

Village Board Meeting
Monday, May 6, 2013

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

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

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

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said before we start the regular Board meeting, as everyone can see here, we have a number of the members of our department here this evening from our Police Department and many of their family and friends. So the Mayor said he was going to step up to the podium with Chief Osborn and they are going to present some awards.

Chief Osborn said he would like to start the ceremony by thanking the Mayor, Village Board, as well as our residents here in the Village of Suffern for their continued support of our Police Department. Chief Osborn said in the month of May, Police Week was celebrated throughout the United States featuring ceremonies such as this as well as memorials to honor officers who made the ultimate sacrifice by losing their lives in service to their community. Chief Osborn said tonight we are honoring several Suffern Police Officers who went the extra mile and provided exemplary service to our Village during the course of their duties.

Chief Osborn said he would like to start off by calling up Officer Rick Marsh, Officer Andy Loughlin and Officer Dan Kiernan. He asked them to come up in front of the stage. Chief Osborn said that on December 24, 2012 Officer Loughlin was working communications when he received a call from a distraught female who stated that she was going to end her life by jumping off the sixth floor balcony at the Park Place condominiums. Officer Loughlin kept the female on the phone, keeping her calm, as he dispatched Officers Marsh and Kiernan. Upon arrival, the officers made an emergency entrance to the apartment where the woman was and immediately observed her by the outside ledge of the balcony stating that she was going to jump. The officers managed to persuade the woman to at least come on the inside part of the balcony as they spoke to her. She eventually complied and as they continued trying to calm her down, she made a sudden move to the outside balcony and attempted to jump, at this time being tackled by Officers Marsh and Kiernan. The woman was taken to the hospital by medical personnel and thanks to these officers actions the woman was able to receive the help that she needed. These officers are to be commended for their life-saving

actions. The Chief congratulated them.

Chief Osborn said he would like to ask these officers to remain up here. It was a very busy week. On December 29, 2012 our department received a call about a man with an ax acting in a threatening manner at an apartment complex at Oakdale Manor. These officers responded to this location and was advised by residents of this building that this man was knocking on doors in an agitated state while holding an ax. While speaking to one of the residents this man was observed walking in the hall with the ax in the direction of the officers. Officers drew their service weapons at this time as the man continued to act irately. He was advised to drop the ax numerous times and finally did so. But shortly thereafter he refused to move away from it. He continued to be in an agitated state at which time the officers deployed a taser on him knocking him to the ground. After placing this man under arrest, it was found that he had numerous violent encounters both with the public and the police in the past. He is currently incarcerated for this incident in the Rockland County jail and the Chief would like to congratulate these officers for a job very well done. He congratulated them again.

Chief Osborn called up Officer Jose Martinez. He said that on February 18, 2013 the Suffern Police Department received a call that a burglary was taking place on Rockland Terrace. The caller gave a description and stated that the suspects had just left the area on foot. Officer Martinez, who was on patrol in the area, responded to the area and observed three suspects fitting the description on Ruby Street. Officer Martinez conducted a stop and an investigation at the scene where it was determined that the three defendants were responsible for the burglary and they were also suspected of another attempted break-in on Prairie Avenue that same day. Confessions were obtained and it was found that one of the defendants had three prior burglary arrests in the last year alone. Officer Martinez's quick response and action took three burglars off the streets of the Village of Suffern in our community. The Chief congratulated him for a job well done.

Chief Osborn said he would like to now call up K-9 Officer Lou Venturini, Officer Jim Marsh and Officer Jim Giannettino. Chief Osborn said that on April 1, 2013 the Suffern Police Department received a call from the Mahwah Police Department in regards to a suspect who had just committed a sexual assault of a juvenile in their jurisdiction. Mahwah stated that information on the suspect was that he possibly was headed into Suffern. Officers obtained a photo of the suspect and Officer Venturini was off-duty at the time and he distributed it to several people that he knew within the business district. In addition, a very thorough search of the area for the suspect took place by all available personnel - Officer Venturini, Officer Giannettino and Officer Marsh. A short while

later a person contacted our station and advised us that the person wanted in the photograph was on Lafayette Avenue in the area of the Lafayette Theater. Officers Venturini, Giannettino and Marsh responded and took the suspect into custody where he was charged as a fugitive from justice out of the state of New Jersey. Thanks to the efforts of Officers Venturini, Giannettino and Marsh as dangerous fugitive was taken off the streets in the Village of Suffern. The Chief congratulated them for a job well done and to their families.

Chief Osborn then congratulated all the Officers for a job well done and also to their families.

Chief Osborn said for the last award he would like to call up Detective Ann Cawley. Detective Cawley was assigned a case where a teenager stated that they were sexually assaulted by an uncle over a period of several years in the past. These crimes were never reported and the uncle left the area for over ten years. Recently, when the uncle moved back into the area, the teenager confided in the father and told him what happened. With very little evidence and no corroborating witnesses, Detective Cawley put a case together which included a confession from the uncle and was able to obtain a conviction which included a state prison term. Chief Osborn said he wanted to congratulate Det. Cawley for getting this person off of our streets and for getting a conviction with very little evidence. He then congratulated her.

Chief Osborn said we had a civilian award but he didn't think he was going to show up tonight. He asked if Peter Cronk was here and was told no. The Chief then said he wanted to congratulate all of these fine Officers in the Suffern Police Department and he wanted to thank the community. He said we have a great Police Department and we pride ourselves on service and our quick response time and going the extra mile for our residents. A true testament tonight for all these Officers here tonight is the fact that they have done so making our community safer. The Chief said he wanted to thank the Mayor and the Board for their continued support. Lt. Bonkoski and Sgt. Dolan have joined them tonight. And he would like to thank Cathy and Gail with helping with the certificates and everybody that is involved with the system with their department - ladies and gentlemen - a job well done. He said his hat is off to them and he thanked them for coming out tonight.

The Mayor said again thanks to Chief Osborn and his department. He said he thinks it is important that people see all the work that our Police Department does in keeping our community safe. He said he thinks that a lot of what goes on is often taken for granted because we live in a community in which we are safe and secure. And again to be able to recognize their hard work in helping to keep Suffern safe

is really something that is the highlight of this job.

SET DATES FOR JUNE MEETINGS:

The Mayor said the workshop is going to be Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. as opposed to Wednesday and the Board meeting is going to be Monday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. He said we have a special meeting on June 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. here in Village Hall and that is the Fair Housing Training meeting with the Office of Community Development. He said we are going to be hosting that here. He said board members on the Village Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board are going to be in attendance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Mike Stark said that as previously submitted in the February meeting for the approval of the LOSAP for the Fire Department and the thirty day grievance period posted at each fire house, he requested that they approve it for submittal to the insurance company. A motion accepting the 2012 LOSAP was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

CULTURE AND RECREATION:

The Mayor said for the first time, on stage, let's welcome - to everybody here, obviously Cathy has been with us for almost a week and we all know her but for the many millions of people who watch this meeting each month at home on TV, let us take the opportunity to welcome Cathy Mills to the Village of Suffern as our new Recreation and Culture Coordinator.

Mrs. Mills thanked the Mayor and Village Board. She said they have in front of them a few notes that they have for tonight's meeting. She said since the last Village Board meeting, these are some events that we have had for the Recreation Department. There was a Farmers Market on Saturday, April 6 at the Community Center. On Saturday, April 6, there was also Talina and Friends in Concert at the Community Center. There was a DARE Dance on Friday, April 12, at the Community Center. We had Suffern Keep Rockland Beautiful Saturday, April 13. It was a very successful event. They had pool lifeguard staff interviews on Monday, April 15. They had a LEAD event on Friday, April 19 at the Community Center. They had the Farmers Market - the Winter Farmers Market - on Saturday, April 20 at the Community Center. The 2013 calendars were delivered through the post office. The Farmers Winter Market was also on Saturday, May 4, at the Community Center. It was held from 9 to 2 p.m.

Mrs. Mills said that upcoming events that we have for the Recreation

Department is that LEAD will be this Friday, May 10 at the Community Center from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. They are going to start pool registration for the Suffern Memorial Pool. The first registration will be Wednesday, May 15, here at Village Hall on the third floor from 5:30 to 7:30. They will also have pool registration Thursday, May 16, at Village Hall from 5:30 to 7:30 again on the top floor. Farmers Winter Market will be Saturday, May 18 at the Community Center. That will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pool registration will also be on Saturday, May 18, which will be here at Village Hall from 11 to 1. There will be the Lions Club Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 21, at the Community Center from 5 to 9 p.m. Another pool registration on Thursday, May 23 at Village Hall from 5:30 to 7:30. The pool will be opening the weekend of Memorial Day. It will be opening Saturday, May 25 at 12 noon. This will be the schedule for weekends until June 22. They are going to have Movie under the Stars and it will be Saturday, May 25, also the same day as the pool and it will be held at the athletic fields at dusk, around 8 o'clock. And for those of you who do not know yet, the movie is Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. So that will be our Movie under the Stars this month.

Mrs. Mills said for the Board's approval, their authorization, they have in front of them the names of the Suffern lifeguards that they would like to hire this year. She said she would read off the names to them - appropriate salaries are included in the Village budget for this year. The names of the lifeguards are: Molly Kauders, Adam DeStefano, Samantha Dunn, Kelly Sheehan, Emma Patwell, Daniel DeStefano, Billy Osborn, Bill O'Connor, Kayla Simpson, Alex Oliveto, Eamon Goldman, Samantha Stark and Michael Redgate. The Mayor said he would appoint the foregoing people as lifeguards this summer. A motion to confirm was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried. The Mayor welcomed all these young men and women on board and said he hoped it was a safe and enjoyable summer. The Mayor thanked Mrs. Mills.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Terry Rice said that as we discussed the other night, the Village has had a resolution in effect for many years with respect to the standard work day. However, the retirement system has new regulations which require us to approve a resolution which sets forth the elected officials and appointed officials who work for the Village as well as the standard work day for those employees. He said they have a resolution in front of them. It is not an exact copy of the resolution that will be sent to the retirement system since we do not want to post or circulate the registration numbers or social security numbers for those individuals.

RESOLUTION NO. 9, 2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Suffern, Location code 40064, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

A motion adopting the resolution was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

Attorney Rice said that secondly, as part of the downtown façade improvement program, one of the concerns that is going to have a new façade installed is the Priya Indian restaurant. As part of the application, they will be expanding out towards the sidewalk. The Building Department has determined that the setback under the circumstances would be 24 inches and the proposal would be for the improvements to exceed that 24 inch setback. So since it is a Village sponsored project and this is Jo's project that she is sheparding through, the application should be referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals to request a variance so that they can go within the 24 inch setback. They will not, however, be going on to actual Village property. The Mayor asked Attorney Rice if we could make sure that there is a letter since Rob Magrino serves on that Board so they know what we are looking to do. Attorney Rice said he will discuss it with them. A motion to refer it to the Zoning Board was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. The Mayor said this would be for the May meeting, correct? Attorney Rice said hopefully yes. The Mayor said to make sure it gets on the May agenda. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Attorney Rice said lastly a number of months ago the Mayor suggested a revision to the Money in Lieu of Recreation fees. Our Planner, John Lange, has been working on it in conjunction with the Mayor and he would like to set a hearing for the June meeting so that the proposal can be considered and hopefully adopted. John will have a report and Attorney Rice said he will draw up a resolution in advance of that meeting. So that would be for June 10 at 7:40 p.m. A motion setting the public hearing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Trustee Falciglia asked when they would have that proposal. Attorney Rice said probably shortly. Trustee Falciglia thanked him. The Mayor said we will get John to - he asked Attorney Rice to ask John when he could have that back so everyone could take a look at it and if there are revisions we could make them before we have the meeting.

GRANT WRITER:

Fred Rella said the middle of the month, the Mayor and he attended the annual Community Development Block Grant awards ceremony and it was held in Stony Point and basically all the municipalities and not-for-profits which put in applications were there. So you had all the mayors from the varying municipalities, supervisors, and County Executive Vanderhoef was actually the one who awarded - made the announcement - and no one knows except really the County Executive and Joe Abate from the Office of Community Development who gets awarded until that point of time. And there was actually 25 awards which were given out - 10 to municipalities, 15 for not-for-profit. And he is very happy to say, and the Mayor and he were very ecstatic because we received the most of anybody. We received \$85,000 for the façade program for the upcoming year. And that brings our total to a little over \$400,000 and he is very happy with that. The Mayor said good work to Mr. Rella. And he thinks this spring everyone is going to see where we really ramp it up. There will be a number of storefronts that will be done and we are very excited. And he would also like to thank Deputy Mayor Corrigan. She has really been instrumental in moving that forward. It is a very big undertaking. Obviously getting the money is a huge part of it but you are in a situation where you are working not only - it is not the Village - it is the Village, a contractor and the building owner. So to get all three parties to agree to move forward - it is not always easy and it can be laborious and again we are moving forward and he thinks that the results that everybody sees and will continue to see is really going to make a difference in the downtown. And while we are excited about the money that we will receive this year - realistically that money will not be spent. It is not available until the summer so realistically it will be for facades that probably are done in the fall of this year but most likely the spring of 2014. So that means that we are funded for another two seasons and it is a great thing and we are really going to see a lot of results. So thank you again Fred, Jo and our committee and everybody who is working on it.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Osborn said he wanted to thank the Mayor and the Board and to all of them tonight for being here for those awards. He said that he had just one quick announcement. He said that on May 21 - and he knows he spoke about this at the workshop - the Police Chiefs Association of Rockland County, which he is a previous past president, will be hosting a very large event at the Lafayette Theater on May 21. Dave Conan, an International School Violence expert who has written several books - and we are fortunate enough for the first time that he is coming to Rockland County. He will be here in Suffern. There will be about 500 officers and school administrators from the whole region coming in. We are at about 500 now and at lunch time the Police Chiefs Association will pay for it.

There will be about 500 to 700 people in our restaurants for lunch that afternoon so it is a great win for all of us. We have Crumbs and B-Balls who are going to come in with breakfast items so everybody is going to get a little piece of the pie that morning. So it is a big event for our Village to have that many people coming in for the whole day. So that is all he has. And he wants to thank them again.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jim Giannettino of 2 Memorial Drive said he had a couple of questions - hopefully easy questions. He said you are referring the Indian Restaurant to the ZBA. Will they also be going to the Planning Board for site approval since they are changing the site? Attorney Rice said the Building Department will have to make that determination whether or not they need to get site plan approval. Normally you would but this is a Village sponsored project so he doesn't know if they are going to require it or not. Mr. Giannettino said the reason he is asking is because you know where their garbage facility is located right on the street - his concern is where is it going to wind up since they are coming out that way. The Mayor said no they are not. The way it is set up is the entrance will be a lot closer and they will have a patio because there is the door to the kitchen and it is further down. So obviously that will stay the same. It doesn't anticipate moving that. He is really just moving the entrance from the side to the front so that they have frontage on Lafayette Avenue and then the extension is more so that they have that large patio area - the kind of way it blocks the back - it never made sense that really the prime corner - the Village - you are not getting any use out of it. The Mayor said the frontage - so this way they get the frontage and within reason they will have enough tables up pretty much from the entrance to the kitchen and then there is that door to the kitchen another several feet and then further down there is a door for the garbage. He said he doesn't anticipate that it will be that far down. Mr. Giannettino said okay.

He said his other question is on this new reporting system. Who is going to keep track for these hours. The Mayor asked him to say it again. Mr. Giannettino said the new reporting system for elected officials and appointed people. Attorney Rice said it is not a new system. It is just the retirement system wants a resolution that has the particular people involved. He said he doesn't know if everybody has but there has been people who have been filing time records to the Village Clerk. The regulations don't require constant time records but three months, he believes, is what the number is. Mr. Giannettino said he doesn't remember seeing or hearing about it. It was probably just done behind the scenes. Attorney Rice said yes, it was done for many years.

Mr. Giannettino said just to bring them up to date. They had a meeting of the Concerned Citizens of Suffern and Legislators Day, Schoenberg, Alden Wolfe was there, Christopher St. Lawrence was there and the Mayor of Mahwah was there and people from the drainage agency was there, Vince Altieri, and it was a very informative meeting. And just for the Board's information he now has in his possession a copy of the siphoning system plans, a copy of the agreement between the Town of Ramapo and Quarry Ridge of Suffern, LLC and he also has a copy of the reclamation. So he has all the plans. And he really doesn't understand why the Village kept saying that they didn't have any of this. But if anybody is interested they can contact him and he will let them look at them.

Trustee Falciglia said he asked Chris St. Lawrence several times for a copy and he also invited him to come here tonight to speak about the quarry. Mr. Giannettino said he attended their meeting and stayed for the whole meeting. Trustee Falciglia asked what he said. Mr. Giannettino said he clarified a lot of things. Number one the town will be responsible for the maintenance of the siphoning system. The town will also be obligated to pay for the power charges to run the siphoning system. So that is good news to the Village people because that is something the Village will not have to pay for. Also, as far as the reclamation, Mr. Giannettino said he has been talking to the DEC and they have an eight week period which they started, he believes, two or three weeks ago to do what is required by the DEC. And it is all outlined on the plan as is the siphoning system. They met privately with Mayor LaCorte prior to this meeting. They also met privately with Chris St. Lawrence before this meeting. So he was open to meeting with them and explaining what was going on, the town's responsibility, and what he feels is the contractors responsibility and also what he feels, as we all know, the zoning is the Village's responsibility. The Mayor said that is good. Because that is the cruck of the whole thing. He asked if they mentioned at all - there was at some point was litigation that Quarry Ridge had gotten into with the Town of Ramapo. Mr. Giannettino said he thinks that was about the reclamation. The Mayor said the reclamation - yes. Mr. Giannettino said that has all been signed and sealed. So that should be done within a matter of six or eight weeks.

Trustee Falciglia asked if he mentioned his alternative plan if the vote for the zoning change failed. Mr. Giannettino said why would he do that. It hasn't even been taken. It would be like Mr. Giannettino asking then when are you going to vote on the zoning. Trustee Falciglia said maybe he should have thought about it several years ago. Did he mention that? Mr. Giannettino said they did not even discuss it. Their concern is the siphoning system. Trustee Falciglia said that is everyone's concern. Mr. Giannettino said they have been pushing it as hard as they can push it and they are definitely

making progress. So you can say it is everybody's concern but the boots on the ground is what got him where they are. He thanked the Board. The Mayor thanked him for his work on this.

Rich Karrp of Lonergan Drive said he just wants to ask the same question he asks every Board meeting. When are they going to start for the removal of those houses so the people there can get back to their lives. Nobody there can do anything with those broken things. The Mayor said we have discussed this extensively. He said if Deputy Mayor Corrigan wants to give an update. He said everything is moving as quickly and according to schedule in terms of securing lawyers for the homeowners so that we can have a closing because it needs to be transferred. It is just a process and it really is moving as quickly as possibly can be done. He said he knows obviously that all of us feel great concern for the homeowners and he believes that while obviously they want to get whatever money is available to them and move on with their lives, they know that there is closure, they know that there is a process, and now it is not a matter of if - it is just a matter of when. And all he can say is the Village work, and particularly Deputy Mayor Corrigan, Superintendent of Public Works Elaine Acocella, who is the woman behind the camera, have really worked hand in hand with FEMA and the state to make sure that this is done. So compared to past buyouts which has taken upwards of three decades again everything is moving along. Demolition contracts were awarded - sorry, we are going out to bid for the demolition contracts and again everything is moving forward.

Mr. Karrp said he is not only talking about the four families that owned the houses. He is talking about everybody, especially in the cul-de-sac. You walk by there. People want to sell their houses and try to get away. God forbid if there is another flood of the same magnitude or even less, you know what happens there. And to his knowledge, no one, and you can correct him, no one has ever come up with a scenario of a reason why those foundations got knocked down. The Mayor said that is a good question. He said that what we did as a Village - the Village went ahead as kind of a post-mortem on the entire storm and we secured a forensic study that was done by Brooker Engineering. And ultimately we did that because of the same concerns - why these two houses. And he thinks all of them would have said if there was one house at one corner and another house at another corner, you could say the storm did a lot of - Mr. Karrp said nobody would ask the question then. The Mayor said yes. The fact that they are right across from one another begs the question what happened here. The water flow, a pipe - they looked into everything to try to help the homeowners if there was a reason, independent of the storm, that would enable them to then go to their private insurance company - Mr. Karrp said there was an independent reason but you tell me it is a disputed issue - the Mayor said we did it and ultimately the sump pump and the fact that the houses

that did go down had the strongest sump pump. Strangely, what it does is it is kind of like an example that they gave them. It was like a car. That you need the pressure to equalize. So by preventing the water - because the power didn't go off - prevented the water from going into the house prevented the inside and the outside from equalizing. Mr. Karrp said he doesn't buy that. Because sump pumps are basically the same in all these houses. The Mayor said that was the finding. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said that was the finding. We couldn't go any further with it - Mr. Karrp said he is sorry. He just doesn't buy that. The Mayor said we can talk more about that. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan asked Mr. Karrp what would his expectation be. Mr. Karrp said he thinks the pipe might have had something. He said he saw the inside of that pipe. He said he knows the pipe was spotless on the inside. He was there when they put the camera in it. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said but if we hire professionals to tell us, she certainly can't look into a pipe and know the answer to that. Mr. Karrp said the Town of Ramapo put their camera down. When they put the camera inside the pipe. He said he saw that. The Mayor said if you want we can get you a copy of that study. Mr. Karrp said he saw that study already. It also mentions sloppy building, water where it was not supposed to be and stuff like that. But the thing that bothers him and he has no reasoning - those four houses - and the only thing is with the pipe. The Mayor said okay. We can talk. He said he knows that the Superintendent of Public Works has looked at that. The Mayor said we can talk more about it. Mr. Karrp asked if anybody ever thought of the ground being porous. With all the stuff that was put down there when they filled it up. The Mayor said that we definitely want to talk about this but he doesn't think that anybody up here has the expertise to talk about the specific aspects of it but again we have the report if you want to get in touch with the consulting engineer or our engineer they will definitely answer any questions he might have. Mr. Karrp said he is just afraid that something like that might happen to other houses. The Mayor said we are as well. And that is why again, as part of it, and what happened is and this was done by Brooker Engineering, their firm, and also a huge amount of volunteer work from the Rotary Club that they went through every single house after everybody ripped out their sheetrock and performed an inspection on the foundation which estimated would have been easily over a thousand dollars per house and they did that for free. Mr. Karrp said they walked in the houses, they looked around and they said okay and they left. He said he was there when they came to his house. The Mayor said he thinks that they did a good job. They gave everybody a report and they did identify some homes that had some damage and the homeowners were able to fix it. So again they helped. He said he thinks it is important that people know that there was a look taken at every one to see if there was damage. Mr. Karrp said they looked for cracks. The Mayor thanked him.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

A) Training:

Mr. Charles Sawicki said he was requesting authorization to attend the Stormwater and Development Process course. He said this course is offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension in Middletown, New York on May 9, 2013. The cost of this course is \$225. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) WWTP:

Mr. Sawicki said he was requesting authorization to approve the professional service proposal from O'Brien & Gere for construction management and administration, including equipment commissioning and start up, of the WWTP dewatering system replacement project. This proposal is in the not to exceed amount of \$47,000 and will be funded by the Wastewater Treatment plant capital account. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Sawicki said he was requesting authorization to approve the Professional Service proposal from O'Brien & Gere for the final design of the digester system upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment plant. This proposal is in the not to exceed amount of \$65,000 and will be funded by the Wastewater Treatment plant capital account. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

C) Solicit Bids:

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization to advertise bids for the

roadway improvement phase no. 6. This project includes the replacement of concrete curb, Belgium block curb, ADA ramps and partial replacement of concrete sidewalks and concrete aprons on Maplewood Boulevard. Bids will be due June 4, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization to advertise bids for the roadway improvement phase no. 7. This project includes the resurfacing of pavement and associated milling of Maplewood Boulevard and lower Pavilion Road. Bids will be due on June 4, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato. Trustee Meehan asked what the definition of lower Pavilion was. Mr. Sawicki said when you go up Pavilion Road there is the Mountainview Apartment complex there and then there is the complex towards the back. Right at that juncture before you start going up to the higher level. Mr. Sawicki said the upper part is not in bad shape. The motion was seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization to advertise bids for the demolition of the residential units on Lonergan Drive as per FEMA requirements. This project includes the pre-demolition abatement of asbestos, demolition, debris removal and site restoration. Bids will be due on June 25, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Mayor said he just wanted to take the opportunity to say something. He said this past weekend he was walking about in the west ward and talking to residents and it was a beautiful afternoon, a beautiful weekend. The weather was great. And talking to them really about the sewer plant. And people there were absolutely thrilled due to the fact that the smell has been under control and there has been such a difference. And the Mayor knows for Charles and for all of them - we still have a lot of work to do as you can see talking about it today, but the team he put in place, the capital project, all the work we have done has made a huge difference and the people appreciate it. The Mayor said he remembers, he thinks it was two years ago, when we had just done the second digester cover and after the storm that whole backup that had to go through and the smell was really bad and it was holiday time and we had the meeting over at the VFW and we were at the point that no matter what we do it will never be fixed. And obviously it took some time in getting the right people in place but obviously we can't call victory yet but he just wants to say on behalf of the residents he spoke to this weekend they appreciate all his efforts. It really made a difference in their quality of life. Mr. Sawicki said the team we have has really stepped up. We have to remind

everybody. We only have four employees down there now. We did have six with a seventh consult so he thinks we are doing a lot more with less and he said he thinks it shows and we are happy with the results. The Mayor said well it doesn't smell. It shows. They did a great job.

The Mayor said one other thing. The Mayor said he will forward a letter from Charles Sawicki to Anna Rippolo who is the director of the solid waste authority concerning promises that were made by Chairman St. Lawrence of the district in 2011 here in the Board and later at a meeting that he and Charles attended here in Village Hall with Anna and members of the authority in which we discussed that the next major step would be the dewatering system which we are bidding on now and that it would help our sludge come in dryer which would alleviate the need to put additional straw and other materials in with it. And that obviously that additional space is a matter of money and that has happened in Stony Point that the Solid Waste Authority had agreed to pay money because they were saving them money. So again we are following up on that. We want to remind the Chairman and Ms. Rippolo that that promise has been made and that we specifically talked about numbers that we would be able to get and that there is a specific dollar amount that we are looking for and that we fully intend to pursue and seek delivery on that promise which will obviously go towards the capital project and help the residents of Suffern. So he will get everybody a draft of that. This is a first friendly reminder letter. So he wanted to update everybody on that.

VILLAGE CLERK:

A) Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of March 5, 2013:

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner requested approval of the minutes of the regular Board meeting of March 5, 2013. A motion approving the minutes was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting of March 20, 2013:

Ms. Menschner requested approval of the minutes of the special Board meeting of March 20, 2013. 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 of March 27, 2013:

Ms. Menschner requested approval of the minutes of the special Board meeting of March 27, 2013. A motion approving the minutes was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote,

the motion was carried.

D) Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting of April 15, 2013:

Ms. Menschner requested approval of the minutes of the special Board meeting of April 15, 2013. A motion approving the minutes was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

E) VFW - Request to Conduct Memorial Day Parade - Monday, May 27, 2013:

Ms. Menschner said we have a request from the VFW to hold a Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 27. They will assemble at 10:30 down at Orange Avenue and the take off for the march up the main street will be at 11 o'clock. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

F) Crumbs Request for 3 Tables and 8 Chairs:

Ms. Menschner said we have a request from Crumbs Bakery to have three tables and seven or eight chairs. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

G) Advertise for Concession Stand Bids to be Returned May 21, 2013 at 11:00 A.M.

Ms. Menschner said we have to advertise for the concession stand to be returned May 21 at 11:00 a.m. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried. Ms. Menschner asked the Mayor if he wanted to set a meeting for that day. The Mayor said yes, we can set a special Board meeting. Any time. It is just the timing of it. The Mayor said I thought we did it already. Trustee Abato said it is a special Board meeting at 4:30 on the 21st. He said we can be put in touch that day because literally we have to award this because the pool is opening. So obviously it is one item on the agenda and as long as we have a quorum we can get it done. And then if there is anything that comes up, obviously, between now and then we will expand the agenda and make sure that everybody is there. As of now, he said he doesn't anticipate that. The motion was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

H) Set Public Hearing - Sewer Connection:

Ms. Menschner said we have to set a public hearing for the sewer connection. Attorney Rice said you have the local law there before you. A motion to set the public hearing for June 10, 2013 at 7:45 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Ms. Menschner said she had one more thing. The Suffern Farmer's Market. The Mayor said we have the opening of the Suffern Farmer's Market on June 1. They do a 9:00 a.m. opening ceremony. The Mayor said he will not be in town so he asked Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan if she was available on Saturday, June 1, at 9:00 a.m. She said yes. The Mayor said obviously any Board members that want to be there. And if Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan wants to stand in his place. They always do a nice ribbon cutting and opening. A motion to approve the opening was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

The Mayor said the Treasurer is not here but he said the finances are good. He has actually been recovering from foot surgery and subsequent complications so we wish him all well. He is hobbling around.

MAYOR:

The Mayor said he had one item on the agenda. We had talked about the Rockland County Youth program. After the meeting he spoke to Charles and what this program involves is it is a fifteen week apprenticeship program for students in Rockland County sponsored by the Youth Bureau. It is an extensive job training program. At the end students hopefully gain employment for the summer. So we have been approached by someone in the community who is active in the East Ramapo community. The Mayor said he was also informed that no students in Ramapo Central have gone through this program this year. So since that is the case then we have two kids who are looking for summer employment and we do at times like to hire summer help. So we would look to hire two positions. What is good about it is he thinks it is twelve hours a week which is the time allotted for that. The County Youth Bureau will reimburse the Village 50% of minimum wage. So again we help out kids in the community, get them a job, they can help out here and around the Village and the cost of it is very low. The Mayor said he thinks it is a great program and he is asking the Board to vote to adopt the program. A motion to adopt the program was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. The Mayor said then we will have later on when we hire them we will come back. But we just want to make sure that we are moving forward. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

A motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.