

**Village Board Meeting
Monday, December 5, 2011**

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 Charles Falciglia, Trustee Patricia Abato
Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee John Meehan

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

ABSENT: None

Set Dates for January Meetings:

The Mayor said the dates for the January meetings are Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for the workshop with the Board meeting the following Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Dan McInerney said that on behalf of the officers and members of the fire department, he would like to thank Bruce Simon for all his help and assistance during his tenure and would also like to welcome the new Trustee, Charles Falciglia, and he looks forward to working with him.

Chief McInerney said just to give a quick update. They had four members complete Firefighter I class and two members are scheduled to start the class in January. Through the end of November, they have had 343 calls and they have the new Zodiac boat which is in service - will be in service by the end of the month. The men are still training on it. Just to let the Board know it is in the Village now.

GRANT WRITER:

Mr. Fred Rella said he would like to give an update on the Façade program for downtown - part of the revitalization program. Mr. Rella said that as they know, he is the person that acquires the money and the person that actually implements it is Carrine Kaufer and he is very happy to make the announcement here tonight that on Saturday, Carrine and her husband, Jeremy, who works in the police department, gave birth to a 6 lb. 14 oz. boy. And they named their son Carter Matthew and she came home today and everyone is doing very well.

Mr. Rella said that most recently they went out to bid for the first phase of doing the five buildings in the downtown for the façade improvement. Two builders actually responded back to those bids - Nikko Construction of Valley Cottage and Lorencin Contracting Corp. of New City. The bids came back higher than what they had anticipated the cost to be. The bid timeframe was a very short period of time. And they feel that with a little bit more publicity

in getting it out there and a little longer timeframe and tweaking the bid package itself that they will be able to acquire more bids, which are more competitive and in line with what their expectations are. So what he is saying at this point of time is that he would like to have a motion to reject the bids. A motion to reject the bids was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Trustee Meehan said on the question - he said we received two bids and both of them were too high? Mr. Rella said yes, they were too high. Trustee Meehan said he understands that we had five people pick up. He asked if he knew what happened to the other three. Mr. Rella said they actually had about 10 people which were originally interested in it. They had five people which did pick up. Two people actually submitted. One made a firm verbal commitment that they were going to be submitting it but they didn't. These things happen. Once again it was a very short window of time. So what they want to do is to rebid the project, give a longer window, which will now be several weeks, which the bids will be due back the end of January, and people will be able to put together a much more viable bid package. Trustee Meehan said okay. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

A motion to go back out to bid for the façade program. They would like to make an announcement in the *Rockland Journal News* and the *Rockland County Times* by the end of the week and then have the bid package go out Monday. Trustee Abato asked what would be the return date. Mr. Rella said January 31, which is a Tuesday. A motion to go back out to bid and have them returned on January 31 at 4:00 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

CULTURE AND RECREATION:

The Mayor said it was just brought to his attention that someone was left off the Recreation Committee. He will add to that Cathy Mills. Mrs. Gail Curtin thanked him. Mrs. Curtin said she too would like to ditto Chief McInerney and thank Bruce Simon. It was her pleasure to get to know him and she appreciates all the assistance he gave to the Recreation Department. She said she would also like to congratulate Mayor LaCorte. She said she looked forward to working with him again, as well as Trish. And welcome to our newest Trustee, Mr. Falciglia.

Since the last Village Board meeting, the Recreation Department assisted with the Veterans Day parade. They had a DARE Dance on Friday, November 18. On Sunday, November 20, 48 residents took a trip to NYC to Radio City Music Hall and 48 came back. So that was successful. On Thursday, December 1, they had the Holiday Lighting and it was a very, very special and successful evening. And this past Saturday, speaking of special, what could be better than opening the community center to a bone marrow drive. Andrea Westerkon staffed that event and in the information that she sent to Mrs. Curtin, they had approximately 150 swabs. Mrs. Curtin thanked Andrea for her help in that and Elaine, of course, always, for setting up. And thank you to the Board again for opening the center to something like that.

Letters to Santa. As the Board knows, they gave them the authority to once again partner with Macy's and Make A Wish, which they did last year. This year, they don't have a role like we did last year but we certainly have a partnership and we are helping with money. She walked in here tonight to tell them that we had 136 letters, but she now stands here, thanks to Mr. Barone, to tell them that they have 191 letters. So we will continue to get those letters. We will take whatever we have to Macy's on December 9. The wish this year isn't for our little Sarah but the wish is for another child and it is going to be a room makeover. So our role again is just to get that money going and we will continue to take letters right to the end of the year but the \$2.00 ones go down on December 9.

Upcoming: as the Board knows, she hopes they will be back here on Wednesday night and she hopes that everyone in this room will join them for the Village of Suffern's Pearl Harbor Commemoration at 7:00 p.m. On Friday, December 9, they have LEAD at the community center. On Saturday, December 10, they have the Elks Hoop Shoot at the community center. On Wednesday, December 14, she is hoping to see all of them at the special Recreation/Village Board meeting at Marcello's at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, December 20 through 22, they help where they can, particularly Elaine again, with the DARE toy drive by opening up the community center to that event. And on Thursday, December 22, we will be having Chabad winter festival at the center and gazebo from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. And lastly, AARP tax service training will begin at LPL each Saturday in January from 9 to 4.

Under miscellaneous: the Board asked if she would put together some thoughts on a proposal from the Suffern Farmer's Market to bring the market into the community center once a month on a Saturday during the winter. She did that homework and she shared it with Terry, she shared it with the Mayor and he shared it with the Board and most of you did get back to them and anyone who did get back to them, as long as we, Terry and she, answered all the questions that they had, which primarily, and she doesn't know if the Mayor wants her to read it all tonight. The Mayor said no, he would like to entertain a motion to allow that subject to Terry and Gail signing off on it. A motion granting the request was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Mrs. Curtin said the Farmer's Market is having a meeting tomorrow night so she promised to get back to them early tomorrow morning and let them know that you are looking positively on that.

Mrs. Curtin said the second thing is that she just wants to make sure that they had seen that the fashion show that they allowed to be held at the community center was featured in the *Rockland Magazine*. And finally she just wants to remind Trustee Meehan, particularly, that he and she are working together, she understands, to get a plaque to be placed at the Brooklands Bridge and to send a letter from the Mayor letting Mrs. Reidell know that the repair work to the bridge was done by her son-in-law in memory of her late husband.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:

Attorney Terry Rice said he had three quick items.

A) AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL FUNDING - \$2500 - FOR MAHWAH CROSSROADS:

Attorney Rice said that first of all, as they know, we authorized litigation against the Township of Mahwah with respect to the Mahwah Crossroads shopping development with the intended purpose of trying to deal with some of the planning issues that were not dealt with during the zoning amendment, including traffic, run-off and certain other issues. He said they have largely been successful in achieving those goals. The developer has sat down with us and with the attorney handling this for the Village. We have some odds and ends that need to be nailed down with respect to specifics in order to go forward with the settlement. And the amount of money that had been authorized has been exhausted. So the attorneys are looking for an additional \$2500 which should be sufficient to finally resolve the matter. A motion authorizing the additional funding was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan to Gibbons P.C., seconded by Trustee Abato.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

B) SET PUBLIC HEARING - LOADING ZONE- LAFAYETTE AVENUE:

Attorney Rice said secondly there has been a request for an additional loading zone on Lafayette Avenue in the area of Il Villaggio. In order to consider that and implement that, we need to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Code provision and so to move forward with that, we need to set a public hearing for the January meeting. The Mayor said we are switching the loading zone. The loading zone will be 15 minute parking and an additional spot in front of Il Villaggio and the loading zone will be further down. It ends up getting us an extra spot so it is a positive in the downtown. Attorney Rice said okay. And he will need the Chief to give him a description. A motion to set a public hearing at 7:40 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

C) SET PUBLIC HEARING - CLOSING TIME - PUBLIC PARKS:

Attorney Rice said that lastly the police chief has requested that the Village Code be revised with respect to the closing of public parks. Presently, regardless of the time of year, the parks close at 9:00 p.m. And they have been running into some issues now that it gets dark earlier and the suggestion has been made that the parks close at dusk so we would need to amend the code and to set a public hearing to do so. A motion to set the public hearing for 7:50 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote,

the motion was carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Clarke Osborn said he had just a couple of quick things. First of all, he would also like to thank Bruce Simon for working with them the last few years as a Trustee. Mayor and Trish, congratulations, and he will look forward to working with them and to Mr. Falciglia he will look forward to working with him as well and welcome aboard.

Chief Osborn said that on December 20, they do have the toy drive. And their toy drive is actually massive at this point. They have over 100 volunteers and they work with the local school district and the local business community and mainly the residents to help out our local families that need it. So they do that from the 20th to the 22nd. They have been doing this for the past couple of weeks and they are going to continue straight through - all the hard work and time the officers are putting in. And he thanked Gail and everybody for all their support on that.

A) AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH ROCKLAND COUNTY TASK FORCE (RE: REIMBURSEMENT FROM R.C. NARCOTICS TASK FORCE) - RESOLUTION NO. 11, 2011:

Chief Osborn asked the Board for authorization for the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Rockland County Narcotics Task Force. And just to give a quick explanation on it. We have a detective, Detective Mike Fennessey, assigned to the Narcotics Task Force as a group supervisor. He oversees narcotics investigations for this entire area. The County of Rockland reimburses us \$100,000 for having him over there. So this is just an authorization. And what they will do after this is have the County Executive sign off on this as well. The Mayor said so we can get the reimbursement for the past three quarters. The Chief said it is a flat \$100,000. The Mayor said in terms of billing them to get paid, we need this agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 11, 2011

RESOLVED, that Mayor sign the agreement with the Rockland County Narcotics Task Force.

A motion authorizing Resolution No. 11, 2011 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

B) APPOINT SHEILA BRIGGS AS A PART-TIME DISPATCHER PENDING CLEARANCE FROM R.C. DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AS WELL AS A FAVORABLE INTERNAL BACKGROUND CHECK:

Chief Osborn said he is asking the Board to appoint Sheila Briggs as a part-time dispatcher pending clearance from the Rockland County Department of Personnel as well as a favorable internal background check. He said that the dispatcher that we have part-time they believe is going to be hired full-time by an outside agency and we

will probably keep him on part-time for a little while until we get the other dispatcher trained. But he doesn't want to get caught with a lapse because a dispatcher cuts down a lot of overtime. And she is a dispatcher at this time in the Town of Tuxedo and has apparently at this point has met personnel on all requirements. A motion authorizing the appointment of Ms. Briggs was made by Trustee Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Trustee Abato asked if we had a salary on that. Chief Osborn said it is an hourly rate. The exact amount, he believes, is about \$21 per hour and that can be confirmed by the finance department tomorrow. Trustee Abato asked when he was looking for this position to start. Chief Osborn said he was looking for it as soon as he can get it because it sounds like our part-time dispatcher got hired much quicker than he thought and he will be gone within the next week or two and it is going to take a couple of weeks from personnel to get clearance from them and we have a very extensive background check so it will take at least a few weeks.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Nobody spoke at audience participation.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

A) REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION OF THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF AIRMONT:

Mr. Charles Sawicki asked for authorization of the intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Airmont. Mr. Sawicki said this agreement provides for labor and equipment to partially remove vegetative debris from right-of-way areas identified by the Village of Airmont. The Suffern DPW will provide two crews, three workers in each crew, one supervisor along with the required equipment for a minimum of three consecutive Saturdays of 10 hour shifts. The Mayor said so everyone knows this is something - Airmont approached us - one of their Trustees did - about doing this since all their services are contracted and this is to remove all the debris that was caused by the hurricane and the snowstorm. We looked into this. Charles and Danny spent some time doing an analysis and we are helping them out and we are also making money for the Village because the price which we give them obviously leads to a profit for the Village, which is nice. So he knows that it was mentioned to the Board and it was obviously something that was started so we are asking the Board for its approval. And all the people who are working volunteered to do it. They are getting paid but in terms of the overtime it is on a volunteer basis. So it is a win-win for everybody. A motion to enter into the agreement was made by Trustee

Meehan, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Sawicki said that he just wanted to add to that. Dennis Kaye, the Mayor of Airmont, would like him to thank the Mayor and Board.

B) REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO PAY THE EPA SLUDGE REPORT FEE:

Mr. Sawicki asked for authorization to pay the EPA sludge report fee in the amount of \$1100, to be charged to account G.8130.4400.0013. A motion authorizing the payment 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) REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A 2012 FORD F-250 XL REG. CAB PICK-UP TRUCK FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Sawicki asked for authorization to purchase a 2012 Ford F-250 XL regular cab pick-up truck for the water department. This is a NYS bid list purchase from Van Bortel Ford Inc., Rochester, NY and charged to account H.8320.4300.0001.2011-006 in the amount of \$24,421.24. A motion authorizing the purchase was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, who asked if we were shy a truck. Mr. Sawicki said it is going to be replacing a truck which he believes is 13 years old. It is in the budget.

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

NOES: Trustee Charles Falciglia abstained

ABSENT: None

D) REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE PURCHASE ORDER WITH DIAMOND CONSTRUCTION:

Mr. Sawicki asked for authorization to approve change order no. 1 to the existing purchase order with Diamond Construction. The additional cost is for replacing damaged concrete along the business district on Orange Avenue. The amount is \$5000. A motion authorizing

the change order was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

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

NOES: Trustee Charles Falciglia abstained

ABSENT: None

E) REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT TO DIAMOND CONSTRUCTION:

Mr. Sawicki asked for authorization to release application for payment to Diamond Construction in the amount of \$22,400 for roadway milling and resurfacing. A motion authorizing the payment was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Abato.

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

NOES: Trustee Charles Falciglia abstained

ABSENT: None

Mr. Sawicki said he would like to add just one other item. He is requesting authorization in accordance with the Village education policy to enroll Mr. Steve Cottiers in the Grade 2B Home Study Correspondence course conducted by the NY Rural Water Association. This course is a pre-requisite for the grade 2B water license with a cost of \$225. A motion authorizing 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

VILLAGE CLERK:

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING - NOVEMBER 7, 2011:

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner asked for approval of the minutes of the regular Village Board meeting of November 7, 2011. A motion approving the minutes was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Trustee Abato and Trustee Meegan-Corrigan voted in favor. Mayor LaCorte and Trustee Meehan abstained since they were not present at that meeting. Trustee Falciglia abstained since he was not on the Board at that time. Attorney Rice said to vote on it

with the notation that they weren't present. Mayor LaCorte said okay, he would vote on it then. He wasn't present. Trustee Meehan said he trusts Kathy explicitly so he will vote on it too. He said she never misses a word.

B) RENEWAL - LIVE ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS - NEW ROCK AND OLE, OLE:

The Village Clerk said Attorney Rice has both applications. Attorney Rice said that as they know we started getting the live entertainment applications on a calendar basis so that we could deal with them. And nobody was under the illusion that the permit was still valid when it wasn't. We warned people to bring the applications in prior to December 1 so you could entertain them. A lot of the establishments haven't brought them in but you have two here. The first one is New Rock. They are requesting a special permit to have a DJ play music two to three days per week, Thursday through Friday, they say until 2:00 a.m., bands to play music one day a week, Saturday until 2:00 a.m. As you know, we have essentially established a policy that during the week that music should stop at 11:00 p.m. and on weekends 1:00 a.m. So other than that, if you are in agreement with this, he would suggest a motion. Trustee Abato said she had a question. She said that we also decided that they have to sign off. Attorney Rice said yes, that is part of it. Trustee Abato said okay, she was just making sure. Attorney Rice said so it would be a special permit for calendar year 2012 to allow a DJ Thursday through Friday until 11:00 p.m. and bands on Saturday until 1:00 a.m. That the Village Board reserves the right to revoke the permit upon an opportunity to be heard as a result of violation of the terms of the special permit or any disturbances caused as a result of the operation of the premises and that the Mayor is authorized to suspend the permit pending a hearing on the revocation under such circumstances. That the noise shall not exceed 90 decibels at the property line, that the permit is valid only until December 31, 2012 and that the permit is not effective until a copy of the letter advising the applicant of the terms of the permit is signed and acknowledged by the applicant and owner and returned to the Village Clerk. The motion was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meehan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

The Mayor asked the Village Clerk to make sure that they know that the hours are not as they requested. Chief Osborn asked when they start. The Mayor said January.

Attorney Rice said the second one is from Ole, Ole. However it just came in today and it doesn't have the hours or parameters here. Attorney Rice said he sees Eric here. The Mayor asked if he wanted it the same as - tell us what it is. Eric of Ole, Ole said that is fine to keep it the same as they had before. He had no problems with that. Attorney Rice asked what does he have. Eric said until 1:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. He said they really don't do anything else besides Friday and Saturday. Attorney Rice asked what type of band. Eric said it is a DJ on Friday and a band, either rock, soft rock, R&B, nothing really crazy. Trustee Abato asked him if he wanted to leave that open so that if he had a special event during the week. Eric said that would be great because sometimes if they

have to go past one o'clock. They are not looking to go to two o'clock in the morning. Attorney Rice said you can not. The Mayor asked if he wanted the 11:00 - Trustee Abato asked if he wanted the 11:00 as well as the weekends. Eric said that would be great.

Attorney Rice said again it would be a similar motion. The motion was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

Treasurer Tom Zordan said just to let the Board know, they are starting the budget process. They just worked on the timeline today and hopefully they will have that up and ready to go on the website. And they will be handing out budget worksheets this month to all the department heads and they will go forward from there on the budget.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.