

**Village Board Meeting  
Monday, February 6, 2017 – 7:00 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 Edward Markunas  
Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Moira Hertzman  
Trustee Henry Sussman, Trustee Joseph Russo  
Virginia Menschner, Village Clerk  
Daniel Kraushaar, Village Attorney

ABSENT: None

**SET DATES FOR MARCH MEETINGS:**

The Mayor welcomed everybody to the Village Board meeting. The dates for the March meeting are the workshop will be Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. and the Board meeting will be Monday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor said since there are so many people here and he believes there are a majority of people who would like to speak there is a sign in sheet if they would like to pass it around. He said with the number of people we may limit the speaking time to two minutes and if you are a resident of Squires Gate we have another sign in sheet because he really wants to document the residents that came out tonight for the meeting.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**A) Update:**

Mike Lepori, the Assistant Chief of the Suffern Fire Department, said he just had a couple of quick things tonight. He said for the year 2016 the Suffern Fire Department responded to 370 alarms, which is one of the busiest years that they have had. And last week they had a basement fire on Lonergan Drive. The guys did a good job. They were able to contain it to one wall in the basement. The damage to the house was actually pretty minimal. The Mayor said to please tell the department that he thinks they are doing a great job. He said we appreciate their dedication and the volunteerism from all of the volunteers in the Fire Department. He thanked them.

**CULTURE AND RECREATION:**

**A) Update:**

Mrs. Cathy Mills said they have a few things coming up in Recreation. She said there will be a Girl Scout International Day Dinner on February 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the community center. There will be a DARE dance on Friday, February 10 at the community center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be a WEDC workshop on February 16 from 6 to 8 upstairs in the community room. This is a group which is for women for small business owners. She said everyone is invited and she has more information if anybody is interested in it. It is just a workshop to learn more about the program. The Mayor said that is a great program. He said he is just going to elaborate a little bit on it. It is a great program for women in the community and for business women in the community that we will be sponsoring along with the Women's Entrepreneurial Development Corporation. So it is a great opportunity if you know anyone that is interested. It is February 16, Thursday, at 6 o'clock. Mrs. Mills said then on February 24 at the community center LEAD, the high school group, will be there between 8 and 11 p.m. There will be the Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby at the community center on February 26 at 2 p.m. On Saturday, March 18, there will be the trip to see the Broadway show, Waitress. Tickets are on sale for \$99 and there are 10 tickets left. On Saturday, April 8, we will have the Egg Hunt at the Gazebo, which is always a lot of fun for families and children. And then since they have spoken last they have the date for Suffern Day which will be Saturday, September 16. That is the last event and they didn't have that date filled in. But it will be September 16. The Mayor said the Recreation staff is doing a great job once again. He said the seniors are happy with the new yoga program, the chair yoga, the second edition. It is on Mondays at the community center. Mrs. Mills said there are two sessions. One is on Friday at 10 and one is on Monday at 2:30 and they are for Village of Suffern seniors. If you are interested, give Recreation a call. The Mayor thanked her.

**B) Resolution – Authorizing the ASCAP Contract:**

The Mayor said this is the ASCAP contract and the Country Fresh Band contract. The Mayor read the following:

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RESOLUTION NO. 8 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE ASCAP CONTRACT  
FOR THE YEAR 2017 AND THE EXPENDITURE THEREFORE

WHEREAS, ASCAP submitted a contract to the Village of Suffern through the Village's Recreation Department; and

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WHEREAS, ASCAP has submitted a contract for the license fee in the amount of \$341 for the 2017 Summer Concerts; and

WHEREAS, the above referenced contract has been reviewed and approved by the Village Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern hereby authorizes the following contract, with the amount listed below:

ASCAP License Fee for 2017 Concerts	\$341
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to sign the above contract on behalf of the Village and that the Village Treasurer deduct the sum from the Recreation line of the 2016/2017 Village budget.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Sussman, seconded by Trustee Russo. Attorney Kraushaar asked Mrs. Mills to explain to the people who weren't on the Board the last time we did this as well as some people who may not know in the audience what ASCAP is. Mrs. Mills said ASCAP is a fee for our use of their music that we have at our concerts. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**C) Resolution – Authorizing the Country Fresh Band Concert:**

The Mayor said the second Resolution is the Country Fresh Band performance contract agreement for the year 2017.

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RESOLUTION NO. 9 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE COUNTRY FRESH BAND PERFORMANCE CONTRACT AGREEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR 2017 AND THE EXPENDITURE THEREFORE

WHEREAS, Country Fresh submitted a contract to the Village of Suffern through the Village's Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, Country Fresh has submitted a performance contract agreement for a musical performance on June 28, 2017 at a rate of \$650; and

WHEREAS, the above referenced contract has been reviewed and approved by the Village Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern hereby authorizes the following contract, with the amount listed below:

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Country Fresh Band Performance Contract Agreement

\$650

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to sign the above contract on behalf of the Village and that the Village Treasurer deduct the sum from the Recreation line of the 2017/2018 Village budget.

The Mayor said this is one of four bands for our summer concert series that is held every year at the gazebo. The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Hertzman, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Attorney Kraushaar said he thinks based on that date of June 28 that the budget year at that point, and we don't pay it in advance like if you were paying it before the new budget was set then it would be under the 2016-2017 budget. In this instance, and correct him if he is wrong, Mr. Genito, it should probably be 2017-2018 budget. Mr. Genito said yes. The Mayor said we will have that corrected to the 2017-2018 Village budget. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**GRANT WRITER:**

**A) Update:**

Mr. Fred Rella said on this past Friday he submitted the Community Development Block Grant for \$182,000 for the Wayne Avenue Sidewalk project. Once again that was putting sidewalks on the north side of Wayne Avenue. The total cost of the project is \$320,000. Last year we were awarded \$110,000 for the project so we are looking to get the remaining amount of funds to complete that project. He said we should know the announcement of that in late May. The Mayor said that is all submitted. Mr. Rella said that is all submitted. He said you signed the application.

Mr. Rella said Trustee Hertzman has something that is near and dear to her which is doing some landscaping type of work around Foxwood Pond and Lake Antrim. And there are two grants – one is due on March 1 and the other is due on March 24. The first one allows for maintenance which would be tree trimming and also the acquisition of new trees to put in the areas to, number one, help with leaching – trees are very good in making sure that impurities don't leach into the water and also as well as making a very nice atmosphere for people who are visiting those parks. Also we are including Donna Hallett Park there as well. He said he was looking at that and maybe there can be a number of trees that can be planted near the brook side and we would work with the people in Squires Gate and also the DPW in making that determination as to what would actually be done.

Mr. Rella said the second grant is for invasive species. And invasive species they separate it into two different areas. One for both land invasive species, which are basically when you see vines climbing up a tree and they smother the tree and then the tree dies. However, it is also for aquatic purposes. He said you will see in lakes where you have, as an example, milfoil which is a

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plant that grows and basically strangles the lake. If you try to row a boat or if fish want to live in it is just not conducive. So they have a grant out there to deter the invasive species using both physical remediation or chemical remediation or buy the equipment or you can have someone do it and then to do an ongoing plan. So once again speaking of Lake Antrim and Foxwood Pond those are two areas that might be a very good opportunity for it. The Mayor asked if we had that invasive species? Mr. Rella said that is one of the things that the grant can make that determination. He said he knows at Lake Antrim the depth of the water supposedly is not very deep – supposedly maybe three or four feet deep. So a lot of that is silt. We are not talking about actually dredging. That is something we could probably think of but we are talking about the growth of plants within the water body itself which could be strangling. It could help with the flow of water. The Mayor said right. Okay.

Mr. Rella said just one final thing. He said that Trustee Russo had him look in the police department in the dispatch area. They got some new equipment and they are in dire need of some new furniture so he also spoke to the police chief who is well aware of this. They need new flooring and new furniture in there as well as potentially some new lighting so he will be looking for a grant opportunity on that. He will keep them posted on that.

**B) Resolution – RFP for Architect for Façade Program:**

Attorney Kraushaar said the next Resolution that the Board needs to entertain is a Resolution authorizing a Request for Proposal for an architect for the Façade program. Attorney Kraushaar said he has been dealing with Carrine Kaufer who has been doing a really good job with regards to this program and what this would entail is getting a new architect that would handle the balance of the program to come up with the design detail. He said at this point he doesn't think we are dealing with anything other than awnings and signs. So she already sent out the RFP's so this is a Resolution that would be done by what we refer to as Nunc Pro Tunc – if it is done before. So those proposals went out to something like 13 plus architects. So we need a motion.

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RESOLUTION NO. 10 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR  
AN ARCHITECT FOR THE FAÇADE PROGRAM

RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Architect for the Façade Program for the Village of Suffern, Nunc Pro Tunc.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Hertzman, seconded by Trustee Russo. Upon

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vote, the motion was carried.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

Randy Ortiz of the building department code enforcement said he would just like to say a couple of things. He said first of all in the year 2016 they did – he said their process in the building department for code enforcement for dealing with property maintenance issues is when they get a complaint unless it is a habitual person that they deal with all the time they issue what they call a nicey-nice letter. And it is basically a letter which they send out – a nice warning letter that they send out about the issue. In 2016 they issued 159 of those letters. And if that doesn't take care of the problem, resolve it, they step to a formal violation notice which in 2016 they issued 280 violations in the Village. And that isn't just for property maintenance. That is for overcrowding – it goes the whole gamut. And they issued 87 court appearance tickets in 2016. And again it could be for property maintenance but most of those appearance tickets were for more serious issues – with occupancy issues.

Mr. Ortiz said in 2017 so far they have issued 19 nicey-nice letters, 22 violations and 26 appearance tickets so far. He said he will touch on a couple of other things. The Mayor said so with these violations and nicey-nice letters and violations how are you made aware of them. Mr. Ortiz said through complaints. He said on the occupancy issues, the safety issues, he said they typically get complaints generated from the public and they go and investigate and act on them and try to resolve them. And when they have a dangerous issue they just go right to an appearance ticket. Occupancy issues generally go right to an appearance ticket. And one of the things that has been great is that they have had something going on at the police department where they have actually had some, and he doesn't know if you want to say training sessions, but they have had some roundtables where they have gotten involved with the police department because they are going into a lot of residences for all different types of things and we have been getting some fruitful stuff that has come from that where we have gotten some referrals which has increased their numbers. The Mayor said so some of them are based upon the fire department referring or observances from the police department. He said he really wants to make the public aware of that. Stepping up the code enforcement. Having the police department participate and be able to recognize violations that may exist when they enter into anyone's premises based on an emergency call if they need to go in or a fire scene, also, he believes. That the code enforcement and building department are made aware of these violations and respond. It is very critical right now at this point in time within the Village of Suffern within the Town of Ramapo that all violations must go noticed, not un-noticed. And we really do urge the public and the residents and the police and the fire to make the building department and code enforcement aware of potential violations. Mr. Ortiz said and they are not all necessarily overcrowding or occupancy issues. He said they recently had a situation around the corner here where Sgt. Marsh was involved where there were some safety issues – extension cords, house with no heat, extension cords being used for heaters and it was brought

to their attention and they responded over there to try to deal with it. So that part of it has been great – working with them.

Mr. Ortiz said they have done some occupancy checks recently downtown on the restaurants and on the watering holes downtown to make sure that there are not too many people in there. This is part of what they do – to make sure they are safe and make sure all the exits are not blocked and that sort of thing. In the Village right now we are dealing with approximately 16 to 20 abandoned houses that are typically bank owned and a lot of those appearance tickets that we have that aren't occupancy issues are we are dealing with banks that have possession of these homes that aren't maintaining them and they basically have to deal with them and bring them into court several times to get them to comply and keep their properties maintained. And that takes a lot of time to try to figure out who even owns these houses – sometimes we write letters and send violation notices to banks and then we find out later on that they are not even the person that even owns the house anymore. So sometimes it is musical bank to try to figure it out but they have had some pretty good luck with that. And recently they have dealt with a couple of evictions that are taking place. One was a bank house on Yorkshire Drive and he just wants to make the public aware that when an eviction gets done and the Sheriff's Department comes – it has nothing to do with our local police department or our local building department. The Sheriff's Department comes in, totally separate from us, and their protocol is that the person that is doing the eviction takes all the belongings in the house – whoever is doing the eviction has to bring movers or people and they have to pull everything out of the house within two hours, typically. So they have to bring enough people to clear up the house and if the house has a lot of stuff they have to bring six or eight people. Everything goes to the curb. And it has to stay at the curb for 24 hours and, of course, people go rummaging through it and it turns into a huge mess most of the time and then the phone calls start coming in to them, to the Board, to the Mayor and believe him we really can't do anything for the first 24 hours and then after that we try to deal with the person that did the eviction to get the stuff cleaned up which ultimately is what happened up on Yorkshire. It took a few days. We got it cleaned up. And there was also an issue in Bon Aire recently and the same thing – that turned into a big mess up there for a lot of reasons but it was cleaned up.

Mr. Ortiz said also in the code enforcement area they did approximately 200 parking tickets in 2016 for various different things – trucks parked on the street, handicapped, fire zones as well. The Mayor said we recently had a discussion on Lafayette Avenue regarding parking and summonses and fire lanes and handicapped so it is good to hear and he can actually report back to the gentleman he was speaking to. Great job. That's what we need. We need strong code enforcing and we need to continue. So please relay that to the building department. Mr. Ortiz said and just one other thing. If anybody does have a complaint or any issues on the Village website there is a complaint violation form, and he has some here if anybody needs one, and you can fill out a complaint form. You can make it anonymous and that is what keeps the Village looking good when they get those complaints to deal with stuff. Trustee Hagen said it is

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confidential. If somebody sees a problem they can usually tell the building department and they will keep it confidential and they will go investigate. So you don't have to be afraid to say something. Mr. Ortiz said if you don't put your name on it they investigate it and everything is the same. The Mayor said for anybody here that doesn't reside in the Village he believes the county also has a confidential form online on the county website also which also is linked to the health department which in turn generates information or a call into our building department. So even if it is a Village resident and they want to go to the county website they can do that. It is generated through the county and then relayed down to the Village of Suffern. Everyone has to participate in this to keep Suffern strong. Mr. Ortiz said they automatically get an e-mail if somebody puts a complaint into the county we get it referred back to us if it is within our jurisdiction. The Mayor thanked him.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**A) Leave of Absence – Michael Corletta – Parking Enforcement Aide:**

Chief Clarke Osborn said before he gets started he just wants to commend Randy and the building department. He said we work very closely with them in a collaborative effort really to identify multiple dwellings. Mostly overcrowded and unsafe issues which can cause a fire hazard. The officers here do an awesome job. He said we have targeted many. He said they have been on calls with code enforcement and the building department. He said it is working out very well. The Mayor said let's keep that relationship going.

Chief Osborn said due to the restructure of the parking authority they took over the enforcement end about a year and a half ago and it has worked out very well. But the first item to vote on is a leave of absence for one of our parking enforcement aides – Michael Corletta. Michael is putting himself through the Rockland County Police Academy and is asking for a leave of absence from today through June 25. The Mayor said that is correct. He said he has the letter in front of him which is a formal request for a leave of absence from his current position as a parking enforcement aide beginning January 27 and ending on June 25, 2017. The Mayor asked if he had a motion to accept the letter for a leave of absence for Michael Corletta. Somebody from the audience asked if it was a paid leave of absence. The Mayor said no, non-paid. Attorney Kraushaar said it is an hourly employee.

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RESOLUTION NO. 11 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ACCEPT THE REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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FROM MICHAEL CORLETTA

RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the Mayor to accept the request for a leave of absence from Michael Corletta, a Parking Enforcement Aide, effective January 27, 2017 through June 26, 2017, Nunc Pro Tunc.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Hagen, seconded by Trustee Sussman. Attorney Kraushaar said you have to make it nunc pro tunc back to January 27, 2017. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**B) Accept Letter of Retirement from Lt. Edward Dolan:**

Chief Osborn said the second item on the agenda is accepting the letter of retirement from Lt. Edward Dolan effective March 20, 2017. The Chief said Lt. Dolan has served their department for twenty years this month and will be retiring as of March 20.

The Mayor said okay. In front of him he has the letter of retirement.

“I am writing this letter to inform you that I will be retiring from my position as Lieutenant with the Suffern Police Department effective March 20, 2017. It has been my pleasure to be a member of this fine department and I thank you and the entire Village Board for a wonderful opportunity you have afforded me. With sincere thanks, Lt. Edward Dolan.”

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RESOLUTION NO. 12 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT LETTER OF  
LT. EDWARD DOLAN

RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the Mayor to accept the retirement letter of Lt. Edward Dolan effective March 20, 2017.

A motion to accept the letter of retirement was made by Trustee Hertzman, seconded by Trustee Russo. Upon vote, the motion was carried. The Mayor said he wishes Ed Dolan all the best. He believes he has done a fantastic job. Congratulations. He asked the Chief to relay that to him.

**C) Promote Det. Sgt. John Mallon to the Position of Provisional Lieutenant:**

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Chief Osborn said that now with Lt. Dolan retiring he is asking the Board to promote Det. Sgt. John Mallon to the position of Provisional Lieutenant effective March 20, 2017. Det. Sgt. Mallon is here with us tonight. The Mayor said that he knows that over the past year he has been working with the Chief and the PBA and we have been able to discuss the restructuring or the replacement of the officers that we will be speaking about starting with Det. Sgt. Mallon. We will be actually – we are sort of calling it a restructuring because we will be able to put more officers on the road to afford us more patrol officer strength. The Mayor asked the Chief if that was correct. Chief Osborn said that is correct. The Mayor said by increasing that number to 2 or 1 additional – Chief Osborn said that is going to be 1 additional – the Mayor said 1 additional on the road. Chief Osborn said we will have one less sergeant position and one less detective. So we have cut down two positions – a sergeant and a detective and we will now have two extra patrolmen. We will have more manpower on the road. The Mayor said and also working alongside the Chief and himself was the Treasurer and we also determined with the Treasurer’s office that it will be within the budget limits – actually lower than the budgeted amount for this current budget year.

The Mayor read the following Resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO. 13 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO PROMOTE DET. SGT. JOHN MALLON TO  
THE POSITION OF PROVISIONAL LIEUTENANT

RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the Mayor to promote Det. Sgt. John Mallon to the position of Provisional Lieutenant effective March 20, 2017.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Sussman. Upon vote, the motion was carried. Attorney Kraushaar asked the Chief if this date was correct. Chief Osborn said yes.

**D) Promote Sgt. Richard Marsh to the Rank of Detective Sergeant:**

Chief Osborn said he has a request to promote Sgt. Richard Marsh to the rank of Detective Sergeant effective March 20, 2017.

The Mayor read the following Resolution:

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RESOLUTION NO. 14 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO PROMOTE SGT. RICHARD MARSH TO  
THE RANK OF DETECTIVE SERGEANT

RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the Mayor to promote Sgt. Richard Marsh to the rank of Detective Sergeant effective March 20, 2017.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Sussman. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**E) Promote Det. Michael Fennessey to the Rank of Provisional Sergeant:**

Chief Osborn said the next is to promote Det. Michael Fennessey to the rank of Provisional Sergeant effective March 20, 2017.

The Mayor read the following Resolution:

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RESOLUTION NO. 15 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO PROMOTE DET. MICHAEL FENNESSEY TO  
THE RANK OF PROVISIONAL SERGEANT

RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the Mayor to promote Detective Michael Fennessey to the rank of Provision Sergeant effective March 20, 2017.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Sussman. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**F) Amend Budget to Add \$1,320.45 in Donations and Closing of Investigative Fund to Equipment Line Item 4200.0002:**

Chief Osborn said the last item is that he is asking the Board to amend the budget to add

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\$1,320.45 in donations and closing of investigative fund to equipment line item 4200.0002. The Chief said this is a fund we no longer use and this would allow them to buy police equipment out of that money.

The Mayor said at this time we will push that to March. He said we don't have the Resolution here. Chief Osborn said that is okay. It is not an emergency. He thanked the Mayor and Board for their support.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

**A) Resolution – Authorizing Charles Sawicki to Solicit a Professional Service Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Village Hall Cornice Replacement:**

Mr. Charles Sawicki requested authorization to solicit a professional service request for proposal for the Village Hall cornice replacement. The proposals will be due on April 7, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

The Mayor read the following Resolution:

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RESOLUTION NO. 16 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHARLES SAWICKI  
TO SOLICIT A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE REQUEST  
FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)  
FOR THE VILLAGE HALL CORNICE REPLACEMENT

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Suffern hereby authorizes Charles Sawicki to solicit a Professional Service Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Village Hall Cornice Replacement. Bids will be due April 7, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Hertzman, seconded by Trustee Russo. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**B) Resolution – Authorizing Charles Sawicki to Solicit a Professional Service Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Biogas Boiler Replacement:**

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization to solicit a professional service request for proposal for the Wastewater Treatment plant biogas boiler replacement. Proposals are due on March 23, 2017

at 3:00 p.m.

The Mayor read the following Resolution:

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RESOLUTION NO. 17 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHARLES SAWICKI  
TO SOLICIT A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE REQUEST  
FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)  
FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
BIOGAS BOILER REPLACEMENT

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Suffern hereby authorizes Charles Sawicki to solicit a Professional Service Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Biogas Boiler Replacement. Bids will be due March 23, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Hertzman. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**C) Resolution – Authorizing Charles Sawicki to Solicit a Professional Service Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Village Hall Heating System:**

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization to solicit a professional service request for proposal for the Village Hall heating system. The proposals are due on March 30, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

The Mayor read the following Resolution:

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RESOLUTION NO. 18 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHARLES SAWICKI  
TO SOLICIT A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE REQUEST  
FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)  
FOR THE VILLAGE HALL HEATING SYSTEM

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RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Suffern hereby authorizes Charles Sawicki to solicit a Professional Service Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Village Hall Heating System. Bids will be due March 30, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Hertzman. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**D) Resolution – Authorizing Aramis Morris, WWTP Maintenance Helper, to Attend a WWTP Operator Training Course:**

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization for Mr. Aramis Morris, WWTP maintenance helper, to attend a WWTP operator training course entitled “Activated Sludge” starting on May 18 through June 20, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at a cost of \$569. This course is being offered at SUNY Ulster, New Paltz, New York. He said just to be clear this is an evening course so he will be working during the day.

The Mayor read the following Resolution:

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RESOLUTION NO. 19 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
ARAMIS MORRIS, WWTP MAINTENANCE HELPER,  
TO ATTEND A WWTP OPERATOR TRAINING COURSE

The Village Board has been asked by Charles Sawicki for authorization for Aramis Morris, WWTP Maintenance Helper, to attend a WWTP Operator Training course entitled “Operator Sludge Course” starting on May 18<sup>th</sup> through June 20, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at a cost of \$569. This course is offered by SUNY Ulster, New Paltz, New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern hereby authorizes Aramis Morris to attend the training course at SUNY Ulster in New Paltz, NY on May 18<sup>th</sup> through June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at a cost of \$569 (to be reimbursed by the Village upon successful completion of the course) and reimbursement for his tolls and gas upon submission of a voucher with supporting documentation to the Village Clerk.

The Mayor said he guesses it should be added for completion of the course or passing. Mr. Sawicki said just a comment on that. Our policy is to be paid upon completion, successful completion. The Mayor said okay. To be paid upon successful completion of the course. The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Hertzman. Upon vote,

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the motion was carried.

**E) Resolution – Authorize the Mayor and Board of Trustees to Accept the Resignation of Mr. Andrew Alvarado:**

Mr. Sawicki requested the Board to accept the resignation of Mr. Andrew Alvarado, Refuse Department laborer, effective on January 3, 2017. Mr. Alvarado has joined the NYPD.

The Mayor read the following Resolution:

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RESOLUTION NO. 20 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF  
MR. ANDREW ALVARADO

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees accept the resignation of Mr. Andrew Alvarado, a Refuse Department Laborer, effective January 3, 2017, Nunc Pro Tunc. Mr. Alvarado has joined the NYPD.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Sussman. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**F) Resolution – Authorizing the Mayor to Appoint Alex Halper to the Vacant Laborer Position in the Refuse Department:**

Mr. Sawicki requested authorization for the Mayor to appoint Mr. Alex Halper to the vacant laborer's position within the Refuse Department. Mr. Halper has been approved by Rockland County Department of Personnel, is a Suffern resident, and is a Suffern fireman. In addition, Mr. Halper currently has successfully passed the written exam for a commercial driver's license. Mr. Halper will commence work on February 7, 2017 at a pay rate of \$17.30 per hour.

The Mayor read the following Resolution:

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RESOLUTION NO. 21 of 2017

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
MAYOR TO APPOINT ALEX HALPER TO THE  
VACANT LABORER'S POSITION IN THE  
REFUSE DEPARTMENT

RESOLVED, that the Mayor hereby appoints Mr. Alex Halper to the vacant laborer's position within the Refuse Department at a pay rate of \$17.30 per hour starting February 7, 2017. Mr. Halper has been approved by the Rockland County Department of Personnel, is a Suffern resident and fireman and has successfully passed the written exam for a commercial driver's license.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Hertzman. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**VILLAGE CLERK:**

**A) Accept Retirement Letter from Ann Seidner:**

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner asked the Board to accept the retirement letter from Ann Seidner.

The Mayor read the following Resolution:

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

RESOLUTION NO. 22 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT LETTER  
FROM ANN SEIDNER

RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the Mayor to accept the retirement letter from Ann Seidner, effective January 13, 2017, Nunc Pro Tunc.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**B) APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT – HALLET AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR – 11 WAYNE AVENUE:**

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Ms. Menschner said the next thing is we have an application for a special permit and it is the Hallet Automotive Repair shop over on 11 Wayne Avenue. A motion to set a public hearing for Monday, March 6 at 7:05 p.m. was made by Trustee Hagen, seconded by Trustee Sussman. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**C) Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2016 Board Meeting:**

Ms. Menschner said the last thing she has is approval for minutes of September 12, 2016. The Mayor said present were Trustee Frank Hagen, Trustee Robert Morris, Trustee Moira Hertzman and himself. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Trustee Hertzman, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

The Mayor said at this time – he then asked if we had the list of participating – audience participation. The Mayor said at this time he would like to open the floor to audience participation. First up is Mr. Lance Weinstein.

Lance Weinstein of 4 Skylane Court said he wanted to start this off by saying that this is not a personal attack on anyone. This simply is his opinion on the way these promotions in the Police Department were handled. He said he was with the department for 25 years so he knows how things operate down there. He said first we will talk about provisional sergeant. He said you have two officers that have ten plus years on the job that took a lot of time away from their families, took a lot of time to study for the test – the competitive test for the position of sergeant. They scored well on the test. They have impeccable careers. The one officer he worked with for many years. He is a professional. He is level-headed and you can't ask for anything more than that. Like he said he took the competitive test. He scored well. He got high 80's, 90's. The other gentleman also took the test and scored well. But these two individuals were bypassed and he knows how civil service law works. You need three to have a list but you can also appoint someone permanent if you have two or one. You can appoint that officer to that permanent position. He said he just thinks that by taking someone who hasn't been on the road for nine years, who hasn't been doing patrol for nine years, and promote that individual to the position of sergeant really makes no sense whatsoever. How can you take an individual who hasn't been doing patrol work, fielding calls out on the road and bypass two officers who have been doing it, that took the test, did well on the test, and give it to someone who hasn't done it for nine years. It makes no sense.

Mr. Weinstein said now you are going to the position of detective sergeant. You are bypassing a detective who has been in this bureau for thirty years. You are bypassing him because you can make a provisional detective sergeant and have him move from one side of the room to the

other to fill that position. He said he doesn't know who is more qualified other than – someone has been down there for thirty years. How does he not qualify for that position. The Mayor said he is not sure if Mr. Weinstein is aware that in the beginning the Mayor said he did indicate that we were going to have a time limit on audience participation. So if you want to move on. Mr. Weinstein asked what is the time limit. The Mayor said we are at two minutes and he did indicate that it was a two minute time limit. Mr. Weinstein said he just thinks promotions should be done based on merit, fitness, the competitive test and not on favoritism. The Mayor thanked him.

Michael Curley of 84 Orange Avenue said he listened to Mr. Weinstein and he said there was nothing personal. Mr. Curley said he has been around the community too and he has watched. And he knows a little bit of what goes on and what doesn't go on. First of all he is talking about Officer Fennessey. Fennessey is a decorated officer who worked for the county task force who day in and day out worked nights because of all the different drugs that go on in this county. There are a lot of arrests that go on that you never hear about. You never hear about the cocaine sales. The heroin sales to the minors. Well Fennessey who just got the provisional job has worked through the district attorney's office in the county and every police department in this whole area. He better than anyone, or as well as anyone, can handle the streets of Suffern. And what we are doing in this thing is now bringing him back to Suffern and he credits this Board for doing it and putting more people on the road. Because they recognize that we have drug problems with the high school kids and the younger kids. So this was not done with an uneducated decision by the Chief of Police. Who better to know than the Chief of Police himself right there. Now he is by no means trying to degrade any officer there and he wishes in life we could promote every officer out there. But sometimes you can't. The other officers maybe they do a good job. But these other people here are not slacks on the job. Number one. Number two we also have Sergeant Marsh there. Sergeant Marsh also, he said we have SWAT teams in the county and many things – he probably is the most trained officer we have in all those other things. These are all part things of being on the road. But he does think this is a personal attack. He does see it as a personal attack. He said he knows who Fennessey is. He knows who Officer Weinstein is. And he knows Officer Weinstein because Fennessey pretty much years ago got the job he wanted. So all those things are personal things here. And he is not afraid to say it. And put it on the record. He thanked them. The Mayor thanked him. The Mayor said that based upon Mr. Curley's statement he concurs with Mr. Curley in basing it on the recommendation of the Chief of Police here in the Village of Suffern that provides this Village a safe environment and the structuring of this police department is based on his professionalism and his knowledge of each and every police officer that is in that department. And he knows what we need here in the Village of Suffern.

Catherine Miller of 109 Lonergan Drive said that she doesn't know if this is the appropriate place to bring this up but this is unrelated to the later discussion but she has a bit of a complaint. And this is in regards to noise in the middle of the night. She said she has been

awakened for the past year or so at 3 o'clock, 3:45 in the morning. She has repeatedly called the police regarding this issue because she keeps hearing what she thinks is a truck dumping in the middle of the night. It is happening every Monday. The Mayor asked what is the address on Lonergan. Ms. Miller said 109 Lonergan. And her backyard leads to the - she thinks it is - the towing - they use that. The Mayor said so you think the noise is coming from behind 109. Ms. Miller said to be honest with him it is not coming from there. It is either from the 7/11, she believes, or Arzee which falls into the Mahwah section. And unfortunately she knows she has contacted the police, the Suffern Village police, and although they have been able to deploy police officers they just don't get there fast enough to see where it is coming from. This happens on a span of 5 minutes and then they leave but it is enough to wake her family up. The Mayor asked if it was a certain day - is it every day? Ms. Miller said Mondays and Wednesdays. At 3:45 in the morning. She said she has actually called the Mahwah police as well but they tell her the same thing - call when you hear the noise and we will deploy somebody. But it happens so fast so she is hoping that someone can address this issue. The Mayor said okay. We will address it.

Ms. Miller said also about the buyout program. She said she doesn't know if that is something that we can discuss now since she is on the list as well. The Mayor said sure. Ms. Miller said she just wanted to address - she is here today on behalf of all the residents of Squires Gate because they wanted to see what has been the progress with NY Rising on the issue of the buyout program. And particularly for those who have not been able to get on that list. And to see if they can reconsider their position on those people who have not been able to benefit from the buyout program. The Mayor said okay. Just to give you an update on the buyout program that he can tell her that he has been in. He said he understands everyone's position down in Squires Gate and the people that were accepted into the program, the people that were not accepted into the program, the people that didn't apply, the people that did apply. He said we are really trying to sort through it now. The Mayor said with speaking with Rachel Wieder, the director of the buyout and acquisition program, the Mayor said he has spoken directly to her numerous times, met with her numerous times. Met with Ms. Ann Fenton, the chief of external affairs. The commissioner. He has met with Ms. Ellen Jaffee, David Carlucci numerous times and they are all trying to lobby and advocate for each and every resident down on Lonergan in Squires Gate. It is definitely an upward struggle but we continue to try.

Ms. Miller said it is her understanding that you haven't been able to reach or this director from NY Rising has not been responsive to your emerging query so is there anyway that it can be escalated further up into the chain? The Mayor said he will be meeting again with Ms. Jaffee on Wednesday. So that is his intention once again to see how we can even get up - he said they are actually down in New York City - the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery - to see if he can get a meeting again with Ms. Jaffee and David Carlucci, with Ann Fenton or Rachel Wieder or someone to continue to express our concern. Unfortunately the information they have been giving him is that the program is closed, that funding is not available - the Mayor said he knows

that is not an acceptable answer but these are the answers that he is receiving and that we will continue to advocate for all of the residents in Squires Gate. Ms. Miller said that is definitely the way – to include everybody. Ms. Miller asked about the original requirement in order to participate in the program. The Mayor said the original program, which he is sure she is aware of and the other residents are aware of, was open and closed. He said he believes there were a rough number of 48 participants, 48 families, and we were able through negotiations and meetings with the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery and the Senator and the Assemblywoman to have the program opened up again. And which we did get the program opened up again. It had been challenging. We were able to get an additional 28 people to participate in the program but he understands that there were still more people that want to participate in the program. So that's – Ms. Miller said thank you for that because just for that she is able to participate now but she is also speaking on behalf of all her other neighbors that are not able to. So hopefully we can include everybody. The Mayor said that's the goal – to include everybody. But unfortunately there are also some people who don't want to participate in the program. And that is the troubling part of it since the homes are connected by one wall. Ms. Miller thanked him.

Paul Gerard of 2 Cross Street said he had just a couple of quick questions and they are more directed on finance though and he can wait for the answer when Mike gets up if he is going to be the one to answer. But question on the timing of when the budget is being put together now – when is that going to be available to the public – when it is going to be posted on the web. And he would also like to understand the status of the contingency fund that was set in the last budget. He said we had \$200,000 in the general fund and \$200,000 in the water fund. He would like an understanding of – his understanding is if we are going to spend any of those monies we would have to bring it up at these Board meetings to appropriate that money and he doesn't recall hearing any of that. So he is under at least the assumption for now that that money is available to assist us in the upcoming budget.

The Mayor said there may have been some confusion in regards to the audience participation and the Squires Gate residents list so he is going to go through the Squires Gate residents list so if you would like to come up and speak please do so. First on the list is Mr. Roy Tschudy.

Roy Tschudy thanked the Mayor and said he appreciated the opportunity. He said again just to reiterate what his neighbor said, and he encourages each and every one who is here from Squires Gate to do the same – just so we can make it documented, get it on the record to say that the request is that you get in contact with Rachel Wieder from NY Rising, once again, to revisit the program to make it inclusive of everybody in Squires Gate – either yay or nay. Again there was much confusion during that time and as you are well aware there were two programs going on at once. At the time of the flooding you had contractors descending upon the homes like vultures on a carcass. You had people trying to clean their house. People losing work. There was much confusion going on at that time. He said that he asks that they please revisit this and

set another date for a meeting to make everybody inclusive. The Mayor said that he would like to recommend to all the residents in Squires Gate which he failed to mention as Roy just mentioned the recommendation of calling the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery. So if you haven't – Mr. Tschudy said that knowing the bureaucracy its saying and with the greatest respect to you and Mr. Kraushaar he would still request that everybody still come up and make their point and be recorded as saying so. The Mayor said absolutely. He said he just wants to reiterate something and he believes it is critical just so they have all the proper information if they want to call. The Mayor said he has the phone numbers available for them if you want to stay at the end of the meeting or he could read them out tonight. He said he thinks that is a good idea. Mr. Tschudy said he thinks it is to add it on but he also thinks that asking Ellen Jaffee and Senator Carlucci to let them know that this many people came and stated their concerns that they get out of their office and use the power of their office to make sure a meeting is confirmed. There is only so much that you, the Mayor, can do and he appreciates what you have done. Every time he has come into the office – he has come into the Mayor's office during the morning for meetings, during the afternoon for meetings and sometimes in the early evenings for meetings and he might say that he is always there – he is always receptive and he appreciates that deeply. Which leads him to point number two. And this is an observation, strictly an observation that he has made. When he comes into the office, no matter whether it is morning, afternoon or early evening you are there. He said he would ask the other Trustees, each and every one of you Trustees who run for office and is elected to office exactly how much time do you physically put into the office. He said he is asking them. Do you put in two hours a week, two hours a month? He said he knows they have a job to do to support your families but he would like to know, since every time he comes in he sees the Mayor and maybe one other Trustee but he never sees anybody else. So he would like to know how many hours each one of you put in. You are elected to do a job and he appreciates that you are coming here once a month to sit here and listen to them but it takes a little bit more. It takes a team to do something. And he is not just talking about Squires Gate. He is talking about the Village as a whole. And he is not trying to be disrespectful to anyone. The Mayor said in defense of the Board, and thank you for those words and observing the work that they do – the Board is a part-time position. The Board is constantly updating their e-mail and telephone and coming into the office for meetings at different times during the day. Mr. Tschudy said it is strictly an observation. He is saying that it would be nice to see if others that he knew were in there. And he is saying that he respects the fact that people have a livelihood to do. But afterwards is there maybe an hour a week? He said he would just like to know if they physically come in and do some work. That is all he is asking. He said he is not challenging and he is not trying to degrade anybody. But just as a taxpayer he would like to know. People are elected to do a job and if you do the job, fine. If you are not doing the job he would suggest that maybe you reconsider your position and maybe do something else. But that being said again he is still going to request that each and every member of Squires Gate still come up and state your case and he says this with complete respect and regards to everybody here. The Mayor thanked him. The Mayor said that Mr. Tschudy is a published author who is doing a great job writing books and doing a great job

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representing Squires Gate.

Mary Figera of 34 Temple Lane in Squires Gate said she is really here about the NY Rising program. Unfortunately as Mr. Tschudy stated when the floods happened all the vendors were there. Everyone trying to make business. She said when she spoke to a representative she was told that she needed 51% in damages. She said she didn't fill out the form. And she wasn't there because she was working. Her kids went to their grandparents and she didn't live in the house until she had everything taken out. Her question is that she has spoken to Tyler Smith twice. He has her name. He has her address. But she has no recourse. She said she has lived here thirty years. And if they are just going to buy out the small amount of homes and leave the rest standing what happens to the homes that are left in terms of value selling. She said you will get nothing for them. You won't even be able to sell them. You would have to really walk away and leave them. So what is her recourse? She said she knows she is going to take the number down and call again. But is that really going to help her? The Mayor said he hopes so. But as he said earlier he is meeting once again with Ms. Jaffee on Wednesday and the huge concern he is hearing again he is going to address. But he definitely also urges them to call Ann Fenton and Rachel Wieder. Ms. Figera said she will call them definitely. But would you suggest that she get a lawyer and possibly sue the Village or something? As a class action suit or something. She said because she is not going to be left holding the bag. The Mayor said right. Ms. Figera said she doesn't know what to do. She said she calls people. She speaks with them. And they really don't help her. They take her name down and say okay and that's it. She never hears from them again. The Mayor said as he said he is continuing. Ms. Figera said she understands but she just doesn't know what to do and that is the problem. She said she has been here thirty years. There should be something she can do about it. Especially when they gave out misinformation in the beginning. How they got away with that she doesn't know. And then they are saying that they gave the information to Village Hall – to the Mayor. The Mayor never came out and gave us information – the Mayor wasn't even there when we were flooded. She asked if you saw the Mayor? She said she knows that she saw Christopher St. Lawrence driving around in his golf cart. And that was it. But she didn't see any Mayor. No one came to her. So she thinks that it is unfair is what she is saying. And she said she knows the Mayor is trying and she is not knocking him in any way. But she is not going to be left holding the bag. If she has to get a lawyer she will. That is all she has to say. The Mayor thanked her.

The Mayor asked if we had any further questions in regards to our labor issues that we currently or the promotions that we just addressed.

Lance Weinstein said at the beginning you mentioned somehow eliminating a Sergeant position. The Mayor said he doesn't know if he said eliminating a Sergeant position. Mr. Weinstein said you were cutting a Sergeant's position. The Mayor said what is your question? Mr. Weinstein said the way he does the math you are going from 7 to 7. How does that eliminate a Sergeant's position? The Mayor asked the Chief if we had the number of Sergeant's

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positions? Chief Osborn said we went from 8 to 7. Mr. Weinstein asked what was the eighth position that was eliminated? The Mayor said Sergeant Gloede. Mr. Weinstein said okay. So the PBA – that has to be bargained. That just can't be eliminated. It is part of the bargaining agreement. He said he finds it hard to believe that this was voted on with the PBA. The Mayor said it was outside the collective bargaining agreement. Mr. Weinstein said okay. He said the other thing was that Mr. Curley mentioned about the task force and the drug arrests. Mr. Weinstein said he was at the task force for a year. He said he knows how it operates. That is more investigative than anything else. He mentioned about all these arrests – heroin, cocaine. He said he was at the task force for one year and he had 49 indictments. This gentleman has been there for nine years and he doesn't recall too much happening. And the second thing is that the SWAT, the other member is part of the SWAT team – the last time he checked the detective bureau is not taking in too many – the Mayor said he doesn't think we are sitting here criticizing the Suffern Police Department and the work that they have not done. It is the work that they have done and will be doing. To keep Suffern safe. That is the issue at hand. Mr. Weinstein said you are providing the police department based on your promotions of favoritism. That is what he is saying. You would have a lot more patrol guys here but they can't speak because they would be committing. The Mayor said okay. This is more of a personnel issue – Mr. Weinstein said suicide.

John Mallon said he is the PBA president, recently promoted to Lieutenant. The Mayor said not yet. Mr. Mallon said let him start with this. He said Lance was with the police department for how many years did he say – 25? He has never passed the supervisor's test. Never. He has no leadership experience. And the three plus years – he has been out three plus years – and he has no idea what is going on within the police department. He has no clue. He has been out for three and a half years out on workmen's comp and then he recently retired. He left the department – when he left the department it was on bad terms. There were over 300 charges against him. He settled to save his retirement benefits. He settled – somebody from the audience said this is not the place. Mr. Mallon said he just ripped apart his police officers. He ripped apart his police officers. The Mayor said this is an issue which seems to be a personal, private issue within the police department. And this is what we are going to do. We are going to end it here. Mr. Mallon asked if he could speak to him in executive session as to not embarrass his family. The Mayor said yes. Mr. Mallon said thank you.

There was a discussion between a couple of people in the auditorium that was not audible on the tape. The Mayor said if they would like to talk to please bring it out into the hallway.

Diane Mondello of 90 Lonergan Drive said she would just like to reiterate what basically all of her neighbors have been saying and have NY Rising here again for another meeting to include everyone in the neighborhood. She said she has been put in the program but there is no guarantee that everything is going to work out on her end. And she just does not believe that it is fair to the rest of her neighbors that were not part of the whole group because as everyone

has said numerous times there was complete and utter confusion not from this Board but from the previous Board. And like her other neighbor mentioned it is not going to do well for the Village because home prices are going to go down and people will have no reason to stay. If she can't sell her home why would she stay there and continue to pay on it. She would just leave because no one is going to buy it. The other thing that they talked about in the last meeting was that their flood zone was changed. They are now in a floodway. Well, who changed it? And who authorized that change. And nothing was sent to them. So now on top of not being able to sell their homes because they live next to gaping holes no matter how many trees you try to plant they are now in a floodway. So they are not going to eventually get insurance. And when you hold a mortgage the bank is going to say well we will get it for you and charge you whatever they want to charge you. Again, people are going to leave. She said she does not and cannot afford to pay \$10,000 for flood insurance on top of homeowners insurance on top of everything else. So something needs to be done. She said she knows it is not anything that you have an answer to – the Mayor said we are going to try to get the answers. That is what we are going to do. To reconvene another meeting he believes would be helpful. He is going to try to get NY Rising back here again. We will get the additional State representatives here again – Ms. Mondello asked who can we go above – NY Rising has a job to do and their hands are probably tied. So who provides funding for them? That's the State of New York. The Mayor said the Governor's office of the State of New York. Ms. Mondello said we need to go up there. We need to start hitting the big guy and unfortunately stop speaking to NY Rising because their hands are tied like your hands are tied. So you can listen to all of us come up here and reiterate this until they are all blue in the face but your hands are tied. So we need to go above NY Rising. We have to go to the Governor's office. We have to do something. And like her other neighbor mentioned – maybe they need to get a lawyer. And again it is not against you guys. But they have to – the Mayor said he totally understands where they are coming from. Ms. Mondello said she can't imagine living next to a gaping – she has lived next to a gaping hole but she has become so used to it that she just doesn't see it. But the more holes it is going to affect the Village. Ultimately it will affect the Village and it is going to lower the price of a home. And you are going to have a lot more undesirables than you want. She thanked them.

Edward Moravansky of 103 Lonergan Drive thanked the Mayor and the Village Board for all their hard work. He said he has been a resident of Lonergan Drive for 13 years and he would just like to have it put on record that he too would like to have another meeting set up for a possible third opening of the program so that he may participate. He said he did miss the first time around then he knows the funds had diminished. And then they opened it up again for those who were attached to one and they found money possibly for those people. He said he didn't fill out any application from stress, ignorance, hard working. So he would like the opportunity. He said also with due respect now that they are on a waterway he was wondering if any studies have been done for the water further north of us where people have recklessly released their dam. If you remember the water flow from behind Avon was something from a typhoon. The force of that water was not just six inches of rain. He said they were holding on

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their own until like 8:30 and then after 8:30 the water was just – it didn't stop for hours. So he was just wondering if there have been any studies on dams like in Tuxedo where they have this big development up there where they have their own reservoir. And when that thing went it wiped out the railroad track on 17. So he thinks it is a little further – he thinks that the water that we are receiving that is doing damage for the decades is really from a stream rather than just 3 to 6 inches of rain. He thanked them for their time and their hard work.

The Mayor said just to speak to some of those points in regards to the dam and the water released and the water shed itself. He said we are currently undertaking another, and he's saying another study, because he knows we have been challenged with this study before maybe not to fruition to implementing management of the water but he is in receipt of some plans from 2006, he believes, and he will be obtaining additional plans from the drainage agency – he should get them by tomorrow or the next day. They are also going to be presented at Wednesday's meeting. At Wednesday's meeting in attendance will be the West Point Engineering School – the West Point Military Academy Engineering School. They will be undertaking the study of the water shed and the river flow and flood remediation also coupled with the information provided by the Army Corps of Engineers that the previous studies were conducted under. So we have some wheels in motion here. He said he understands the meetings, he understands the buyout and all he can say is that they continue to work on it. Mr. Moravansky said he thanks them for their time. He really appreciates it.

Vivian Ferrara of 107 Lonergan Drive said she has the same concern of the NY Rising Program. She would like to know what are her chances if she is not in this program if this program is not to reopen. If she wants to sell her house right now she owes more to the bank than what she can get. So also any solution from the river? She said she doesn't know what are their options? The Mayor said what are your options? He said the options that he is seeking is additional opening of the program. That is what he is trying to achieve along with the study of the river for flood remediation. Ms. Ferrara said this has been happening for so long and no solution came from – the Mayor said reopening the program. Once we became aware of what was going on we were able to reopen the program for the additional residents. But if you are not able what will happen. If you are not able. Trustee Hertzman said she thinks the Mayor should rephrase that. We didn't reopen the program. It is not our program. The Mayor said NY Rising's program. Ms. Ferrara said she lives here, she pays her taxes and every election she votes and no one represents her.

Mary Figera said the program was reopened to homes on the other side. There were no notices sent out. The Mayor said he agrees that this has been flawed from the beginning – from inception. The Mayor said he doesn't even like saying the word study again because that is the response that people have been around – how many studies are you going to do. It's amazing. That is what he said to the Senator and to NY Rising. How many more studies are we going to do? Unfortunately it seems the response is that the Army Corps of Engineers won't act unless

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they have an updated study. It is a very bureaucratic – Ms. Figera said she can't begin to tell them how many studies she has heard in the last thirty years and she still gets flooded out and she knows that she is going to get flooded out again. She says she pays flood insurance and she isn't going to get anything. And her regular insurance company doesn't pay anything. The Mayor said let him try to lobby them again. Ms. Figera said can't the Governor do something? The Mayor said the Governor? It's his program.

Trustee Hertzman said you as the community need to organize yourselves and be a solid group and have a conversation with Jaffee and Carlucci and then taking it because the State doesn't even create the money. The federal government gives them the money. So you need to be talking to the representatives and Senators that take care of our district here. That is where your fight is. We are low man on the totem pole and basically victims alongside of you. The Mayor said along with that we need to advocate for the residents at the same time and the residents in this situation have to advocate also for themselves. Along with the Village government, along with the State Senator and the Assemblywoman and the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery.

Mr. Tschudy asked if the Army Corp of Engineers will accept a study? The Mayor said that is to be determined if they will accept the study.

Wilfredo Valez of 48 Lonergan Drive said he is here with the concern that all of his neighbors are saying about Squires Gate. He said he heard that they added new people who were not originally on the list or didn't apply. He said as he was stating he heard exceptions to the rule. They opened it up and they added people who were not originally on it or didn't apply on the second wave. So they made an exception to people who were attached to houses who did not apply. So why is it that they can do it and not everybody else. He said he feels it should be open for everybody who was there and everybody should be included. It shouldn't just be selective people. He feels this whole program is not fair and no matter how many times you call NY Rising all they are doing is taking our number and say they will call you back. There is nothing else they can do. He said he knows you guys are trying to get it reopened to include everybody else but it is just frustrating.

Attorney Kraushaar asked if he could ask Mr. Valez a question. He said do you know for a fact that your neighbor would participate. Mr. Valez said yes, 100% his neighbor would participate. Attorney Kraushaar said because what we have learned – first off, through the Mayor's efforts and this Board's efforts and Mr. Tschudy, with the assistance of Assemblywoman Jaffee and Senator Carlucci, we were able to get them to open it up, as you know, to people who agreed to participate whose neighbors didn't whose neighbors were attached. In doing so the State required that the Village take on the responsibility of not only the new buyouts that could possibly occur in terms of maintaining the property but the original 48. The original 48 originally was going to be limited to the State being required to maintain that property. So this Board

went so far as to accept not only the responsibility for the new 18, or whatever it was, participants that were now eligible that were not formally eligible but also for the original 48. Thus far in conversations the Mayor has had with representatives from GOSR none of the new eligible people have agreed to participate in the program. So the reason why he is asking that question is – Diane Mondello said that is not true. She said she filled out the paperwork but her neighbor didn't. He doesn't live there. He went south and was not aware. So she contacted them and told them and now they are both in it. But it is not guaranteed. They are going to come back with an offer and her neighbor may not take it at which point that is why she is here because nothing is written in stone and signed sealed and delivered that her home will be bought out. So she is not guaranteed. So what they told you was not true.

Attorney Kraushaar said he doesn't know that we are disagreeing. The point is that we were told on numerous occasions that the new group hasn't changed the calculus. Your neighbor hasn't participated, hasn't agreed. And unless and until that occurs you won't be able to participate in the buyout. They will not buy half a house.

Mr. Valez said he has a question. If you can get your neighbor, now let's say the two houses that want to participate that were not on the list and both of them get together – would that make the process easier? Or would you get into the program? Attorney Kraushaar said thus far no.

The Mayor said we need to speak into the mic. We definitely need to convene another meeting specifically for this.

Mr. Tschudy said just to take one more moment. This is the reason confusion has reigned from the beginning because of miscommunication and for that the need for a meeting to make everybody on the same page – the residents, the State, the Village – everybody on the same page so that we all understand each other where we are coming from. Second of all – when you go through the NY Rising program – their buyout program, which he has read through ad nauseum – the only time it will state anything about what they call is a duplex, which is what Squires Gate is according to them, which is two homes side by side, one home above the other. The only time that is addressed is in their definition on the very last page. It is not addressed throughout their whole program. Why is it encumbered, why should it be encumbered upon somebody who owns their own home that is semi-attached to not be able to take advantage of a program because their neighbor hasn't filled out the paperwork or refuses to do so. If you own your own home outright and you are responsible to pay your taxes whether it be property tax, school tax, water bill, whatever – that is your home. That is your responsibility. If your neighbor doesn't do so it is not encumbered upon you to pay their tax or you receive the penalty. You are still a homeowner. They never addressed it which is an oversight on their part. It should be revisited. This is the whole reason that they need to have a meeting and take a new scope of this whole program. The Village has done a wonderful job. You have taken on

responsibility that was not yours. And whether the homeowners know that or not you should be appreciative that the Village and the Board did agree to pay for that because they are going to be on the hook for that for that financial input. So personally he does thank them. But it is encumbered upon Jaffee. It is encumbered upon the Senator to get together and get them to open and have a meeting with the Governor's office. You are a Mayor of this small Village and there is only so much you can do. He does appreciate it. They have to get on board. The Mayor said once again he hears him – loud and clear. And he is going to tell him again, and he is not dismissing him at all, that the meeting did occur to no avail with the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery and they denied the reopening of the program. But once again we are going to try to see if we can get another meeting to consider them to reopen the program to all. Mr. Tschudy said with all due respect. When they refused to open it what was the fact that was presented to them. The Mayor said funding and deadline. And the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery is sort of an office that will be defunct by, he is not sure, by 2018. The office will no longer exist. It was implemented under – Mr. Tschudy said he is aware of it. But before that time it should try to be brought – that's why we have Senators and Congresswomen and Assemblywoman. They have to get off their butt and do something.

Nancy Vazquez of 28 Temple Lane said that finally after weeks and weeks she got in the program. They allowed her neighbor to do it she has now backed out. She is only going to get \$195,000 what she paid. Anybody who bought post-flood will only get what they paid. She has opted to back out and she is stuck. She said if she tries to sell she will be lucky to get \$125,000. She said she doesn't know what to do anymore. Because she opted out and we had no fight – she is fine. She said she feels bad for her and she understands where she is coming from. Where do you get a two or three bedroom house for \$195,000. But her neighbor called her to apologize and Tyler called her and said you are out – that's it. The Mayor said wow. That is the first he is hearing of that. He said so you are at 28 Temple – and Ms. Vazquez said that she is stuck with a house – the Mayor said and your neighbor is what – 30 or 26? Ms. Vazquez said she is 26. She was accepted into the program finally after and Ms. Vazquez did talk to Assemblywoman Jaffee who was the only one to call her back three or four times. So finally she was sick over this. She said she can't do it anymore. So then she heard the good news – she is going to be in the buyout. Her neighbor has been accepted and she turned around two weeks and said I am not taking it. So Ms. Vazquez is stuck with a house that is going to have zero value. And like Roy said, that's not fair. She said she pays her taxes. Let NY Rising do something about it. Let them offer her the money that she would get. These people are probably going to get \$275,000 minimum. She will be lucky to get \$125,000 and she is seriously just thinking of selling rather than ending up with zero. The Mayor said that is the first that he is hearing of that. The Mayor said she is in but her neighbor will not participate so that automatically disqualifies the adjoining person. And based on Mr. Tschudy's argument is that they are individual homes – why should you be excluded from the program if your neighbor doesn't participate. The Mayor said we have stressed that to them numerous times. But once again we are going to try.

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Somebody from the audience was speaking but she could not be heard. The Mayor said he would imagine that that may be the circumstance for others. He said he understands. There are two sides to the coin. Some people are going to participate, some people owe more money on their home than what it is worth. There are different scenarios for each different homeowner.

Jim Giannettino of 2 Memorial Drive said he doesn't understand. He said he understands what you said but according to NY Rising at all of their meetings they were supposed to pay the people in the buyout what their houses were worth the day before the storm. The Mayor said that is if they were the original owner it seems to be now. If they owned it during that timeframe – Mr. Giannettino said to the lady that you were an original owner. The lady said right, but her neighbor is not. Mr. Giannettino said so that is another rule they changed in the middle of the game.

Catherine Miller said that now they are in a floodway how does that work with regards to flood insurance and so forth. No one ever notified them that this was the case. She came to find out when she came to one of the Board meetings. So if it says that we are eventually not going to get any FEMA recourse in the event that another flood happens in the future – that is what was said in the Board previously – it would become crazy for any of their neighbors to actually stay really because if they are not going to get anything if there is another flood FEMA is not going to give – they are not going to be eligible for any type of recourse – monetary recourse – because of this new designation of the floodway then it would be essentially crazy to stay in this area. In these homes. And they are paying flood insurance. She is paying over \$5,000 in flood insurance. It's crazy. So she doesn't know. Who is she supposed to reach out to with regards to that because she owes the bank – the Mayor said flood insurance? Ms. Miller said she has to pay every month flood insurance and she has to pay over \$5,000 just in flood insurance. The Mayor said he would start with inquiring with the insurance company just to see what the benefit is. Attorney Kraushaar said she is lucky she has flood insurance. The Mayor said and she is paying for it too.

Mary Figera said she has been there 30 years and she never got a dime from FEMA. She has been flooded out three times.

Linda Nash said she agrees with her neighbor. She is in the buyout program.

Somebody got up and said it is not fair to be paying the mortgage with a house that is not worth it. And it is a very high mortgage. And it is a very high flood. So she doesn't know. It is terrible. And they don't do anything. The Mayor said it is a very bad situation and we hear you. The lady said it is a lot of money every month. It is a lot. They cannot be in the program.

The Mayor said here is the phone number for Rachel Wieder who is the director. The number is

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212-480-6258. And then we also have the chief external affairs officer, Ann Fenton, and her number is 212-480-2022.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

Treasurer Michael Genito said first to answer Mr. Gerard's question. Yes, we actually started our budget a little earlier with department's submitting documentation for the budget earlier in the season. That is January. He said we received all of those and we are putting those together with other information on the budget and it will be presented to the Board earlier than normal. Normally it would be on or about March 20. It will be towards the end of February and the Board will get their initial tentative budget preview. And the other question is no, we haven't asked the Board to make any money transfers from the contingency fund yet. Have not.

**A) Resolution – Award Contract for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB):**

Treasurer Genito said first there is a Resolution to award a contract for other post-employment benefits (OPEB) actuarial and consulting services to Aquarius Capital of Port Chester, New York. He said for the background of the Board and the audience the governmental accounting standards board which sets all the accounting and financial reporting standards for state and local governments such as ourselves requires that we have an actuarial study done by a licensed actuary for other post-employment benefits which is basically the value of retiree healthcare. And as such we have had a contract with this firm which allows for a two year optional renewal and we are asking that the options be accepted because the work that they do is very good, timely and quite competitively priced. The Mayor read the following Resolution:

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

RESOLUTION NO. 23 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARDING  
OF A CONTRACT TO AQUARIUS CAPITAL OF  
PORT CHESTER, NEW YORK  
FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING MAY 31, 2017 AND MAY 31, 2018

WHEREAS, the Village Board passed Resolution No. 7 of 2015 awarding a contract to Aquarius Capital of Port Chester, New York for actuarial services to determine the Village's other post-employment benefits (OPEB) costs and liabilities as required by generally accepted accounting principles; and

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WHEREAS, the vendor's proposal included the option to extend the contract into fiscal years ending May 31, 2017 and 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the awarding of a contract to Aquarius Capital of Port Chester, New York, for fiscal years ended/ending May 31, 2017 and 2018 for other post-employment benefits (OPEB) actuarial and consulting services.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Hagen, seconded by Trustee Russo. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**B) Resolution – Accept \$750 Donation from Bagel Train:**

Treasurer Genito said the Bagel Train in Suffern, New York donated \$750 to the Police Department and asked that the money be used for police equipment. As such we are asking you to adopt a Resolution to accept the \$750 donation and to amend the 2016-2017 budget to increase donation revenues in the amount of \$750 and thereby increase the police line for equipment by \$750.

The Mayor read the following Resolution:

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

RESOLUTION NO. 24 of 2017

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT \$750 DONATION  
FROM BAGEL TRAIN FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF PURCHASING EQUIPMENT FOR THE SUFFERN POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Suffern accepts a donation of \$750 from Bagel Train for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the Suffern Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2016-2017 General Fund budget be amended as follows to reflect the receipt of the donation and appropriate the funds for the purchase of equipment for the Suffern Police Department:

Increase Estimated Revenues – Gifts and Donation A.0000.2705.0001 - \$750  
Increase Appropriations – Police Equipment A.3120.4200.0002 - \$750

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The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Hertzman, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**C) Resolution – Accept Remaining Balance of Multi-Police Unit Task Force Fund:**

Treasurer Genito said that earlier in the evening Chief Clarke Osborn mentioned the Resolution to accept a remaining balance of the multi-police unit task force fund and he can clarify that for them if they would like to adopt that Resolution tonight. He said essentially there was an amount of \$1320.45 that was left in a multi-task force fund that the police had used for basically drug interdiction. And the money came from the forfeiture of those proceeds. In any event, the Chief had recommended that since the funds are available that they be used for the purchase of police equipment and we are therefore recommending a Resolution to accept that remaining balance and to also amend the 2016-2017 budget increasing miscellaneous revenues in the amount of \$1320.45 and increasing the budget for police equipment expenditures for the same amount. The Mayor said okay, so the Resolution as stated by the Treasurer.

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RESOLUTION NO. 25 of 2017

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE REMAINING BALANCE  
OF A MULTI-POLICE UNIT TASK FORCE FUND IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$1320.45 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING  
EQUIPMENT FOR THE SUFFERN POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Suffern accepts the remaining balance of a multi-police unit task force fund in the amount of \$570.45 and utilize the funds for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the Suffern Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2016-2017 General Fund budget be amended as follows to reflect the receipt of these funds and appropriate the funds for the purchase of equipment for the Suffern Police Department:

Increase Estimated Revenues – Miscellaneous Revenue A.0000.2770.0001 - \$1320.45  
Increase Appropriations – Police Equipment A.3120.4200.0002 - \$1320.45

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Hertzman, seconded by Trustee Russo. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Attorney Kraushaar said just to be clear, just for the record, that Resolution will be put in

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written form and will be put in the order so that it would come right after the Bagel Train Resolution number.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**

**A) Resolution – Mayor to Sign Ramapo Police Firing Range Agreement:**

Attorney Dan Kraushaar said the first Resolution would be to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for the Ramapo Police Firing Range. This is an annual contract allowing our police officers to use their firing range for practice.

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RESOLUTION NO. 26 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN  
THE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR USE OF THE  
TOWN OF RAMAPO POLICE FIRING RANGE

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign the license agreement for use of the Town of Ramapo Police Firing Range for calendar year 2017.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Sussman. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**B) Resolution – Authorizing Mayor to Sign License Agreement:**

Attorney Kraushaar said this is for a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a license agreement between the County of Rockland and the Village of Suffern for the use of Hallett Place for commuter bus service layover. Attorney Kraushaar said he won't read the entire Resolution. Sum and substance is that it is an annual contract. We have had it in the past even though it expired December 31 they continued to pay us. They pay us \$1500 a month. In addition it provides for \$10,000 for necessary capital improvements including paving, striping, fencing, curbing, signs and guardrails. So do we have a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign that agreement with the County of Rockland for the use of Hallett Place.

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RESOLUTION NO. 27 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN

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THE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND  
AND THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN FOR THE USE OF HALLETT PLACE  
FOR COMMUTER BUS SERVICE LAYOVER

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign the license agreement between the County of Rockland (Licensee) and the Village of Suffern (Licensor) for the use of Hallett Place for commuter bus service layover, effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, unless sooner terminated by either or both parties on at least thirty (30) days written notice. The Licensee shall pay to the Licensor a license fee equal to the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per month. This license agreement also includes \$10,000 for necessary capital improvements including paving, striping, fencing, curbing, signs and guardrails. The total maximum amount payable to the Licensor pursuant to this license agreement shall not exceed forty-six thousand dollars (\$46,000). The Licensor also agrees to protect, indemnify and hold harmless the Licensee and its respective officers, employees and agents from and against all claims, actions and suits and will defend the Licensee and its respective officers, employees and agents, at its own cost and at no cost to the Licensee, in any suit, action or claim, including appeals for personal injury to, or death of, any person, or loss or damage to property arising out of, or resulting from, the activities or omissions of Licensor. This license agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York and may be terminated by either or both parties on at least thirty (30) days written notice.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**C) Set Public Hearing for Batinjane:**

Attorney Kraushaar said we have a Resolution to set a new public hearing for Batinjane. This is the YMCA property site. They are seeking a special permit to use the site for residential and business purposes. They need a special permit. They need site plan approval. They need variances. But at the last meeting where this was heard it was in November, he believes, and he asked the attorney for the applicant to give further information as to whether or not the user, which is the person who would ultimately get the special permit, was a corporation or not or an LLC. Attorney Kraushaar said he got a letter dated January 15 that it was an individual and that he was adding that individual, his brother-in-law, to the application. This Friday we actually received plans that he is assuming would be utilized by the Planning Board and the Zoning Board. They are requesting ultimately 2700 square feet, if not more, for the business use. This Board is limited to 300 square feet in terms of its approval so they would need variances from the Zoning Board in order to get permission to build what they are proposing. So what we would need is a motion to set a new public hearing for Batinjane, 91 Washington Avenue, for a special permit for March 6, 2017 at 7:10 p.m. The motion was made by Trustee Hagen, seconded by Trustee Russo. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Attorney Kraushaar said he has an add-on. He needs a motion to set a public hearing for an amendment to the Village Local Law with regard to peddling and soliciting. And he would like to have the Board have that on March 6 at 7:15 p.m. The motion was made by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Hagen. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**TRUSTEES:**

Trustee Russo said he was continuing with Washington Avenue and Lafayette – the traffic light and the delayed green but it is very slow going with the State. So he will continue to follow up.

**MAYOR:**

**A) Resolution - Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Intermunicipal Sludge Management Agreement and the Intermunicipal Side Stream Management Agreement:**

The Mayor said next up is the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the intermunicipal sludge management agreement and the intermunicipal side stream management agreement with the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority.

The Mayor read the following Resolution:

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RESOLUTION NO. 28 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE INTERMUNICIPAL SLUDGE MANAGEMENT  
AGREEMENT AND THE INTERMUNICIPAL SIDE STREAM MANAGEMENT  
AGREEMENT WITH THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Suffern hereby authorizes Mayor Edward Markunas to execute the Intermunicipal Sludge Management agreement and the Intermunicipal Side Stream Management agreement with the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Hertzman. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**B) Resolution – Authorizing Mayor to Accept Peer Trainer Program Agreement with CSEA:**

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The Mayor said next he has a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the Peer Trainer Program Agreement with the CSEA. The Mayor read the following Resolution:

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RESOLUTION NO. 29 of 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PEER TRAINER PROGRAM  
AGREEMENT WITH THE CSEA

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Suffern hereby authorizes Mayor Edward Markunas to accept and execute on behalf of the Village of Suffern the Peer Trainer Program agreement with the CSEA.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Sussman. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Attorney Kraushaar said the motion to go into executive session has to state whether its for a matter which is subject to the executive session statute. So it would have to be personnel, contracts, etc., litigation. So what would this executive session entail? The Mayor said this would be personnel related to the police department and another personnel matter. Attorney Kraushaar said just for everyone's edification the Board cannot vote in executive session. They would make a motion to go into executive session and then they would make a motion to come out of executive session and then they would go back into regular session. They will not be voting on anything so you are more than welcome to stay around but there will be no vote and no further business. So at the end of coming out of executive session there would be a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

The Mayor asked for a motion to go into executive session for personnel at 9:15 p.m. The motion was made by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Sussman. Upon vote, the motion was carried.