating her. The Mayor said he doesn't know anything. Whatever you think.

Mike Stark said that he can comment on the Wayne Avenue project. He said he did see some correspondence from Ms. Hennelly and violations were issued and as far as we can tell the property was

cleaned up. The windows were boarded up. The doors were locked and the garbage was cleaned off the property. Trustee Falciglia asked if there was any machinery - Mr. Stark said that as far as we can tell the piece of machinery is allowed to be there. Mr. Giannettino said there are no permits on that property. The Mayor told Mr. Giannettino that he knows the rules of the meeting. Mr. Stark asked Mr. Giannettino if he wanted to come up he could ask a question. The Mayor said you can come up here. Come on up. If you have a question. Mr. Giannettino said that this is from your building department. There are no permits on 15 Washington or 156 Wayne Avenue. How are they allowed to keep an earth mover there for four or five months with no permits on that property. He asked if anybody had an answer. He said he would take it from anybody at this point. Mr. Stark said that unfortunately he cannot answer his question on that but what he would recommend is that he go see Mr. Jacaruso tomorrow morning. Mr. Giannettino said he is the one that wrote it. Mr. Stark said if that is the answer he gave you then he guesses Mr. Giannettino is right.

The Mayor said he does believe that they are - he knows that they are going for a demolition permit. Mr. Stark said yes, and they are also before the Planning Board. The Mayor said yes.

Trustee Abato said to Mrs. Hennelly and Mr. Giannettino - she said she thinks it is great that they come out to meetings and that they are so involved in the community. But it is questions like this that she would prefer to have that person here to have the answer for. So if you came in and said to Mr. Jacaruso or to Mike "look, this is my question. Can you be at the meeting?" If you want it on record, Jean, then that is great. She said that we have one person that comes as a representative from that department and he is here - Mike. So if there is a question about - she said Mr. Jacaruso wrote this. So if you e-mail and say that I am going to have questions about something Mr. Jacaruso wrote and that you are concerned about them, then she could say to Mr. Jacaruso could you be at the meeting so that we can get this taken care of? Mr. Giannettino said this was done today. Trustee Abato said okay. Alright. Whatever. As soon as you see it, we can call him. But the point is that we linger meeting to meeting to meeting. Like now, we are not going to have another Village Board meeting for thirty days. So your question for Mr. Jacaruso, unless you go to his office or give him a call, we are not going to be able to answer them for you for thirty days. So she thinks that if you try to communicate with the board's that you are interested in and the safety issues as well as, and she is not saying don't come here, she definitely thinks it is a great thing

that you come here. Mr. Giannettino said but he did go to Mr. Jacaruso. Trustee Abato said did you ask him the questions that you are asking us? Mr. Giannettino said he didn't think he was supposed to ask him. It is a Board decision. Trustee Abato said well absolutely - Mr. Giannettino said that everything on this project has come down through a Board decision. The Mayor said that is not true. Trustee Abato said that is not true. Because we can't make decisions on that. The Mayor said what Board - there was one vote on this Board. The rest of it is being administered through the various departments. That is it. You know the way it works. Mr. Giannettino said we have an attorney here who has been the attorney here for thirty years. He should know the answer to the question. It is a law question. He said he doesn't think he needs to have Joe Jacaruso here after he wrote his opinion. Trustee Abato said no, no, no - Mr. Giannettino said now it becomes a legal interpretation. Trustee Abato said it is coming down to a question that you have about the code of why he can have this piece of machinery still on the property. That would be something that would be his call on it and he would know the answer to that and the law on that. That is what she is saying to him. Trustee Abato said she would like to have that answer as well right now. But unfortunately we didn't know that this was coming to the Board tonight. So we can't be prepared for it. So if you just kind of let us know and contact these people and let them know that you are coming to the Board meeting and these are my questions and I need to have them answered and could you have someone be there from Mr. Jacaruso's office with the answer or can he call me or whatever the case is. Trustee Abato said us going back and forth like this is not getting the answer and not getting it taken care of. That is all we are saying. We are not saying don't come to Board meetings. Don't speak your mind. Absolutely not. That has never been an issue here. But at least give us some heads up or at least give that person that you have a question from some heads up that you have questions about these things.

Mr. Giannettino said that these issues have been asked over and over and over again. Trustee Abato said not this particular one. Mr. Giannettino said yes. About this machine. It has come up more than once at meetings. No one has ever gotten back to him or to Jean or to anybody else on this issue. So if they don't bring it up, we don't hear. Dagan has said call me, e-mail me. I have a phone. It is in the book. Call me and tell me what he decides. The Mayor said if you want us to get an answer on that question, we will do it. Mr. Giannettino said that is what he is asking. The Mayor said fine. We are dealing with this project. It is

obvious every month that you come here and that you are both obviously opposed to this particular project which is your right to do it. But like anything we are not - there are building permits, there are violations, there are tickets. There are things that are issued by the department - and he thinks that Mr. Giannettino knows that he is here everyday. And he knows what goes on in this Village. But once we make our vote on the issue it is not before them anymore. The Mayor said we had one vote on the zone change. We obviously know where you stood on that issue and where Mrs. Hennelly stood on that issue - Mr. Giannettino said and the whole neighborhood stood on that issue - the Mayor said okay, fine. But we have seen tonight another issue where people express concern over things that they don't want in your neighborhood. And that is your right. And we don't need to discuss that. And we know your opinion. But once that is done this stuff is not a matter for the Village Board and the Mayor said he conducts this Village very differently. And he believes at a certain point that he has his responsibilities and he carries them out. And he has seen in the past certain situations where this Village has been exposed to lawsuits because Mayor's get involved in situations where they shouldn't be involved. So that is what he is trying to do. He is trying to protect this interest. If there are issues where people make public comments about uses that occur near the hospital, and then those suddenly are on the record, and then suddenly the federal government intervenes, they do not want to see. The Mayor said his advice that he always gets from his attorney, and he will say that he says it all the time, he says that if he can give him one piece of advice it is to treat everybody and everything that you do the same. If you have a way of doing things it should be no different from who the person is or what the issue is. And that is what he tries to do. And he is not in the business of enforcing the code. He is not in the business of doing anything. Yes, from time to time does he call the code enforcer if he is driving by and he sees something and say can you check that out? Yes, he has done that. Okay. Just like any resident can do that. If he sees a neighbor where the property is not kept the right way. But he never intervenes on behalf or in favor of someone or against it because that is not a proper use of his authority. It is not what the voters put them here to do. And it is not the right thing to do. So again, in his position on this piece of property once we made that vote on the zone change and had the public hearing it is no longer our issue. Yes, was there an issue of property maintenance on 15 Washington Avenue where the way the law was written it brought to the forefront something which he guesses some, including, and he doesn't want to put words in Jack's

mouth, but where Mr. Meehan may have perceived it as being a loophole. Yes, and so that was then brought back to the Board to be addressed in a legislative fashion. But in terms of enforcing the code or building permits or all that, and maybe he does get a little upset because he feels that you should know that by now and by coming here it seems to him, and he is being honest here, that it is more theater than trying to accomplish anything because at the end of the day it is not his job and it is not his responsibility to do it and even if he wanted to, it is not legal for him to do it. He wants the people responsible, Mr. Stark, Mr. Ortiz, Mr. Jacaruso, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Wilson, to take responsibility for their job and then if they are not doing it effectively then it becomes the Mayor's responsibility. Mr. Giannettino said he has never asked him to intervene, go talk to anyone. But when facts are brought to you and hopefully you ride around this Village and you see that the things that are being told to you are actual, you have a right to question people that work for you as to what is going on when you hear all these complaints. You cannot say it is not my job. You are the chief operating officer of this Village. Everyone reports to either a supervisor and the supervisors report to you. If you see the same violations are being brought to you time after time after time it is your job to find out what is going on.

The Mayor asked Mr. Giannettino if he rides around this Village a lot? Are you involved in this Village still currently? Mr. Giannettino said absolutely. The Mayor asked if there has been any other property in which he has had personal concern over how our code enforcement department or our building inspector are doing their job. Mr. Giannettino said yes. Not recently but yes during the years. The Mayor said no, no, no. During our current staff that we have here. Mr. Giannettino said personally no he doesn't ride the whole Village. He does go in and out of his own neighborhood. The Mayor said he does and when there are problems he brings it to their attention but he also knows that when people come month in and month out and they are trying to ask us questions about a specific property and that is why he tells Mrs. Hennelly - he is not trying to tell her not to come here. But he is not going to sit here and get involved in the day to day function, especially when it is one particular property. If he gets constant calls about something or that people are not doing their job then he addresses it. Believe him. He said he got rid of people who were in this Village who weren't doing their job in that very department because he had concerns about them. But he thinks that Mr. Jacaruso is professional - Mr. Giannettino said absolutely - and that Mr. Ortiz and Mr. Stark are professional -

Mr. Giannettino said he didn't question any of these people. He is questioning the results of an investigation that was done. Violations were written. No charges were ever sent to the court on any one of these violations. Not one. The court has no record of violations of the ten or fifteen violations that were submitted. The Mayor said he believes that those violations gave the person the opportunity to rectify those violations. It wasn't an appearance ticket. Mr. Giannettino said the dates of their correction were the same date that he submitted the violations to this department. They gave them either one day or two days to correct them. And he can guarantee him that all those violations were not corrected in two days and he is sure that Mike can attest to the fact that it was almost impossible. The Mayor said once they were given he had no involvement. Mr. Stark said their standard procedure with those type of violations is to give them zero days but the fact of the matter is that they have ten days and they were, he believes, they were cleared up well within the ten day timeframe. Mr. Giannettino said here are violations that were signed by you and signed by Randy. He said they came from your office. The Mayor told Mr. Giannettino that if he wanted to address this it probably is best to address it outside because he just knows that whatever they did is their standard operating procedure. Trustee Abato asked Mr. Stark if he could do us a favor. She asked if he could just look through that and check with Mr. Jacaruso tomorrow and then get in touch with Mr. Giannettino and Mrs. Hennelly and answer whatever questions they have. The Mayor said to Mr. Stark that he would like to say something quickly for the record. He asked him has there ever been a situation where the Mayor has asked him to or not to write a violation regarding a specific property. Mr. Stark said no there hasn't. The Mayor asked him if he has ever asked him to act in any way outside their normal operating procedures. Mr. Stark said no you haven't. The Mayor said okay. Thank you. Mr. Giannettino asked if he said that he had? The Mayor said he just wanted to make that clear. Mr. Giannettino said all he said is the violations are written and they go no further then the building department. Trustee Abato said okay. Mr. Stark is going to work with both of you to get the answers to all of their questions with Mr. Jacaruso so that everybody is on the same page.

Trustee Meehan said that he has followed - he has been copied in on Mrs. Hennelly's and he knew that violations were issued because he contacted the building department and asked for copies of the violations and he was told that they were taken care of and if they were not taken care of he is quite upset about that.

He said he knows from the past and being here a long time that this is how the code enforcers work. In other words they don't go in and just say appear in court. They say these are the problems. Fix them. And if they are fixed they don't proceed, generally speaking, they don't proceed to court unless the person is a repeat violator. But he would like, because it has been brought before the Board, to have all the Board members copied one way or the other on the e-mails. It is so easy with the e-mail situation so that they could all know about this. Trustee Meehan said he appreciates Mrs. Hennelly copying him. Mrs. Hennelly said you are very welcome.

Mrs. Hennelly said she had a question. She asked who is responsible for creating the code of the Village. That would be the Board correct? The Mayor said the Village Board. Mrs. Hennelly said if there is not a code on the books for a machine of that type to be allowed on residential front property then there has to be one created. If she parks a boat on her - she said it is not a commercial vehicle as she has been told by Randy Ortiz this afternoon. So his hands are tied. He can't - there is no code that they are violating. Mrs. Hennelly said well there should be a code. She said it is not fair that there are working people, hard working people, who can't park their 4 x 4 truck. She said she doesn't know what the rule is. But basically their livelihoods are up-ended because the law is on the books that makes them not be able to put their truck there but meanwhile these people can put a piece of machinery on their front lawn. Is there something on the books at all - miscellaneous items of non-motorized - there has to be something on the books. The Mayor said that he does believe that the last he heard is that they are going for a demolition permit and they want to knock down the building. Mrs. Hennelly said he has been saying that since February. The Mayor said talk to the building department. The Mayor said believe him - they want to knock down the building. Mrs. Hennelly said she spoke to the building department and they told her to talk to the planning department - it is in the planning stages. The Mayor said that is a separate issue. She said run around, run around, run around. The Mayor said that is not true. The planning board has nothing to do with the demolition of the building. That is about pulling a permit and getting the building knocked down. So that is very much within the building department. Mrs. Hennelly said okay.

Mrs. Hennelly said that she sees on the agenda that you are mentioning the façade architect. She said she is wondering why the transition from Michael Shilale over to this firm. The Mayor

said we felt that this firm was a better fit for this project. Mr. Shilale was recommended to us. He did some work. We discussed this at the workshop. The architect that we are looking to do on this size of a project - again it is all paid for by grant money - is better suited for a project that is this small in scope. Mr. Shilale kind of generated documents that he thinks made the project difficult to respond to using AIA documents. It takes all that to review these. This is a small project. You are not looking at more than \$50,000 or \$60,000 a building. So the gentleman that we are looking at approving is a smaller operation, is more experienced in doing a project of this scope. In fact, he did the work on the building where Road Runners is. So he has direct experience. His rate is cheaper and he thinks that based on the experience we had with Mr. Shilale in talking with our grant writer, Jo Corrigan, people who have been involved with the project he thinks it is just a much better fit for us. Mrs. Hennelly said that she is just concerned that things are going to start to look choppy. If an architect has a vision and the town has a vision and you need to go from architect to another architect there would be a visible difference in the - the Mayor said each building is its each individual project so really it has no effect. Mr. Shilale's work is complete on 1, 2, 3 of the buildings that we are doing. So his drawings and his plans are being used for those three. But going forward every individual building will have different needs because the architecture in each building is unique. So again they are just designing it and really we are just coming up with what makes the most sense for each building so it really doesn't have an effect and all his work that was complete will be used on three buildings. This is just going forward on new buildings. Mrs. Hennelly said now that \$4000 price tag is per building, correct? The Mayor said correct. Mrs. Hennelly said so that price tag will be \$16,000 as opposed to Shilale's \$11,000. The Mayor said no it is not. It is actually cheaper based on what we had done in terms of Mr. Shilale. There were additional bills which were addressed by the office of Community Development so at the end of the day this will be cheaper and a scope that is better. We had to rebid the project and there are additional expenses - it is just a much better fit for the Village. Mrs. Hennelly said okay. The Mayor said it is going to be cheaper and it is going to be better.

Mrs. Hennelly said the reason for the Board meeting to be held on July 9. Trustee Meehan said he pleads guilty on that. Trustee Falciglia said Trustee Meehan will be on vacation. Trustee Meehan said what happens is the Meehan family reserved a cabin in the backwoods of Maine, Moosehead Lake, for late July, 2012. Then the

family found out that their daughter was due August 1. So the Meehan family moved it back to the first week in July. So then Trustee Meehan asked that the meeting be held on July 9 and then his colleagues here went along with that. That is the story. Mrs. Hennelly said she hates to see workshops not happening. She said she likes to see two meetings a month. The Mayor said we discussed that. It is just in terms of the timing. We would either have to do it for Jack to be there - we would have two weeks between the workshop and the meeting. So it just didn't make sense for that month. Mrs. Hennelly said thank you very much.

Sam Janarrone of 73 E. Maple Avenue said he would like to start off on a lighter note, if he may. He said the residents of his block want to thank Clarke and the police department for all the work that they have seen them do and they continue to do. He said his kids were home - one of them from Boston and the other from Jersey and they dug out this picture, which is a family heirloom which he would like to pass on to Clarke. Mr. Janarrone said this is partly to assuage his own guilt because his own kids are partly responsible for the condition of his hair right now. The Mayor asked if they were all his kids. Mr. Janarrone said no, absolutely not. Just one of them. That was taken at the DARE program. So we will get a suitable frame and put it up somewhere. He said his kids want to make sure that it is publicly displayed so that they can always come.

Mr. Janarrone said he would like to make reference to the Quarry Ridge proposal. He said he purchased this sixty page document from Virginia last week. It was \$15 he thinks to get a copy. And he was kind of surprised when she told him that only four or five people had been in to get a copy of this. And he would like to propose a couple of things to the Mayor and the Board and see what you think about it. He said in light of the size of this project and the importance and how important that sixty plus acres is to the Village he would like to somehow disseminate this proposal to the public without having to view it in the clerk's office. As he said he purchased this from Virginia and went ahead and brought it to Kinko's and had it scanned into a PDF file. Mr. Janarrone said he spoke to many of his neighbors. They pay attention as to what goes on in the Village as he does and they were all unaware of what this proposal contained. And he thinks he wanted to propose three things that we provide copies of this at the library in a bound form that somebody can come and take out as a book and return in a week after they read it. He would also like to propose that it be posted electronically on the

Village website as a separate entry. The Mayor said he asked Terry. He said he just wants to make sure - this is not before this Board yet as a public hearing. Because again ultimately what happens is that they are going to the planning board for SEQRA and then a recommendation regarding a zone change and then it would be before the public at this Board. He said he just doesn't want to treat this project - and again when he says it - people come up on this or other projects treated any differently then we are treating anything else. And he doesn't believe - he said it is available - and he just doesn't believe that in general we put up things before the planning board - all the documentation. Trustee Abato said that once it is going to us - she said she is just wondering. The Mayor said we will get it posted. If Terry thinks it is okay. Again, he just wants to make sure we do the same thing for everyone. Trustee Meehan said he thinks, very frankly, that it is such a large importance to the Village and of course he has made a public stand on that and actually wrote a community view which was not published in *The Journal News* and he doesn't know why but one of the things about that - a brief history of what he really is objecting to is the number of units and the traffic going onto Lafayette Avenue because there is too much traffic already. He said they have reduced the number of units and there will be no traffic going on Lafayette Avenue. So he is not saying that he is for it or against it because he wants it to go through the hearing - Mr. Janarrone said of course - but it was totally unacceptable to him before and right now he is going to wait and see and he finds it much more within the realm of acceptability and of course one of the things we are looking for here on the Village Board is the flood mitigation which goes along with the project a quik pro quo. We are very interested in that - a twenty five year flood mitigation would be very helpful to the people we are trying to help out at Squires Gate. So he outlined this in *The Journal News* and unfortunately they didn't publish it. But he would like to make a motion. The Mayor said we will put it online. If Terry thinks it is okay. Attorney Rice said you don't have to make a motion. The Mayor said he just wants to make sure that we are just not doing anything differently then we would do but he thinks ultimately - Trustee Meehan said it is a big project. The Mayor said we will make sure it is online. Mr. Janarrone said the reason he brings this up - he said he has it in an electronic form. Mr. Janarrone said another thing. Is it possible for us to request that it be placed on the county and the Town of Ramapo websites also. Is that possible to do? The Mayor said we can ask. Mr. Janarrone said if somebody wants to look and search Suffern Quarry, search Quarry Ridge on their websites that maybe they - the Mayor said he

doesn't know if the county would. The Mayor said he can request the town to do it. And he will ask the county and he will make sure that we put it online. That is not a problem. Mr. Janarrone thanked him.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

A) W.W.T.P. - Requesting Authorization to Authorize O'Brien and Gere to Proceed with Task 6 and Task 7:

Mr. Charles Sawicki asked for authorization to authorize O'Brien and Gere to proceed with Task 6 and Task 7 of the inflow and Infiltration Study as required by the NYS DEC at a cost of \$28,000. Mr. Sawicki said this will be charged to the WWTP capital project account. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Falciglia.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan

B) Public Hearing - MS4 Report:

Mr. Sawicki asked for authorization to reschedule the public hearing for the NYS DEC MS4 report during the July 9 Board meeting at 7:45 p.m. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

C) Contract Award - 2013 Ford Explorer:

Mr. Sawicki asked for authorization to issue a purchase order for a 2013 Ford Explorer. The low bidder is Beyer-Warnock Fleet of Morristown, New Jersey at a cost of \$28,830. These are budgeted funds and will be charged to H.5010.4200.0003.2013-002. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan who had a question. He said we talk about state bid. He asked if the state had a bid on this. Mr. Sawicki said this particular vehicle was not on the state bid list so it was publicly advertised and we had four bids. Trustee Meehan said okay, thank you.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan

D) Contract Award - DPW Street Department Garage Roof Restoration Project:

Mr. Sawicki asked for authorization to award a contract for the DPW street department garage roof restoration project. The low bidder with a complete and comprehensive proposal conforming to the project bid documents is Monpat Construction Inc, Flushing, New York at a cost for bid alternate no. 3 in the amount of \$120,000. These are budgeted funds and will be charged to H.5110.3573.0001.2013-003. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Trustee Falciglia said he had a question. Do we ever check these contractors out to see if there are lawsuits against them? Mr. Sawicki said yes. This contractor, and as a matter of fact, he believes he is currently doing work for the county at the Rockland County site. Trustee Falciglia said he did Jacobi Hospital so he can't be too bad. Mr. Sawicki said he has a very large reference list and he was very glad to see that. He said he doesn't know them personally but he was very glad to see that they did have a good reference list and they seem to have a good background. Trustee Meehan said and they are from Flushing where the NY Mets play and a no hitter was thrown Friday night in case you missed it. Trustee Abato said after this we want somebody from the Bronx.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan

Mr. Sawicki said he had two additional items. He asked for authorization to issue a purchase order for the court clerk payment window. The low bidder is Full Circle Glass Studio, Inc., Pearl River, New York in the amount of \$12,980. A grant has been awarded for this project from the Justice Court Assistance

Program in the amount of \$13,001. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan

Mr. Sawicki said he was requesting authorization to solicit bids for roadway improvement bids. These bids will be due on July 2 at 1:00 p.m. A motion authorizing the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Falciglia. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

VILLAGE CLERK:

A) Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting - March 12, 2012:

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner asked for approval of the minutes of the special Board meeting of March 12, 2012. A motion approving the minutes was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Falciglia. Upon vote, the motion was carried, with Trustee Abato abstaining.

B) Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting - March 28, 2012:

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner asked for approval of the minutes of the special Board meeting of March 28, 2012. A motion approving the minutes was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

C) Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting - May 3, 2012:

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner asked for approval of the minutes of the special Board meeting of May 3, 2012. A motion approving the minutes was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried, with Trustee Falciglia abstaining.

D) Ravi Continental Cuisine - Request for 4 Tables and 4 Chairs for Each Table:

Ms. Menschner said we have a request for 4 tables and 4 chairs

for each table from Ravi Continental Cuisine. Trustee Abato asked if we had a recommendation. Ms. Menschner said this has already been given to the code enforcer and she thinks they approved it. Trustee Abato said they did or they did not. The clerk said they did. Trustee Abato said they did approve it. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

There was nothing to report.

MAYOR:

A) Set Public Hearing to Create One (1) Handicap Parking Space in Front of the Post Office and One (1) Additional in the "B" Lot - July 9, 2012 - 7:50 p.m.:

The Mayor said he would like to make a motion to set a public hearing to create one handicap spot in front of the post office and to place an additional handicap spot - there is one there now - along the fence on Chestnut in the "B" lot at 7:50 p.m. on July 9, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Appoint Court Attendant:

The Mayor said he would like to appoint Brian Downey to the position of court attendant at a rate of \$20 per hour. The Mayor said he met with all the Village Board members. He currently is employed in two other courts. He can do it here. And again it is a matter of safety and we felt that is the best way to protect the court with the court attendant and everyone there. A motion to confirm the appointment was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

C) ARCHITECT FOR FACADES:

The Mayor said this next item he mentioned during public participation. It is an architect for the facades. Mr. Pierre Levecque. He said the Board members have the information in front of them and we talked about this during the workshop. The rate is \$125 an hour. Each building not to exceed \$4000. There is also a contingency built in for an additional \$1000 for each building prior to getting Board approval. If, for example, he goes in and finds that there is a problem once they get in. The Mayor said he met with him, Carrine met with him, Jo met with him and he thinks

he really is good and he understands the scope of this project and he thinks that it will work out well. And everyone has the information if you want to call him and speak to him. But he thinks they will all be impressed by him. The Mayor said this is all paid by grant money from the Community Development Block Grant. A motion was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan

D) Memorandum of Agreement between Village and Suffern Policemen's Benevolent Association, Inc.:

The Mayor said the last item is a Memorandum of Agreement between the Village of Suffern and the Suffern Policemen's Benevolent Association, also known as the Suffern PBA. The contract is up. The Mayor said he thinks for the first time in thirty years that we are having a contract where one ends and goes right to the other. He said he knows we have a great police department and he believes the terms of this contract are fair also recognizing the environment that we are in and also what the prevailing contracts are in the area. The terms of the contract are public. He said he knows it is a four year contract and the raises are 2 1/4 for the first year, 2 1/2, 2 1/2, 2.75% which comes out to 10% over four years which is in line or below what he thinks the last several contracts that were negotiated in the county. And again the amount of money we are saving in legal fees because we are negotiating this very quickly and there was only a small term concerning the change in the pension. There is a new pension tier so we had to make sure to word it the right way. And he really thinks that that was the only thing that really needed any significant input from our labor counsel which again that represents a significant savings over other contracts. A motion to adopt the contract and authorize the Mayor to sign it was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Falciglia.

AYES: Mayor Dagan LaCorte
Trustee Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee John Meehan said that one of the significant things about this is that there are significantly less

increases than previous contracts by quite a bit. He said he thinks that the police officers realize that we are in a 2% state and they have become very realistic on this.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan

The Mayor said he would just request a motion for adjournment in honor of our soldiers who are serving especially after our recent celebration of Memorial Day as well as those who are no longer with us who paid the ultimate sacrifice. We have many service men and women in this community and we have a long tradition of service in this Village. So he requests that we adjourn in their honor and memory and especially in recognition of Memorial Day. The motion was moved by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Falciglia. Upon vote, the motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.