

**Village Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 3, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.**

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

PRESENT: Mayor Patricia Abato  
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan  
Trustee Matthew Byrne, Trustee John Meehan

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

ABSENT: None

**SET DATES FOR JULY MEETING:**

The Mayor said due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday we have chosen to have the workshop and Board meeting all on the same evening on July 14. The Board meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor said that at this time we have some awards to give out in recognition. The Mayor invited Chief Clarke Osborn up to the podium. Chief Osborn thanked the Mayor and Board and the audience for their continued support. Chief Osborn said he had some awards and recognition for outstanding service to his department. He said he would like to first start off by calling up Officer Tim Dunn of the Suffern Police Department. He said on February 10, 2014 the Suffern Police Department received a frantic call from a mother on Parkside Drive stating that her infant child had stopped breathing. Police Officer Tim Dunn, who answered the 911 call, was able to keep the mother calm and proceeded to explain over the phone what she needed to do to have her child start breathing again. Shortly after giving these directions the infant was heard crying in the background and thanks to Officer Dunn's instruction this innocent child's life was saved. Chief Osborn congratulated Officer Dunn on behalf of the Suffern Police Department and every one of us here for saving the life of that child. He congratulated him. Chief Osborn said we have a plaque from the Suffern Police Department in performance of his performance of duty to Officer Timothy Dunn. He said congratulations on a job well done.

Chief Osborn said next he would like to call up Dispatcher Jeremy Kaufer. Chief Osborn said on April 28, 2014 the Suffern Police Department responded to an unattended death on Washington Avenue here in the Village of Suffern where it was determined by investigators that the decedent died under suspicious circumstances. After further investigation with the assistance of the Rockland County Medical Examiner's Office it was found that this party was the victim of an apparent homicide by asphyxiation. Two suspects, a man and a woman, were quickly identified and the investigation proceeded. That evening Suffern Police Dispatcher Jeremy Kaufer was working the 4 to 12 tour and observed a news story about two people, a man and a woman, jumping from the George Washington Bridge to their deaths. Knowing about the events that transpired in Suffern earlier in the day, Dispatcher Kaufer notified Officer Venturini and Detective Cawley, who were working that evening. With the assistance of the Suffern Police Officers and Detective Bureau a positive ID was made the following morning as to the victims of the bridge jump being the same suspects of the Suffern homicide. Dispatcher Kaufer's quick alertness to this situation brought our case to a quick close. Chief said Jeremy did a fantastic job. He used great instincts to close this case out and on behalf of the Village of Suffern and the Suffern Police Department he congratulates him and thanks him for his efforts. Dispatcher Kaufer was given a plaque.

Chief Osborn said he would now like to call up Sgt. Jon DiRoma of the Suffern Police Department who recently retired. Chief Osborn said Sgt. Jon DiRoma has served the Suffern Police Department since 1986 and he was promoted to Sergeant in 2004. He headed our accreditation unit. Chief Osborn said we are one of a small number of departments, he believes, 20% of departments in New York State who are state accredited, which means they have to meet 131 standards of a professional Police Department. Sgt. DiRoma took the lead on that and became our accreditation manager and helped us through this process. He also co-chaired our annual holiday toy drive for over 20 years and he served as a squad Sergeant. The Chief told Sgt. DiRoma that he will be missed and that he did a fantastic job in the Village of Suffern Police Department and it is a testament with all the police officers here for him tonight, as well as the others, of the job he did. The Chief thanked him and congratulated him for his service to the department. He was presented with a plaque.

Chief Osborn said Detective Sergeant Ray Sheehan could not be here with us tonight. Chief said the next award will be going to recently retired Sgt. Edgardo Alvarez. Chief Osborn said Sgt. Alvarez served our department since 1997. Prior to that he served as a State Trooper with the New York State Police out of Tarrytown. He was promoted to sergeant in 2004 and he has been a midnight supervisor for the last 4 ½ years. Chief Osborn told him that he did a great job and it is a pleasure - he always came in in a good mood and was pleasurable to deal with and we want to thank him for his service to the Suffern Police Department. He was presented with a plaque.

Chief Osborn said that completes his awards tonight. He thanked them as a testament from his department that they have almost the whole department here tonight for these officers and he wants to thank all the great officers we have here and he wants to thank the Board for their continued support for everything they stand for here in Suffern.

Mayor Abato said she has an award to present to a woman who has given many, many more years than just to the Suffern Seniors Club. Her dedication and volunteering. Rosemary Schellaci has been the president of the Suffern Seniors for many, many years. A couple of times she tried to retire and they reeled her right back in. And Rosemary being Rosemary always said sure, I will be happy to help out. But it has come to the time now where Rosemary has said it's time for her to sit back and watch others take the lead. The Mayor said she couldn't let her final attempt at retirement without recognizing her and all that she does for the Senior Citizens here in the Village of Suffern. Your countless hours of crafts and time spent knowing each and every senior, always remembering every birthday, always remembering special days, and being such a wonderful person in our Village. The Mayor said she is indeed an incredible woman and we are so proud of you and all the accomplishments that you have had with the Village of Suffern. So please come up and accept this thank you from the Village of Suffern. She was presented a plaque and flowers. The Mayor said she wasn't sure if people heard what Rosemary just said but again this just goes as testament to who she is. She said no, but the Village of Suffern has done so much for me. So that is just to show you who she is. Thank you Rosemary. Rosemary said for fifteen years she has made such wonderful friends here in the Village.

The Mayor said a couple of weeks back she received a letter from the Boy Scouts and she has to tell people that in her lack of knowledge about what it is to be an Eagle Scout she decided that it was time that she learned. Because she received a letter that not only did one of our own residents here in the Village of Suffern but three other young men were also going to be attending a Court of Honor to become Eagle Scouts. So she decided it was time to look up and see what an Eagle Scout was. And she has to tell them that these four young men had to work very hard to obtain, she believes, 23 badges, each of which had its own purpose and hard work that went into it. And they also had to attend many different functions and seminars and classes and learn so much about scouting. Scouting is such a wonderful organization to be involved in and she just couldn't let it go by without letting our Village know how proud we are of these four young men. So she would like to ask Luke Shedler to please come up. She invited Luke's parents to come up. The Mayor said this young man was able to accomplish this in big part due to his parents encouragement and she is sure taking him back and forth to many different meetings and different events. So this is for Luke Shedler. He was presented a certificate.

The Mayor said this next young man also was at the Court of Honor and received his achieving the highest honor of Eagle Scout. So she would like to ask Zachary Kunow to please come up with his family. He was also presented a certificate.

The Mayor said in looking into the Eagle Scouts she noticed that Hank Aaron was an Eagle Scout. She noticed that the Chief Executive of Walmart was an Eagle Scout. There were some pretty impressive people on the list. The Mayor said the first man on the moon was also an Eagle Scout. So set your goals high. Eagle Scouts definitely become very important people and very successful. So congratulations to them all. She said she would also like to recognize, although they could not be with us here tonight, Kevin Olsen and Blake Welsh who also received their Eagle Scout honors.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

The Mayor said Chief Mike Stark was not here because they are at a fire call.

**7:40 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - VACANT BUILDING LAW:**

Attorney Terry Rice said the Mayor had suggested a month or so ago that we look at some type of regulation dealing with vacant stores. Unfortunately it happens that we do have vacancies and we want to make sure that they maintain their appearance and that the services and so forth are maintained so it is kept in a neat and orderly manner. The Board has had this law for a number of weeks - a couple of changes were made in response to suggestions from the Board of Trustees and as he mentioned it regulates how those buildings are maintained as well as a registration requirement for buildings that are vacant and when appropriate a plan for restoration or demolition.

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

Trustee Meehan said that he went to a conference - a Main Street Conference in Ossining, New York and the subject of vacant storefronts was brought up there and they were working on it and he said when he got back he mentioned that to the Mayor and she immediately put Terry to work on that and he appreciates that getting done. He said he has a business card of an Ossining Trustee so he is going to send a copy of this law to him.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2014

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE  
OF SUFFERN ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER,  
CHAPTER 252, ENTITLED "VACANT BUILDINGS"

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

Section 1. The Code of the Village of Suffern is hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter, "Chapter 252", entitled "Vacant Buildings", to provide as follows:

§ 252-1. Legislative findings and purpose.

It is the finding of the Board of Trustees that buildings which remain vacant are unsightly, unsafe and have a negative effect on their surroundings. The purpose of this chapter is to establish a program for identifying and registering vacant buildings; to

determine the responsibilities of owners of vacant buildings and structures; and to speed the rehabilitation of the vacant properties.

§ 252-2. Definitions.

Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following terms shall, for the purpose of this article, have the meanings indicated in this section:

EMERGENCY SITUATION-Where the condition of a building, structure, or any part thereof is an imminent, immediate, and substantial danger to the health or safety of occupants, emergency responders, and/or the general public. Such conditions include, but are not limited to, fire hazards, falling or dilapidated buildings, structures, or any part thereof, loss of significant water, heat, ventilation, or a lack of sanitary conditions.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-A duly authorized representative of the Building Department, including the Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer and their assistants or designees.

OWNER-Those shown to be the owner or owners on the records of the Assessor's Office, those identified as the owner or owners on a vacant building registration form, a mortgagee in possession, a mortgagor in possession, assignee of rents, receiver, executor, trustee, lessee, other person, firm or corporation in control of the premises. Any such person shall have a joint and several obligation for compliance with the provisions of this article.

SECURED BY OTHER THAN NORMAL MEANS-A building secured by means other than those used in the design of the building.

UNOCCUPIED-A building or portion thereof which lacks the habitual presence of human beings who have a legal right to be on the premises, including buildings ordered vacated by an Enforcement Officer. In determining whether a building is unoccupied, the Enforcement Officer may consider these factors, among other:

- A. Whether lawful residential or business activity has ceased;
- B. The percentage of the overall square footage of the occupied to unoccupied space or the overall number of occupied and unoccupied units;

- C. The building is substantially devoid of contents or the minimal value of fixtures or personal property in the building;
- D. The building lacks utility services;
- E. The building is subject to a foreclosure action;
- F. Duration of vacancy; and/or
- G. The presence or reoccurrence of code violations.

UNSECURED-A building or portion of a building which is open to entry by unauthorized persons without the use of tools or ladders.

VACANT BUILDING-A building or portion of a building which is:

- A. Unoccupied and unsecured;
- B. Unoccupied and secured by other than normal means;
- C. Unoccupied and an unsafe building as determined by an Enforcement Officer;
- D. Unoccupied and has multiple housing or building code violations;
- E. Illegally occupied.

§ 252-3. Vacant building registration.

A. The owner shall register with the Building Department no later than 30 days after any building that becomes a vacant building, as defined in § 252-2, or not later than 30 days after being notified by the Building Department of the requirement to register. The Department may identify vacant buildings through its routine inspection process as well as through notification by residents, neighborhood associations and other community groups that a building may be eligible for inclusion on the registry.

B. The registration shall be submitted on forms provided by the Building Department and shall include the following information supplied by the owner:

(1) A description of the premises, including but not limited to square footage, number of stories, age of the building, and most recent use of the building.

(2) The names and addresses of the owner or owners. If the owner is a corporation, limited liability company or partnership, the address for each director, manager, or partner, as the case may be. The address must include a street address; a post office box is not acceptable.

(3) If the owner does not reside in Rockland County, the name and address of any third party with whom the owner has entered into a contract or agreement for property management. The address must include a street address; a post office box is not acceptable.

(4) The names and addresses of all known lienholders and all other parties with an ownership interest in the building. Each address must include a street address; a post office box is not acceptable.

(5) A name, address and telephone number where a responsible natural person (not a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company) can be reached at all times during business and nonbusiness hours. The address must include a street address; a post office box is not acceptable.

(6) A vacant building plan as described in Subsection C.

C. The owner shall submit a vacant building plan which must meet the approval of the Enforcement Officer. The plan, at a minimum, must contain information from one of the following three choices for the property:

(1) If the building is to be demolished, a demolition plan indicating the proposed time frame for demolition.

(2) If the building is to remain vacant, a plan for the securing of the building in accordance with standards provided in § 252-12, if applicable, along with the procedure that will be used to maintain the property in accordance with Article II, and a statement of the reasons why the building will be left vacant.

(3) If the building is to be returned to permissible occupancy or use, a rehabilitation plan for the property. The rehabilitation

plan shall not exceed 365 days from the date of submission and will include progress bench marks at least every 90 days, unless the Board of Trustees grants an extension for good cause shown, upon receipt of a written statement from the owner detailing the reasons for the extension. Any repairs, improvements or alterations to the property must comply with any applicable zoning, housing, or building codes and must be secured in accordance with § 252-12, if applicable, during the rehabilitation.

D. The owner will comply with all applicable laws and codes. The owner shall notify the Enforcement Officer of any changes in information supplied as part of the vacant building registration within 30 days of the change. If the plan or timetable for the vacant building is revised in any way, the revisions must be in writing and must meet the approval of the Enforcement Officer.

E. The owner and subsequent owners shall keep the building secured and safe and the building and ground properly maintained as provided in Article II of this chapter.

F. Failure of the owner or any subsequent owners to maintain the building and premises as required herein will be grounds for the Village:

(1) To remediate the building and bill the cost of same to the owner as provided in Chapter 100;

(2) To revoke the rehabilitation plans; and

(3) The owner will be subject to fees and penalties as provided herein.

G. The owner will notify the Code Enforcement Office of any transfer of ownership within 15 days of transfer. The new owners shall comply with the approved plan and timetable submitted by the previous owner until any proposed changes are submitted and meet the approval of the Enforcement Officer.

G. Vacant building fees.

(1) The owner of a vacant building shall pay a registration fee of \$200. The registration fee is due and payable upon registration; that is, no later than 30 days after any building becomes a "vacant building," as defined above, or no later than

30 days after being notified by an Enforcement Officer of the requirement to register.

(2) If the building is to remain vacant pursuant to §252-3C(2), the owner will also pay an annual vacant building fee of \$500 for the first year. This fee is due and payable together with the registration fee of \$200. Subsequent annual fees shall be paid as follows:

(a) For the second year that the building remains vacant: \$1,000.

(b) For the third year and each succeeding year, that the building remains vacant: \$1,500.

(c) Vacant building fees for structures 5,000 square feet or greater are double the foregoing fees.

(3) If the building is to be returned to a permitted use pursuant to §252-3C(3), the rehabilitation plan will not exceed 365 days and will include progress bench marks at least every 90 days, unless the Board of Trustees grants an extension for good cause shown upon receipt of a written statement from the owner detailing the reasons for the extension. If the rehabilitation has not been completed or extended by the Board of Trustees, then the owner will pay an annual vacant building fee in accordance with the rates established above until the building is properly demolished or rehabilitated. The annual vacant building fee is payable either on each anniversary of the payment of the initial registration fee and on each anniversary thereafter until the building is demolished or rehabilitated.

(4) All delinquent fees shall be paid by the owner prior to any transfer of an ownership interest in any vacant building. The owner will give the purchaser written notice that the building in question is a vacant building under this section.

(5) If the owner of a vacant building fails to register and pay the fees in a timely manner, then the owner will be subject to the penalty set forth in § 252-7.

(6) The vacant building registration fee and annual vacant building fee as set forth in § 252-31 are to be delivered, by mail or in person, to the Village Clerk's Office. A late charge of 1 1/2% per month, or any part thereof, will be assessed on any

invoice which is unpaid after 30 days from the date of the demand for payment or an invoice.

§ 252-4. Exemptions.

A building which has suffered fire damage or damage caused by extreme weather conditions shall be exempt from the registration requirement for a period of 90 days after the date of the fire or extreme weather event if the property owner submits a request for exemption in writing to the Building Department of Building. This request shall include the following information supplied by the owner:

A. A description of the premises.

B. The reason for an exemption.

C. The names and addresses of the owner or owners. A post office box is not acceptable.

D. A statement of intent to repair and reoccupy the building in an expedient manner, or the intent to demolish the building.

§ 252-5. Inspections.

The Building Department shall inspect any premises in the Village for the purpose of enforcing and assuring compliance with the provisions of this article. Upon the request of the Building Department, an owner may provide access to all interior portions of an unoccupied building in order to permit a complete inspection. Nothing contained herein, however, shall diminish the owner's right to insist upon the procurement of a search warrant from a court of competent jurisdiction by the Building Department in order to enable such inspection, and the Enforcement Officer shall be required to obtain a search warrant whenever an owner refuses to permit a warrantless inspection of the premises after having been advised of his or her constitutional right to refuse entry without same. In the case of an emergency this section will not apply.

§ 252-6. Annual reports.

The Building Department annually shall submit to the Board of Trustees a list of all buildings in the Village declared vacant under the provisions of this chapter, as well as a list of all previously declared vacant buildings which are no longer subject

to the provisions of this article. Such report shall also provide the fees collected, penalties assessed and an enumeration of buildings/properties known not to be in current compliance.

§ 252-7. Penalties for offenses.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter, including but not limited to failure to register, providing false information to the Enforcement Officer shall be subject to the following fines:

A. Such person will be subject to a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 15 days, or both.

B. The term "person," as used in this section, will include the owner, occupant, mortgagee or vendee in possession, assignee of rents, receiver, executor, administrator, trustee, lessee, agent or any other person, firm or corporation directly in control of the building or part thereof.

C. Each week of violation will be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

Article II. Maintenance of Vacant Buildings

§ 252-8. Title.

This article shall be known as "Maintenance of Vacant Buildings" and is supplementary to applicable provisions of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

§ 125-9. Purpose.

This article provides standards governing the facilities and the condition and maintenance of vacant premises to safeguard the safety, health and welfare of the community.

§ 125-10. Applicability.

This article shall be applicable to the following:

A. Lots, plots or parcels of land on which buildings designed for or developed for residential use or occupancy, mixed-occupancy buildings, nonresidential occupancy or accessory structures are located; and

B. Buildings designed for or developed for residential use or occupancy, including one- and two-family dwellings and multiple dwellings, mixed-occupancy buildings, nonresidential occupancy and accessory structures.

§ 252-11. Entry.

Provision for safe and continuous entry shall be provided to the interior of a building or structure from the exterior at a street or to a yard, court or passageway leading to a public open area at any time entry is necessary for purposes of required maintenance or inspection.

§ 252-12. Exterior protection.

A. The covering for doors and windows may not consist of any substance sprayed onto the window panes. All enclosures shall be properly fitted and be of such material and surface that they are neither unsightly nor will materially detract from the general appearance of the building or the neighborhood.

B. The covering for doors and windows may consist of replacement glass, plexiglass, or similar materials finished and maintained in a weather tight manner. The materials will be designed to blend in with the finish of the building and will, to the extent possible, provide an appearance that the building or store is not vacant. When the Enforcement Officer, in his judgment, deems it appropriate, the visual/aesthetic suitability and sufficiency of such coverings may be referred to the Planning Board for its review and approval.

C. In addition to the standards prescribed above, vacant commercial and retail buildings shall comply with the following standards:

(1) Any and all first-floor windows will be replaced by glass, plexiglass, an approved mural or announcement sign. Such covering must be maintained.

(2) Any and all window display areas shall be kept clean, free of hazard and free of debris.

(3) Any window covering shall have a clear opening equal to the existing window area.

D. If the owner shall fail to comply with the provisions of this section regarding exterior protection, the Building Department may, after notice of noncompliance and intent to remedy is mailed to the owner, perform or cause such work to be performed and may recover the expense either by action or by including the same on the tax bill of the owner, or both. This action shall be in addition to any other available remedy under this article.

§ 252-13. Interior protection.

A. The covering for doors and windows may consist of:

- (1) Venetian or similar blind.
- (2) Drapes, curtains or shades.

B. Unheated attics, spaces below flat roofs and crawl spaces shall be ventilated to minimize deterioration.

§ 252-14. Fuel gas.

Fuel gas pipe systems shall be maintained gastight, safe and operative under conditions of use or shall be disconnected at the main.

§ 252-15. Plumbing.

A. The water supply system of the building shall be connected to an approved source, shall not be subject to contamination and shall not be connected to unsafe water supplies or shall be disconnected at the main and the system completely drained.

B. Stormwater drainage systems shall be maintained so as to function properly and be kept free from obstructions, leaks and defects. Sewage systems shall be similarly maintained or shall be sealed so as to prevent accumulation of sewage gases in buildings.

§ 252-16. Electrical.

Electrical fixtures, devices, wiring and systems shall be maintained in safe working condition in a manner which will avoid a potential source of ignition or shock, or service shall be discontinued at the supply.

§ 252-17. Exterior property areas.

Any excavations or other attractive nuisance shall be filled in or secured to prevent access.

§ 252-18. Provisions not exclusive.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, all other applicable laws, local laws shall apply to any vacant building regulated by this chapter and in the case of conflicting requirements, the most restrictive and protective provision shall apply.

§ 252-19. Applicability.

This Chapter shall apply to any vacant building or covered property that becomes vacant after the effective date of this local law.

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

A motion to adopt was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato  
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan  
Trustee Matthew Byrne, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**CULTURE AND RECREATION:**

Mrs. Cathy Mills said they have a few things coming up in the month of June. They have a lot of pool information. The pool will be open every weekend from now until June 28 on Saturday and Sunday between 12 and 6. They have pool registration throughout the month of June and on the calendar there are specific dates. The next one is next Wednesday, June 11. Swim lesson registration begins on June 24 and they have the second session on June 26. It is 5:30 to 7:30 here upstairs in the community room. They have a brand new opening of an older building - the Suffern Railroad

Museum is coming to life again and it will be open on Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The Mayor asked Mrs. Mills if she also wanted to mention that we are looking for volunteers. Mrs. Mills said the Village is looking for volunteers. She said we have mentioned it at a few of the senior meetings for anyone who would like to volunteer at the Railroad Museum. It would entail greeting visitors and just being there as a help to the Village so if you are interested please call recreation and we would like to have you. The Railroad Museum is going to coincide with the Farmers Markets. They are going to be open on - the outdoor one is open in parking lot A on Saturdays between 8:30 and 1. She said she also wanted to mention that upstairs here in Village Hall we have the Suffern Museum. It is open on Sundays at 2 p.m. and we would love for people to come out and see it. It has recently been renovated and it is a beautiful transformation up there.

Mrs. Mills said the next item is they have Clifford Theater auditions. They started earlier, a few weeks ago, and then they had two this week. They had one this evening at 6:30 and then there is going to be another Clifford audition tomorrow night at 6:30 here in the auditorium. So please pass the word.

Mrs. Mills said the next event they have is this Saturday - the River Cleanup that has been canceled twice so far due to weather. The Mayor said there is no rain in the forecast for Saturday. Mrs. Mills said they are hoping for good weather and that will be at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. down on Lonergan Drive so all that are interested please come out and volunteer. We have green, very bright green t-shirts for those who volunteer so please come down - the Mayor said and lots of goodies that are being donated from all of our businesses in the downtown area. Trustee Meehan said we are going to Lonergan Drive or are we going here. Mrs. Mills said it will be Lonergan Drive on Saturday. And then also on June 7 she wanted to mention that the Vincent Crotty Memorial Foundation is having its Fifth Annual Wing and Barbecue night on Saturday, June 7 at the Mahwah Elks Lodge. Hopefully people can join them. She said they also have next Thursday, June 12, the recreation board meeting. They have upcoming the Fishing Derby on June 14. It will be at 9:30 to 11 at Foxwood Pond. There is a barbecue to follow at the Mahwah Elks. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and this event is free to everybody. So spread the word and bring the kids out. If they have never fished before it is a great event to bring the family. Mrs. Mills said they also have an employee pool party. They are going to have it on June 17 at

the pool. And they have upcoming a DARE pool party which Chief Osborn will be reaching out to everybody on that. It is on June 18 between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Suffern Memorial Pool. They have the first summer concert beginning on June 25 and the band is No Exit and that will be at the gazebo on June 25 at 7 p.m. And then the pool will be open for the summer on Saturday, June 28, seven days a week until Labor Day. And that is it.

**Grant Writer:**

The Mayor said our grant writer is unable to be with us this evening. He did want the Mayor to mention a few items. The first being that the Village of Suffern was awarded another \$100,000 for the downtown business façade program. It was extremely exciting for us that the application was for \$100,000 and we received \$100,000. That generally does not happen. And she would like to thank our County Executive Ed Day for pushing for this for us and getting us the whole amount. To date we have received over \$457,000 towards our façade program. So that is a wonderful thing and Carrine and Jo have been working very hard in getting our downtown building owners involved in this façade program and it is really working out quite nicely.

The Mayor said New York State Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee was instrumental in acquiring us a \$2000 grant for Clifford Theater. The Village of Suffern has teamed up with the Village of Nyack and with the Solid Waste Management Authority to submit a grant application for promoting recycling throughout the community. It was through Coca Cola and Keep America Beautiful and the Village of Suffern was an award winner and they will be donating free recycling bins for the Village. So that was very nice. The Mayor said she wanted to thank Charles Sawicki, Scott Brown for working on that project.

The Mayor said we have our Hazard Mitigation grant application. We have applied for six different grants. We are looking forward to hearing from those grants at the end of June, beginning of July. And she would also like to thank Senator Carlucci and Senator Gillibrand for their letters of support for our projects and for these grants for the Village of Suffern.

Chief Clarke Osborn is submitting to the U.S. Department of Justice for a grant to offset the cost of three new police hires. It's the community oriented policing services 2014 hiring program and the grant covers 75% of the salary and fringe costs of a new

officer for a three year period. So we do have that application in for that as well.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**

**A) Authorize Red Truck Sales International Inc. to Market Fire Truck (1989 Spartan Saulsbury Rescue):**

Attorney Terry Rice said Chief Stark had come to us a month or two ago with respect to marketing the rescue truck which at this point will become surplus and of particular concern here Red Truck Sales International markets the truck. We don't pay any type of commission. It comes from the potential purchaser. So what we would like to do is have authorization to sign an agreement that would give them a 120 day exclusive right to try to market the truck. They estimate the value to be approximately \$45,000. He said we have discussed this and we will make a few changes and provide to them our own letter and as is the intent and as is implied in this letter but will be explicit in our letter that the determination to sell the truck as well as the ultimate price at which it is sold remains that of the Board of Trustees. A motion to sign an agreement was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato  
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan  
Trustee Matthew Byrne, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor said she is going to skip the police department until Chief Osborn comes back in. We will go onto the Department of Public Works.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

**A) Training:**

Mr. Charles Sawicki requested authorization for Mr. Stanley Dobrinski Jr. to attend the Grade A competent lab course offered by Hudson Valley Water Works conference. This class will be held on October 9, 2014 and is located in Middletown, New York at a cost of \$75. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee

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

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization for Mr. Nick Fabriccattore and Mr. William Barish to attend a CSEA Peer Trainer class for confined space on June 23 through June 27, 2014. This course is located in Bethpage, Long Island with no cost to the Village. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**B) Application for Payment:**

Mr. Sawicki requested payment authorization for application of payment #2 to Bellavista Construction Company for the roadway improvement phase #6 project in the amount of \$27,956.70. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato  
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan  
Trustee Matthew Byrne, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**A) Hire Ray Sheehan as Consultant:**

Chief Clarke Osborn said that one of the things he had spoken to the Board about is that we have an overwhelming amount of technology downstairs between livescan automatic fingerprints, license plate readers, track scanners and their job is very technological. Ray Sheehan who just recently retired basically did everything for them, to be honest, on his own as a courtesy. The Chief said he was asking the Board to hire Ray as a part-time consultant, no more than 16 hours a week at \$25 an hour to fill that void so that we do not have to hire an IT person at a much, much higher cost which he thinks they all know that. The cost would be much more significant. The money will be taken from a part-time officers salary, a dispatcher's salary, that was never used. So he is asking the Board to authorize this. The Mayor thanked the Chief and said there was some discussion at the workshop with regards to whether there were any other

alternatives that we could have used such as training another police officer that we already have on staff, any avenues that we could take that we didn't have to hire Ray back. She said she spoke to Ray Sheehan and she must tell them that it is a very specialized talent that he has with the livescan and she also spoke to some of the police officers. Nobody is interested in taking on an extra task. And it would take quite some time to train an individual to take that over and it would also entitle additional pay as well. And an IT person would cost way more than what we will be paying Detective Sheehan. So for him it is a labor of love and he does go above and beyond and he is always up in the Village offices helping the girls out with their computers. Anyone who calls upon him. So he is always there to help. Since he has been retired he has been here every single day so he is a creature of habit. We can't get rid of him. So we thought the best thing we could do is to hire him back and keep him doing what he does so very, very well.

Trustee Hagen asked if Detective Sheehan could have a backup just in case he gets sick or he can't be here. Someone that he can train. Chief Osborn said just so you know. We actually have a plan in place where he is going to start teaching certain parts of it, yes. And Chief wants to thank him for speaking about it the other night at the workshop and we agree with him. We need somebody for that. And the Chief said he thinks Ray can do the very technical stuff and a lot of stuff he can teach some of us to do that kind of work. So yes, we are going to plan on that. Trustee Hagen said thank you.

Trustee Byrne said that he knows Detective Sheehan to be a very dedicated member of the department. He has known him for many, many years and there probably is no better fit for this particular position. He just hopes that we are working on a plan B if he decides at some point that retirement is really for him. The Chief said yes we are. Trustee Byrne said and if he doesn't want to come back one day that we have some alternative in place. That is the only concern he has. Chief Osborn said honestly he totally agrees with him. He said we actually have a couple of officers that we are going to train - some of the new officers that are coming in will probably be a pretty good fit it sounds like from what he understands. So thank you.

The Mayor said and she should also add that one of the stipulations of this was that she had to tell him that if we did do this he would have to continue to do the car seats -

children's car seats in the cars because he always has done them in the past and does such a great job. So he agreed. He will continue to do the child car seats installation. So that is part of the deal.

A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato  
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan  
Trustee Matthew Byrne, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**B) Resignation of Part-Time P.O. Frank Armstrong Effective July 13:**

Chief Osborn asked the Board to accept the resignation of part-time police officer Frank Armstrong effective July 13. Frank has been with us for the past six years. He is a retired officer from the Spring Valley Police Department and he is going to take an inside job at the Sheriff's department. So the only reason he is leaving is he feels he has done thirty years on the road and he wants to go inside a little bit more. So he is asking the Board to accept his resignation effective July 13. A motion accepting the resignation was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**C) Appoint Part-Time Police Officer Laila Proulx Pending Clearance from the R.C. Department of Personnel:**

Chief Osborn asked the Board to appoint part-time police officer Laila Proulx pending clearance from the Rockland County Department of Personnel. Laila retired from the Spring Valley police department. She was a youth officer, a school resource officer as well as a very good patrol officer. She is currently working for the Cornwall police department part-time. It would be a very good addition for our department to be able to have her. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato  
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan

Trustee Matthew Byrne, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**D) Set Public Hearing for a Stop Sign at the Corner of Bon Aire Circle and Milford Lane:**

Chief Osborn said the last item is that we had spoken at the workshop about - he should say the last few years - about a stop sign up at the Bon Aire area in the area of Milford Lane traveling south from Bon Aire Circle. After a lengthy discussion and a lot of research, Joe Hunt and he and Charles brought in Frederick Clarke Associates to do a traffic study and get some ideas on how we could make it safe coming up the hill. We do believe it would be safe, according to Frederick Clarke Associates - a letter they sent us - to put that stop sign there with a couple of stipulations of a warning sign before it and some other signage which they are going to put together for us. So that is great. And he actually spoke to several residents and many families of Bon Aire West, Somerset and Milford and he spoke to several of them the last week and they are all in favor of it so he thinks it is a great thing to have the public hearing next month for that. A motion to set a public hearing for July 14 at 7:40 p.m. was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Mayor said also noteworthy. We also had approved speed bumps on Memorial, Oakdale Manor and Ramapo. Chief Osborn also went out with the engineers to make sure that they are placed in appropriate areas. They suggested that we do - Chief Osborn said a traffic study and it was received today and Charles is getting a copy. It is a traffic study just to make sure of the location of them and also there is some other test they want to run on each street basically to make sure that we are putting them in the right spot. And he will give the Board the proposal. He literally just received it today. And he will get them a copy of it. The Mayor said she just wanted to let them know that they are coming. That we are just making sure that they are placed appropriately.

Chief Osborn said one last thing. This Saturday night the PBA is sponsoring, along with the Vincent Crotty Foundation, their Barbecue Wing Night at the Mahwah Elks. They anticipate a very

big crowd and they would love to have them there. We have had a great turnout. We have a New York State radio station to come up this year, 92.3, so plan on a great night. He said he knows that Mr. Crotty is here and hopefully we will get a great turnout and he wants to thank the police department for that.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

The Mayor said if you would like to come up please state your name and your address.

Mr. Zeller of 29 W. Maltbie Avenue said he is coming here tonight on behalf of the Department of Public Works. He said we are failing to get bulk and bag pickup on a weekly basis and it starts from your main office here. He said we haven't had bulk pickup the last Wednesday for two weeks prior. It stunk. The men in that DPW and the equipment in that DPW are not being used properly. He said he met with Joe. He thinks he is a great guy. But he doesn't think he is using his equipment properly. His men to his understanding lifting bags have backs. There is no need for them to lift bags. We got a fork. We are paying for that. We have a dumpster truck. They are not using it. It was nice enough of the Mayor to take the time after a phone call to go out to the west side. So Madam Mayor, he said, he would like her to tell the Board what she saw and tell your supervisor who is up in this office that we don't have to make a phone call from the west side to get picked up. So if you would explain to your Board and this public what you had seen on that west side last Tuesday morning, he would appreciate it.

Mayor Abato said Mr. Zeller gave her a phone call and there were several leaf bags left there over the Memorial Day weekend. We explained to Mr. Zeller that we were down on manpower due to several of our DPW workers out on medical in addition to vacation time. So unfortunately we can't anticipate when there are medical problems but we did remedy the situation immediately and we also have gotten some part-time summer help in to fill in for those who are out on medical, which is something we have done in the past, so she thinks we are back on track and she knows that Mr. Hunt is making sure that this doesn't happen again and has gone over the entire Village to assure that it is not going to happen. And she believes, and she stops down there periodically, and the three gentlemen that were hired - one is a permanent employee which we had a resignation of one of our employees and we have now replaced him. He started this Monday and he is working out

very well. And then we have two young men who will be part of our summer help. She said to Mr. Zeller that she thinks we are full staffed now and she can say with certainty that this will not happen again.

Mr. Zeller said he appreciates her time in the matter but it has to be looked into this Board. There is no need for them to lift bags. They are wasting time. All they have to do is pull the bag out to the middle of the street and use the claw. It is not time management. It doesn't take a superstar. They are not using their equipment. You have to look into this as a Board. Because management that starts up in this top office is failing. It's failing bad. There is no communication from the top of this office to the guy that is down at the barn. It has failed big time. We need to straighten because if bags remain out for two weeks he will make another call and it will not be Tuesday. It will be first thing Wednesday morning. He thanked them.

Jim Giannettino of 2 Memorial Drive said that while we are on the subject. When did we start the policy of not picking up newspapers when there is a holiday in the week. Joe Hunt said it goes back four years to Dan Haglund initiating that because it can't be done with the double runs on the garbage - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. It would be to do the papers. You won't get one of the days for garbage pickup. What would you rather have - garbage or paper. Mr. Giannettino said he would rather have both, like we have had for forty years. With less people than you have now. So he doesn't understand why it became a problem. Evidently there is a problem scheduling. There probably is a problem which used to happen every month of May that everybody had excess vacation and they zonked the DPW which should not be allowed. The Mayor said in all fairness we had a horrible winter and if we would have allowed our men to take vacation during the winter months our snow would not have been plowed. We have men working 24 hours - Mr. Giannettino said he understands that. The Mayor said at some point you have to say you are working - it's winter or summer. Unfortunately, winter won over summer this year. Mr. Giannettino said unfortunately he has come to these meetings for years. There has been very few meetings in the last four years where the Director of Public Works hasn't come in and ask for more money and more help. Check your minutes. It's always I don't have people. Now that could be true. And maybe it's time he learned to work with what he's got like the rest of the world does. Unfortunately, when we are in a big hurry to extend the DPW contract to 2018 where we didn't get

anything back as far as productivity. So maybe that was a big mistake. But he doesn't understand how for years and years we survived. We had bad winters. We had winters when we had nothing. So it all comes down to just like that gentleman said - management. Is the management doing what it's supposed to do and is the scheduling being done correctly because just a few months back we put a guy in there to do scheduling. So now we have a guy who should be driving a truck sitting in the office doing scheduling and now we hear we need more people.

The Mayor said okay. First of all he is not sitting in the office just doing scheduling. Part of his job is scheduling, however, he still rides the garbage truck, he still drives trucks, he is not sitting behind a desk all day. Mr. Giannettino said he did see him at the street fair on overtime. That he did. The Mayor said right - so making an opinion like that is unfair. Mr. Giannettino said it's true. It doesn't have to be fair. It's true. The Mayor said it is not true. Because he does go out on the trucks and he does go out on the garbage truck and he does do other duties besides sitting behind a desk doing scheduling so that is an unfair statement. Number two - we did not hire additional help. We hired people to replace the men that we have on medical leave so that we have enough manpower to cover all of the garbage trucks, all of the pickups and everything that we have had in the past. So there is no additional employees that we have hired. Mr. Giannettino said until those employees come back from medical leave. Then you have additional employees - the Mayor said no I don't. They are temporary. Mr. Giannettino asked if we hired from Americorp for the summer. The Mayor said we hired temporary help. Mr. Giannettino said yes. You could have hired from Americorp who pays half of their salary. The Mayor said the unfortunate part of that was we could not wait for that program to start. We needed them now. Mr. Giannettino said he doesn't know. Private industry finds a way. He said he is going to leave it at that. The Mayor thanked him.

Michael Curley of 84 Orange Avenue said he didn't know if everybody knows it - there was a lot of rain today. So we have plenty of water so we should consider selling the water. Mr. Curley said it is always good to have constructive complaints and it is good when the Board addresses them. But he happens to feel personally that we have a great Department of Public Works in the Village of Suffern. He said he thinks it has been strong for years. During any busy season things cannot go perfect but he believes if you have a complaint and you want something done they

will answer to it. And he thinks it is great that the Mayor answered to this gentleman's complaint. But he thinks they are hard working guys. He said he sees them on that truck in the summer and in the winter. They are out there at 5 in the morning while we are still sleeping doing hard work. They are not becoming millionaires. They are working hard for what they got. And that's how he sees them. He always sees them that way and he still sees them that way. Are there some faults in everything? Sure, there are faults in him, believe it or not. But more importantly - his last issue and he will go with it.

You mentioned about having an event with the Street Fair where there is an alcohol-related event. And before that really comes up for a vote he hasn't heard really much about it. He heard a quick thing in the workshop. He said when you have street fairs and it's a good thing to do events for a Village but he doesn't think we have ever entertained where we put a separate area just for drinking. And there is a certain thing called dram shot - it's where you can get sued. And of course the Chamber of Commerce would take insurance for that but so would the Village have to take insurance because they would sue you as well for approving it even though you are tentatively covered. But he just thinks it is important. You have all these establishments in the Village - and he is not saying that the answer is no - but he really hasn't heard any vocal where somebody is presenting it to us to have this wine or beer garden. But there are many licensed establishments in the Village who carry dram shot, who pay them unfortunately whether they pay them whenever they pay taxes they have to pay dram shot insurance, or they have to pay their liquor license. So every time you let somebody come in for just one day it is one more day here you are taking away from them. So it is just something - he is not saying - he just thinks it should be talked about more. Not just something that we just vote on without the public and even the licensed establishments having a right to address it on whether they are even getting to participate or not. So he just thinks more conversation should be done on it. He is not saying yes or no but he just heard at the workshop real quick and he thinks it is something you just throw out there. People have a right to know about it. God bless and thank you.

Bruce Simon said he is here tonight on behalf of the recycling committee just to announce that during the month of June the members of the recycling committee are going to be going around the Village looking at people's gardens or front lawns. Looking

at how they beautify the fronts of their houses. Every year they do an award for best gardening, best lawn maintenance, best what you want to call it. So they will be back at the July meeting - now it's July 14 - and they will be awarding somebody a certificate that night and the Village restaurants, of which Michael Curley is a proud owner of one - and we are all proud patrons of him - the Village residents have been very good about donating gift certificates so the winner that night will get a gift certificate to one of our fine Village restaurants. That's it on that. Just one other thing - as we are talking about pick up and everything - just a simple one. Since we have the notification system - the texting - it might not be a bad idea on the Friday before a holiday weekend to send out "just remember, no paper pickup next week." The Mayor thanked him. She said please recycle. The Village of Suffern is one of the lowest recycling Village's in Rockland County right now. We are not recycling. We have to recycle. We used to be the highest. We are not anymore. If you need any recycling bins contact the DPW and we also will be getting our Coca Cola bins. So please recycle.

**VILLAGE CLERK:**

**A) Request - Block Party - Center Street - Karen Colon-Rodriguez:**

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner said we have a request for a block party for July 12 from Mrs. Karen Rodriguez and this is going to be up on Center Street. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**B) Request - Chamber of Commerce - To Have a Theme of Wine and Food at September 14 Street Fair:**

The Mayor said Terry stepped out for a minute and she would like him to be here for this so we will hold off on this for a moment.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

**A) Authorization to Attend GFOA Seminar in Tarrytown - June 6, 2014 (\$95.00):**

Treasurer Tom Zordan requested authorization to attend the GFOA seminar in Tarrytown, New York on Friday, June 6. The cost is \$95 and it is to get some training in the borrowings that we are doing - finances. So there will be bond counsel there and capital

markets and our finance people will be there. Trustee Hagen said he is all in favor of training to borrow. He said he loves fiscal rightness. He made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato  
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan  
Trustee Matthew Byrne, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**B) Change Payroll Companies - from Paychex to ADP - Savings \$1800:**

Mr. Zordan said at the workshop he had indicated that we were looking at changing our payroll company from Paychex to ADP and he said he was going to give ADP another call because they never responded. Well lo and behold they did call and they asked him if we could give them a couple of days so they could put together a proposal. So he wants to push this off until our next meeting. The Mayor asked Tom - she said Jo had some input of problems with ADP that she would like you to discuss with other treasurers around that are using ADP. She guesses there have been some problems with it so if you could also look at that as well before we make any decisions on that. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan said she wants to know what operating platform they are on. Mr. Zordan said right. He would have that for her tomorrow.

**C) Annual Insurance Renewal - Quotes for General Insurance and Quotes for Workers Comp Insurance:**

Treasurer Zordan said the last thing was for the insurance. But he understands that the Board would like to push that back. The Mayor said she received quotes for our insurance and in going through the quotes she noticed that there were quite a few discrepancies in the information that the Treasurer provided to the different brokers who took interest in looking into premiums for us. That being said she is not comfortable with going forward with this. She has asked the Treasurer to make sure he goes back, checks those numbers again and makes sure that all three brokers that were interested in soliciting premiums for us gets all the same and correct information before this Board can go forward with making any decisions on which insurance we will be going

with. Now the insurance is going to come to its end on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June so it is going to require that the Board is going to have a special meeting as soon as we have all our information before the 12<sup>th</sup> of June to make a decision. So we will hold that off for a special meeting. The Mayor thanked Tom.

**TRUSTEES:**

Trustee Byrne said he had one thing. He said he had mentioned this at a prior meeting months ago and he sent an e-mail to Tom the other day on the issue of the tax payments. He said he would like to explore the feasibility of allowing our taxpayers to pay their taxes in two installments, which many villages have. There are an awful lot of people here who pay their taxes on their own and not through their bank. We have to determine if it is feasible given the county's relevy and the timing of all the billing. But he has asked by e-mail to Tom that we look into it together and he just wants to reiterate it tonight. He said he mentioned it at a prior Board meeting as well and he looks forward to hopefully sitting down with Tom and maybe seeing whether that is feasible to give people the option. The Village tax bill is not a small bill and if you allow people the opportunity to, like other villages do, to pay it in installments, at their option, he thinks that would be a relief for many. The Mayor thanked Trustee Byrne and said she looked forward to the findings of that.

Trustee Byrne said he had one other thing if he could. He asked just to be recognized prior to adjournment. He said he thinks the second thing he has is more appropriate then, if you don't mind. The Mayor said absolutely.

The Mayor said to Attorney Rice that we are going to go back. We did not discuss the Chamber of Commerce without him - to have the theme of wine and food September 14 at the Street Fair. The Mayor invited Aurie Licata up to give a brief overview of what the Chamber is thinking in terms of the wine and food themed Street Fair.

Aurie Licata of 96 Lafayette Avenue said on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce they thank the Board for their support in their Street Fairs and they also support the DPW thinking they work very hard - especially this winter. Mr. Licata said he was out there every morning early and he saw them come around and they have done a terrific job.

Mr. Licata said they, with the help of Chuck Barone, have implemented a theme of Classic Cars for the first Street Fair. The second Street Fair they put in a theme appreciation of the artists of the Hudson Valley. It is going to take some time for that culture to change. Just if anybody is thinking why do we still have socks and underwear for sale - only it is very difficult to get vendors. It will take a couple of years to revamp the whole thing. He said they don't think it is fair to all the businesses. What the Chamber is doing to just halt the Street Fairs and try to get new vendors - it is income producing. It does bring people into the Village. So in an effort to try to change slowly and keep the income and the people coming they decided to put these themes in. So they decided to try to do wine tasting and food on the third Street Fair - September 14. He said they are not reinventing the wheel. Insurance is all taken care of. Anybody that comes, if you look in all the newspapers, you see New City and all Jersey towns having wine tasting. These are professional wineries that have insurance. He said they will find out if they have to have a master license for a day. He said the Chamber indemnifies the Village of Suffern for everything that they do on their policy. He said they will be asking for indemnification for the Chamber as well as the Village for anybody coming in. But these are professional organizations that they are going to try to recruit. Torne Valley is one of them that they are going to try to ask to come. Maybe have four or five wineries that come in. He said he doesn't believe they are taking the afternoon drinks away from our Village restaurants. He doesn't really think that is the case. They are enhancing them. And they could also use the help if anybody - he said you are probably seeing him representing the Chamber but Rich, himself - they have been here for years and just can't get people to help. So that's another issue. So if anybody has any good ideas and they would like to participate they would love to have you. But if you are looking for a big scenario or something that they are planning they really don't have it. They started talking informally with Chief Osborn. He started talking with Trish telling her we would do whatever it takes to run a professional Street Fair with regards to this new venue. If they do ask, they are just not going to go out and get somebody that is going to open up a bottle of wine and start serving it. It is going to be a professional organization that is a winery that has done this before and understands exactly what all the ramifications are - dram shot, safety and health and everything else that goes along with it. And that is basically what they are going to do. They do not have anything definitive because they do not want to call

anyone as of yet until they felt that they had the approval and support of the Village Board. They did start talking the last Street Fair about what this new theme was. The classic car show was terrific. The artists were terrific. And he thinks as years go on and we mature in this you are going to see a little bit of a culture change. So what they are trying to do is get maybe four, five or six wineries to compliment the Street Fair September 14 and possibly have one or two or three restaurants. He said we always ask our own restaurants to come out and put up a tent and maybe have some kind of pulled pork or have some ribs or something to go along with wine tasting and also have a couple of more bands. So as far as the legalities and everything else that is all going to have to be run through the people that they are dealing with. The Mayor thanked him.

Attorney Rice said as with any type of event, whether it is something with wine or any type of event where people use a Village facility, we want to have liability insurance naming the Village as an additional named insured. This does have dram shot implications. For anyone who doesn't know what dram shot is it basically means that it is a strict liability statute so that if a bartender, for example, serves some one too much when they should have known that they were already past the limit, you are liable. There are no ifs, ands or buts. That is the end of the story. So we certainly would need insurance for everybody involved along those lines and again naming the Village as additional named insured because we certainly don't want to have any potential liability on something like this. He said he thinks that while the Board may or may not feel comfortable seeing tonight go forward, at least with further exploration, he doesn't think you really have enough details to really say yes it is a good idea or no it is not a good idea because as Aurie said it is just kind of conceptual at this point. The other things you would have to explore was what additional costs the Village may have as far as police or DPW overtime and he thinks those are all issues you have to explore. Mr. Licata said the security is going to be absorbed by the Chamber of Commerce. The extra security. He said he doesn't envision any difference in the DPW because it is going to be the same amount of vendors. He said they have approximately 90 vendors on the street and as far as having the classic cars and everything else there is not going to be that much of a difference. They will provide the security for the wristbands and so forth. And just let him remind them - it is a wine tasting. We are not sitting there pouring numerous drinks for people. They are going to be passing through. They are going to be eating. And

it is not something that they are inventing the wheel for. It is something that has happened in other towns. It has been very successful. They are going to be using the same vendors as they are. So he just thinks it is something that, even though they don't have all the details for, it is not something that they are inventing or kind of reinventing the wheel. It is already going on in different towns. They are kind of missing out on the action and this is what they would like to try to do - bring more people into our Village. The Mayor asked Mr. Licata that since this is obviously new to our Village and this would be the first time we would be able to have an event like this - could you possibly put all of this in writing to the Board? So each of us can look at it. Mr. Licata said absolutely. The Mayor said if there are any questions, as Terry said, legality wise that we dot our i's and cross our t's before we make a decision. Mr. Licata said absolutely. The Mayor asked him if that would be acceptable to him? Mr. Licata said yes, he thinks they would want to do that. The Mayor said she doesn't think we want to say no - Mr. Licata said they just wanted to get an initial reaction - the Mayor said she doesn't think we are prepared to say yes. Mr. Licata said they are not asking them to say yes tonight. What they are doing is just bringing in a new thought and they are seeing what kind of response you think you may want and we will have maybe four or five of these wineries and they will give us their list of what they are doing. We will find out. The Mayor said if you could have a little bit more information on the wineries she thinks that would be helpful in making us feel more secure about our decision - Mr. Licata said absolutely - the Mayor said and then we work out the security issue with the Chief and all of those things would be very helpful. Mr. Licata said absolutely. The Mayor said great. She asked if that was acceptable to the Board. Trustee Hagen asked how close are we to Suffern Day - the Mayor said September. Trustee Hagen said if this is the 14<sup>th</sup> - when is Suffern Day? The Mayor said September 27<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Hagen said so there is a two week difference. He said to Mr. Licata and you will involve local restaurants if you do get it off the ground he hopes. The Mayor thanked Mr. Licata.

**A) Contract Agreement for 120 Orange Avenue:**

The Mayor said the next thing we are going to talk about is the contract agreement for 120 Orange Avenue. She said she is going to ask Rob Magrino to switch places with Terry Rice. The Mayor said as you know Rob has been our counsel for all of the dealings

with Orange Avenue as Terry has a conflict of interest and has stepped down from that portion of the Village business.

Mr. Magrino said he sent the contract to the Board. As the Board is aware the appraisal price was \$280,000. The developers agreed to pay \$292,000. He has already paid \$12,000, which we have. And then at closing the Village would get the remainder - the \$280,000. So the down payment is basically non-refundable. The contract is contingent on them getting site plan approval for the project that they are looking to do there. So that is a part of it as are the other contracts for the property that he is looking at there. The other areas of significance are they are taking it as is. They know there is an issue there with ground fields and they are going to be taken care of that. And other than that if the Board has any questions.

The Mayor said Trustee Byrne will not be participating with any of this project with Orange Avenue as well. It is a conflict of interest which also applies to him.

A motion to approve the contract was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

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

ABSTAIN: Trustee Matthew Byrne

ABSENT: None

Mr. Magrino said the only other thing they had discussed earlier was we had discussed with the developer about coming back to the Board. The Mayor said she would - she has asked the developer since his plan has changed since he first brought it to the Village she has asked him to please bring everything back to the Planning Board. She said she thinks we should have recommendation and review from the Planning Board due to the fact that there are changes in the project. So she would like tonight to send this back to the Planning Board for its review and recommendation. A motion to send it back to the Planning Board was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried, with Trustee Byrne abstaining.

The Mayor said we have to set a new public hearing. She said she would also like to hear from the public since this project has changed and the conditions of which was originally proposed. She said she thinks it is also important to hear from our residents again. Therefore she thinks that we should set another public hearing for the July 14 meeting to hear from the public again. Trustee Meehan asked how is the Planning Board going to meet and make a recommendation. Also the county Planning Board. So he doesn't know if the 14<sup>th</sup> is enough time. The Mayor said we are not bound to do this. Trustee Meehan said okay. The Mayor said she just feels that it is appropriate. But Rob has checked into it. This does not have to go back to the Planning Board. It does not have to go back to the county. She just believes it is the correct thing to do. It is a project that has changed and the Planning Board has not had a chance to review it so therefore that was her recommendation to send it back to the Planning Board. Trustee Meehan said okay. The Mayor said she doesn't think that we are going to be prepared to even vote on July 14 on anything. Either the Pilots have not been approved by the Town of Ramapo or the school district yet and she thinks that this Board is in agreement that we are not going to vote on the zone change until we know that the Pilots are all completely in place. So if everyone is in agreement, she thinks we could have the public hearing start next month on July 14 at 7:50 so that it gives the public again a chance to speak since all of these things have changed with the project. A motion to set the public hearing was made by Trustee Hagen, seconded by Trustee Meehan.

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

ABSTAIN: Trustee Matthew Byrne

ABSENT: None

At this point Attorney Magrino left and Attorney Rice rejoined the meeting.

**B) Rescind Agreement for Request to Amend the Rockland County Police Act Section 1A:**

The Mayor said she would like to talk about the Rockland County Police Act Section 1A resolutions that this Board passed in good faith. She said we were approached by the Village of Airmont as

well as the Village of Hillburn to ask to enter into contracting with us for police services. She would like them to know that the fact of the matter is that the Village of Suffern did not go out and solicit to different villages to provide police services. However, these two villages approached us as they felt as though they were paying too much money for their police services. The village of Airmont presently pays 4.7 million dollars for a police officer to police their village. They also have the benefit of using their detective bureau. She said she wants them to know that our complete budget of 38 officers, our employees of the police department, is a little over 5 million dollars and Airmont was paying 4.7 million dollars. So when they came to us to ask us if there was any way that we could help them out to relieve some of the burden from their taxpayers we looked into it and we found that we could save the village of Airmont millions of dollars. In addition, we could put several million dollars into our own police budget to offset the budget here and the burden of the police department budget to our village residents. So what we were looking to do was to lower our residents taxes. And it would significantly. We would be able to put that money - not only put it into our police budget - but remain the same services that we have now in addition to being that Airmont borders us we would have additional protection because the crossover is so small between the two villages. So when we did the numbers and we looked at the benefits to the Village we felt they were very strong and it could really help the Village out. The Mayor said her job is to make sure that she tries to keep our taxes as low as possible and this was a great opportunity for us. After the village of Airmont came to us the village of Hillburn came to us and also asked - they came to her office and said they would like to know if there was any way that we could help them out. The Mayor said again we did the numbers although their budget is not as large as the village of Airmont they were still paying a significant amount of money for a police officer and we felt again the numbers weren't as big but yes, we could indeed defray the burden from our taxpayers and also help out the village of Hillburn. Governor Cuomo right now is very big on shared services. He is very big on combined services and to be honest with you that having this opportunity to look into shared services really has told the tale. It definitely works. It can save our Village a significant amount of money and we can all have a little tax break and she is sure everyone would welcome that. It is very hard these days to meet our taxes. They keep going up and wouldn't it be nice to see them come down a little bit. Since that time she has reached out to the village of

Airmont and to the village of Hillburn on several occasions and she has not gotten back any more interest in contracting with us. Therefore tonight she would like to ask the Board to rescind the resolutions as there does not seem to be interest and there is no reason for the Village of Suffern to have resolutions out there on uninterested parties. So the village of Airmont seems to no longer be interested in contracting services with us as well as the village of Hillburn, which is very disheartening and discouraging to her because as the Mayor of this Village she looks for every opportunity to save her taxpayers money.

Attorney Rice said basically the resolutions that the Village Board had adopted on two prior occasions first with respect to Airmont and second with respect to Hillburn was the first step in the process to amend the state statute known as the Rockland County Police Act because that statute effectively prohibited us from entering into the contract. You could enter into the contract in fact but there would be no cost savings because the town would not have to reduce the taxes that were paid by these other municipalities. So we passed the resolutions on two occasions. We did not send them into the state senate or the assembly awaiting action by the other municipalities and since they haven't acted the resolution here would be to rescind those. Without those resolutions the process to amend the state statute couldn't start. So that is what the resolutions accomplish.

Trustee Meehan said he saw this the first time tonight and it is very disappointing because he had talked with you and he knows that you have worked hard and he has had a great conversation with Chief Osborn and he thinks it is a great idea. And he would really like to give these villages one more opportunity. He asked if we have sent them a letter and actually tell them that we are going to rescind and give them a last chance. He said he doesn't know if we have been in direct contact with these people or what the story is but - the Mayor said the unfortunate part of it is we explained to them that we would have needed those resolutions sooner rather than later because the legislature will be going into recess for the summer. So no action will be able to be taken. And they were quite aware that in order for us to accomplish this that these resolutions had to be taken care of. She said she herself has made several phone calls to both Hillburn and Airmont and left several messages that have all gone unanswered. Trustee Meehan said okay. The Mayor said that is the only reason that she brought it to this tonight. Trustee Meehan

said that is fair enough. The Mayor said if the interest comes back we can always do it again. Trustee Meehan said yes.

A motion to rescind both prior resolutions was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Hagen.

AYES: Mayor Patricia Abato  
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan  
Trustee Matthew Byrne, Trustee John Meehan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**C) Resolution - Gun Control:**

The Mayor said the next item is on the resolution of gun control. Attorney Rice said you recall at a prior meeting a number of people had come to the Board requesting that the Board pass a resolution which basically would entail studying which gun manufacturers take protective measures and which don't and to try and integrate that into our purchasing policy. The resolution that they provided as a draft was a little too strong so we have modified that basically so that we can cooperate to the extent that we deem it appropriate and consider the findings of that study in the purchase of firearms in the future to the extent that we deem it advisable and to the extent it is permitted by the New York State bidding laws.

Trustee Byrne said he saw this on the revised agenda put out today and saw the resolution as he came here tonight. He said he just thinks it might be, and he spoke to the Chief briefly today about some concerns that he might have and he thinks we share some concerns. He said he just thinks it might not be a bad idea to put this on to the next workshop agenda so that we can all discuss it among ourselves and get some input in the setting of the workshop with the Chief present and perhaps get some more information on it and some more questions answered about it. So he just thinks it is appropriate that you put it on the workshop agenda. The Mayor said she just wanted to apologize. She said that Terry and her and the Chief and Jo have kind of been going back and forth on the verbiage on this to get it to a place where they thought it was at least a good starting place. So if the Board is not comfortable voting on this tonight and needs to have more discussion at a workshop so we could work out the details,

whatever your pleasure is. She has no problem with that. Trustee Byrne said clearly the resolution that Terry prepared is much narrower than the other one was. He remembers looking at the original paperwork that was supplied to us many months ago. He just thinks like other things that we approach at a Board meeting it comes to the workshop first and he just thinks it might not be a bad idea to discuss it there first. If it needs a formal motion to table he would do that if that is the case. The Mayor said fine, why don't you do that so that we keep it on the agenda. A motion to table the resolution was made by Trustee Byrne, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**D) Set Public Hearing for 20 Minute Parking - E. Maple Avenue:**

The Mayor said this next item is to set a public hearing for 20 minute parking on E. Maple Avenue. This has been an ongoing battle with the residents and the business owner - Bagel Train - on the corner of E. Maple. The problem being that we all love Bagel Train bagels and there is a mad rush in the morning to get your coffee and bagel on the way to work. The battle has been on the one side and she feels for the residents. They live there. They are trying to get in and out of their driveways and it is a little tough if all these cars are parked there for long periods of time. On the other hand she has had several people come into her office, leave her voice mails - very angry people that they have gotten tickets when they are going to Bagel Train to get their bagels in the morning because there is not enough parking. People are parking there too long. People can't park there. It has just been an ongoing battle. So being fair to the business owner we don't want to make the habit of having people think that Suffern doesn't have enough parking for our businesses and going elsewhere she tried to come up with something that she thought may be a happy medium. She spoke to the Chief. They went out there and they both looked at the area. They thought maybe the middle of the road could be 20 minute parking on E. Maple Avenue as opposed to no parking from 7 to 9 on E. Maple Avenue. She said we know that the residents use those spots on the street as well so this would preclude those people parking their cars there between 7 and 9 for the day for the train and just leaving their car there for work reasons. So the residents would still have the opportunity to use those spots for the rest of the day and evening but in the morning hours, to be fair to the residents and to the business owner, 20 minute parking seems to be a good middle of the road. So she would like to have a motion to set a public hearing for the 20 minute parking on E. Maple Avenue.

Trustee Meegan-Corrigan asked if she was saying that the 20 minutes is from 7 to 9. The Mayor said correct. Trustee Meegan-Corrigan asked who will be monitoring that. The Mayor said the Police Department. Trustee Byrne made the motion to set the public hearing for the July 14 meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried. Attorney Rice asked Chief Osborn to give him a description on that.

Trustee Byrne said he had asked earlier if he could be recognized just prior to adjournment. Trustee Byrne said Suffern has a lot of wonderful people in it, obviously, who live here and two we lost - two people in the last two years and he would just like to speak very briefly about them. He said that many people here may know Jim and Betty or Elizabeth Sinclair. The Sinclair's were lifelong residents of the Village. Mr. Sinclair passed away in 2012 at the age of 90. Mrs. Sinclair passed away just last week at the age of 92. They were both born and raised in Suffern, very active in Sacred Heart parish, involved in the Knights of Columbus, involved in the VFW. They were both veterans. Mrs. Sinclair was a nurse, an army nurse in World War II. Mr. Sinclair was a co-pilot of a B17 in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II, completing 39 missions over France and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross. They raised five children on Maplewood Boulevard and there are no more Sinclair's in Suffern anymore. Mrs. Sinclair passed away last week. Her children have all moved somewhere else. But he thinks that they were really two remarkable people and those who have met them or knew them you just knew that the moment you spoke to them. So he would just ask perhaps tonight that we adjourn our meeting in memory of the Sinclair's and perhaps a copy of the minutes can be forwarded to a family member so they can see that the Village of Suffern acknowledges their long contributions to our Village and will miss them greatly. And his motion to adjourn would be in their honor, seconded by Trustee Meehan, who said he was privileged to know the Sinclair's as well. The Mayor said she as well. Wonderful family. Upon vote, the motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

