

**Village of Suffern  
Special Board Meeting  
Friday, April 14, 2017  
11:15 a.m.**

**Present:**       **Edward Markunas, Mayor**  
                  **Frank Hagen, Trustee**  
                  **Moira Hertzman, Trustee**  
                  **Dan Kraushaar, Village Attorney**  
                  **Virginia Menschner, Village Clerk**  
                  **Amy Paffenroth, Deputy Village Clerk**  
                  **Henry Sussman, Trustee (By Telephone)**

**Absent:**         **Joseph Russo, Trustee**

A special meeting to discuss a professional services agreement with Quest Quality Environmental Services and Technology as well as the consulting contracts for Barbara Cottiers and Kathy Van Sickle was called to order at 11:55 a.m. Trustee Henry Sussman participated in the meeting via telephone and as such was unable to vote on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE PROPOSAL FROM QUEST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING AND REMEDIATION SERVICES WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPING THE WATER SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PROTOCOL. THIS AGREEMENT IS NOT TO EXCEED \$7950.00**

The Board of Trustees authorized the Mayor to hire a consultant to study potential contaminated soil in Hillburn, near the Ramapo River, to determine if the potential exists that contaminants have leached into the Ramapo River. This study will include testing the Village of Suffern water supply to make sure contaminants did not go into the water system. The study will document the level of contaminants in the soil as well as the level of any contaminants which may have leached into the water supply. The consulting agreement will define the elements that will be tested for as well as how the testing will be conducted. Studies will be conducted on multiple occasions since the contaminated soil source still exists. As the soil is removed, the consultant will monitor the remediation to make sure it does not have an impact on the Village of Suffern water supply source. The cost of this study is not to exceed \$7950.00. This amount does not include the cost of the testing which will be determined after the study is defined and conducted. The Village of Suffern will pursue filing a notice of claim against any entity that had to do with the source of this contamination including the Town of Ramapo, Village of Sloatsburg, Village of Hillburn, the County Solid Waste Authority, the County Sewer District, and any entities involved with the soil removal and dumping. The Village of Suffern will provide notice to the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 that this study will be conducted. The Village of Suffern will also file a notice of claim against the Rockland County Sewer District to pursue reimbursement for the cost of the study and actual testing.

A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Trustee Joe Russo, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH KATHY VAN SICKLE AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

This agreement is month to month, renewable solely by the Village of Suffern, to provide assistance in the area of training and development of the offices of the Village Clerk and Municipal Finance during a period limited to staffing transitions. A motion to accept the foregoing was made by Trustee Hertzman, seconded by Trustee Hagen, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH BARBARA COTTIERS AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

This agreement is month to month, renewable solely by the Village of Suffern, to render training in the operations and management of municipal finance during a period limited to staffing transitions. A motion to accept the foregoing was made by Trustee Hagen, seconded by Trustee Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Mayor requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. A motion to close the meeting was made by Trustee Hagen, seconded by Trustee Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.