

**Village of Suffern
Board Meeting
Monday, June 5, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.**

A Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, June 5, 2017.

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Markunas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., leading the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of our service men and women.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The dates were set for July meetings as follows: A Board Workshop will not be held in July; the Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, July 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

MOTION TO ALLOW THE HOSE COMPANY TO HOLD A CAR SHOW ON OCTOBER 1, 2017

A motion was requested by the Mayor to allow the Hose Company to hold a Car Show on October 1, 2017, with a rain date of October 8, 2017. The motion to allow the Car Show was moved by Trustee Joe Russo, seconded by Frank Hagen, and passed unanimously by the Board.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MEMBERS IN THE SUFFERN FIRE DEPARTMENT

A motion was requested by the Mayor to accept the following members in the Suffern Fire Department: Mike Halper – Under 18 – Hook and Ladder Company; Joseph Modica – Over 18 Hose Company; Azriel Wolf – Over 18 Hose Company; and Victor Wolf – Over 18 – Hose Company. A motion to accept four new members in the Suffern Fire Department was moved by Trustee Joe Russo, seconded by Trustee Frank Hagen, and passed unanimously by the Board.

CULTURE AND RECREATION:

A summary of events for the Month of June was provided by Cathy Mills. WEDC will be held Tuesday and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m., Yoga in the Park begins June 5 and will be held on Monday's at 6:30 p.m., a nutrition workshop will be held at Shoprite in Tallman at 10:30 a.m., the Recreation Board Meeting is June 8 at 7:00 p.m., the LEAD Outdoor Concert will be held June 9 from 5-9 p.m. at the Gazebo, the Annual Fishing Derby will be held June 10, pool registration begins June 13 with all residents requiring a new photo to be taken, the next Walk with the Mayor will be held at 7:00 p.m. and will include the option of a .9 mile or 1.4-mile walking loop, the Suffern Pool opens June 24 through September 4 (Labor Day), and Clifford Theater rehearsals will begin July 10.

GRANT WRITER:

Rockland County Office of Community Development has requested an audit be conducted of the 2015 – 2016 Community Block Grants. This audit will encompass the 2015 Orange Avenue Sidewalk Project and the 2016, Part 1, Wayne Avenue Sidewalk Project. The audit will take place on Thursday June 8 at 1:30 p.m.

The Wayne Avenue Sidewalk Project Environmental Assessment, which is now becoming standard procedure for these types of projects, has commenced. This assessment is being conducted by the Rockland County Office of Community Development who is the lead agency for this project.

Rockland County Office of Community Development should announce 2017 Block Grant Awards within 30 days. The Village will find out at that time if it will receive grant funding for Part 2 of the Wayne Avenue Sidewalk Project.

Potted plants have been placed at the 911 Memorial outside the Village Hall as well as the John Suffern Park. Sandy Stead and Sheila Foster led this project, along with the assistance of Suffern High School students, on Sunday, June 4 as part of a beautification program they are conducting in the Village.

ASSISTANT VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**RESOLUTION ORANGE AVENUE PROJECT PERFORMANCE BOND/LETTER OF CREDIT**

Orange Avenue Apartments, LLC, as successor in title to Orange Avenue Associates, LLC located at Orange Avenue and Blauvelt Place has received approval to develop the property in accordance with a site plan approval granted by the Village of Suffern Planning Board on March 29, 2016 and the owner is required pursuant to said site plan approval and Village Code §228-16 to provide for a performance bond and surety to cover the cost of completing all public improvements pursuant to said Planning Board approval. The Department of Public Works has recommended and the Planning Board has determined based upon that recommendation that the Performance Bond shall be in the sum of \$118,000.00. The owner has provided a Performance Bond and Irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by Sterling Bank in the amount of \$118,000.00 in favor of the Village of Suffern, and which Performance Bond and Letter of Credit have been reviewed and approved by the Village Attorney's Office.

The Village of Suffern Board, accepted, received and will file a Performance Bond from Orange Avenue Apartments, LLC, dated May 16, 2017, and the collateral for said Bond in the form of an Irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by Sterling Bank (LOC #00101369) in favor of the Village of Suffern, in the amount of \$118,000.00, which Bond and Letter of Credit require all public improvements with respect to the project to be completed on or before November 18, 2018 for the property located on Orange Avenue and identified on the Town of Ramapo tax map as Section 54.35, Block 2, Lot 6. The said Performance Bond and Letter of Credit shall not be released until all such public improvements have been completed to the satisfaction of the Village of Suffern and upon recommendation of the Department of Public Works and Planning Board, and upon formal resolution of the Board upon such recommendations.

Discussion:

Attorney Kraushaar asked for a clarification by Attorney Magrino if Orange Avenue Associates, LLC, can ask for a reduction in the amount of the Performance Bond as work progresses on the project. Attorney Magrino replied that in accordance with law, Orange Avenue Associates, LLC can request a reduction in the amount of the Performance Bond. However, the decision to reduce the Performance Bond is at the discretion of the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees.

Following the aforementioned discussion, a motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Hank Sussman, seconded by Trustee Joe Russo, and passed unanimously by the Board.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

MOTION CREATING THE POSITION OF SENIOR DETECTIVE IN THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Village of Suffern Police Department currently maintains a Detective Bureau and the Detective Bureau is comprised of Detectives and a Detective Sergeant. The Chief of Police has indicated the need for a Senior Detective position. The Senior Detective position will not add additional headcount to staff. Detective Michael Fennessy was promoted to Sergeant. The position of Detective was not replaced, thus, creating an opening for a Police Officer, Full Time on patrol. With one less Detective on staff, the Police Department is requesting that a Senior Detective position be created. This position will absorb the duties of Detective Fennessy as well as serve in the capacity of Senior Detective. This position was voted on and approved by the PBA. Additional compensation in the amount of a five percent (5%) increase in base pay will be provided to the detective who is appointed to the position of Senior Detective. All other payments and benefits shall remain at the Detective level. The position of Senior Detective will remain in place until it is abolished by the Board of Trustees. One (1) position of senior detective in the Detective Bureau of the Village Police Department was created effective June 5, 2017. A motion to accept the foregoing was moved by Trustee Joseph Russo, seconded by Trustee Frank Hagen, and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CRAIG LONG TO THE POSITION OF SENIOR DETECTIVE IN THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Board of Trustees in accordance with the foregoing resolution created one (1) position of senior detective in the Detective Bureau of the Village Police Department effective June 5, 2017. Detective Craig Long meets the minimum requirements established by the Board of Trustees for the position of Senior Detective. The Board of Trustees authorized the Mayor to appoint Craig Long to the position of Senior Detective, effective June 6, 2017. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Joseph Russo, seconded by Trustee Frank Hagen, and passed unanimously by the Board.

Police Department Information Items:

The Police Department participated in the NYS "Click it or Ticket" campaign to promote that seatbelt use is the law in New York. This is a statewide, zero-tolerance enforcement effort coordinated by the State Police, local agencies, sheriff's offices and the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to increase seatbelt use in New York State and is sponsored by NYS Department of Criminal Justice, Division of Services and Traffic Safety. It was a very productive and affective safety program. Likewise, there will be a check of commercial vehicles regarding weight limits

and general safety to ensure our citizens and roadways remain safe. Suffern receives reimbursement by the sponsoring NYS government agency for its participation in these programs.

The Police Department has continued the bicycle patrols in the business district. This has been well received by merchants and has deterred crime. The Police Department will be participating in the RP Connor Olympic Day Barbeque next week. The DARE Hockey season is winding down, but there are many youths signing up to participate in the fall program. The DARE pool party will be scheduled soon.

There were 679 events logged into the police blotter including 30 arrests. The Suffern Police Department utilizes a multi-pronged approach to law enforcement including prevention, involvement in the community, and enforcement. This approach is critical and has been proven to keep the crime rate down in our community.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

A Wayne Avenue resident addressed the Board. He thanked the DPW for removing trees and grinding stumps that were dangerous. He advised the Board that he measured the road using a linear roller and determined that area from the underpass on Wayne Avenue at the point where two lanes merge into one lane near Pavilion Road was approximately 560 ft. He expressed concern that the roadway had not been paved properly following construction work performed by Orange and Rockland. He believes there is a difference in the quality of paving on Suffern's other main roads as compared to Wayne Avenue in that there are notably more potholes and drainage issues. He stated that unsafe road conditions due to the poorly paved road, along with drivers attempting to pass one another as the road merges from two lanes to one, creates extremely unsafe conditions for pedestrians on Wayne Avenue. He advised the Board that it was the 2-year anniversary of the accident in that location that took the life of his beloved neighbor. He indicated he clearly blamed the State for this problem since it is a State Road. He expressed concern that representatives from NYS have not visited the accident scene to complete an accident investigation regarding the fatality that occurred two years ago. He believes his neighbor died from a preventable accident and is worried there will be another fatality. He asked the Board to help him by installing crosswalks, signage, and other means to slow people down because he can't forget the day he lost his neighbor. The Mayor responded that he will revisit this matter again. Attorney Kraushaar explained that State will be conducting a traffic study for Route 17 in Sloatsburg and perhaps the team can continue the study for the 560 feet area of road in question on Wayne Avenue. The Mayor confirmed that Orange and Rockland was responsible for paving that area of the road but was mandated to do so as specified by the State. The Mayor had examined the location and agreed it wasn't paved properly. He spoke to State representatives, including David Carlucci, and agrees that this situation is not acceptable. The Wayne Avenue resident responded that the Mayor has always there for him and that he couldn't ask for a quicker response in that regard. The Mayor indicated the Board will continue to look at this matter.

An Orange Avenue resident addressed the Board stating there appears to be a problem with the newly installed Orange Avenue sidewalks and curbs. She spoke with Charles Sawicki several months ago at which time Mr. Sawicki looked at the sidewalks. Mr. Sawicki will speak again to the contractor; and though the contractor has been paid for this project, he believes the

contractor would be willing to fix any problems areas that exist. She also stated residents of Orange Avenue are concerned with speeding in the Village and asked the Board to see what could be done to slow motorists down. She also requested that the Board look into what could be done to clean up the area along the railroad tracks on Orange Avenue.

A resident from Ramapo Avenue addressed the Board regarding speeding problems. She indicated she spoke to the Mayor numerous times about speeding vehicle concerns and that a stop sign had been installed. The sign, however, was later covered with plastic then taken down because a tree was blocking it. She asked if the tree could be trimmed or if the sign could be moved. As a result of the ongoing speeding issues, she collected 60 signatures from residents in the area that were concerned for the safety of their children. The speed limit on Ramapo Avenue is 25 mph, however, she said it is being used heavily by commercial vehicles including vans, trucks, and 18-wheels tractor trailers. She stated there are many little children in the area including a special needs child and that she was concerned because children can be very impulsive. She stated drivers speeding at 60 mph in a 25-mph zone is a very dangerous situation and that a child being injured as a result would be devastating. She advised the Board that the Police patrol numerous times daily, but they cannot patrol the area 24 hours a day. The Mayor indicated that a traffic study was completed and it recommended that one stop sign be installed and that speed bumps were not recommended. The stop sign that was installed on Ramapo avenue was blocked by a tree and was covered. The removal of the trees required the assistance of Orange and Rockland because branches had been growing through the power lines. The Board stated they would continue to resolve these issues including clearing trees, marking the street to indicate a stop sign is ahead, as well as using highly reflective tape to mark the stop sign so that motorists can clearly see it. The signatures that were collected by Ramapo Avenue residents were presented to the Board.

A resident from Riverside Drive addressed the Board stating she had been asked to leave the Salvation Army park while her daughter was playing on the children's equipment. She said an employee from the Salvation Army advised her she was on private property, she was trespassing, needed to leave, and that she should have read the no trespassing signs. She told the employee who asked her to leave that a former mayor had told her the parks at the Salvation Army were available for Village residents to use. The Salvation Army employee responded that there is a new administration that she didn't know anything about this agreement. The Mayor said he will look into the matter because he wasn't exactly sure if there is a formal agreement with the Salvation Army to allow Village residents to use the parks and that the use of the children's equipment in the park is wonderful for families in the Village. Fred Rella indicated that when the Salvation Army bought the property, the use of the parks and tennis courts were part of the original agreement and that this has been a long-standing practice. However, he was not sure if this agreement was verbal or memorialized.

A resident from Cross Street addressed the Board indicating there was a reoccurring car alarm problem at Cross Street and Wayne Avenue. He contacted the police at 4:00 a.m. but was advised there was a question if the matter could be addressed by police since the car was located on private property.

Secondly, the Cross Street resident indicated his concern regarding the charter school proposed on Cherry Lane in the Town of Ramapo. He asked if the Board was aware what was happening.

He stated the Ramapo School District issued a message regarding their concerns and asked if the Board had a position on this issue. He stated that the Ramapo School District is the life blood of this area and that schools such as the one proposed would be funded by the tax payers that would draw resources from public schools into private education. Mayor Markunas replied he is a member of a task force working with the school district to address these issues. Attorney Kraushaar explained that a formal building application would trigger a process under general municipal law in NY that any municipality within 500 feet of the proposed school must be advised and allowed to participate in the planning and approval process. The agencies involved would include Rockland County Planning Department, the Rockland County Highway Department, the Ramapo Sewer District, and the Town of Ramapo Board. Attorney Kraushaar indicated the meeting that was held was an informational meeting and no formal application had been submitted. Even though a formal application is inevitable, at this time only a conceptual plan can be discussed. The Village Board is working with the Board in Airmont to help them on this issue because it impacts all of us.

Thirdly, the Cross Street resident addressed the Board regarding the recent conviction of Town of Ramapo Supervisor, Christopher St. Lawrence. The resident read the May 19, 2017 Facebook announcement from Mayor Markunas. "Today we are closing a difficult chapter in the Town of Ramapo's history. With the decision reached in the U.S. District Court in White Plains, we have once again seen that the criminal justice system works. We can now move forward towards a promising future for the Town, and I applaud the decision reached today as a decisive victory for the people of the Town of Ramapo. I am calling on the Town's new leadership to follow Suffern's example and establish the required fiscal responsibility across the Town's operations and activities. I strongly suggest that the appropriate controls be implemented to ensure the Town government provides the required fiduciary oversight over all the Town's activities. It is refreshing to see that the Town is finally positioned to have a fresh start and begin its journey to a brighter future." The resident then requested the Board review the steps it was taking to address Suffern's fiscal responsibility. Mayor Markunas responded that the Board has addressed long term planning by enacting steps to utilize the availability to access different procurement types including low cost, long term financing. He noted that it was important to point out that the debt being discussed did not occur within the last two under the direction of this Board. The debt the Village is facing was cumulative from past administrations over many, many years. Over the past two years, this Board has taken the steps to restructure, reduce headcount, and do more with less. The Board appointed Mr. Michael Genito Village of Suffern Treasurer. The combined efforts of this Board and Mr. Genito's leadership have resulted in an increase in fund balances and a decrease in debt. As a result, the Village is no longer the most fiscally stressed Village in the State of New York. The Village of Suffern now has a 40% ranking for financial stress which is in the category of the lowest ranking possibly; therefore, the Village no longer has a stress designation. Mayor Markunas requested that an outside audit be conducted. The auditing firm confirmed the reduction in the fiscal stress level of the Village. The results of the audit were presented to the Board last week. Attorney Kraushaar noted the credit rating of the Village of Suffern under this administration has gone from negative, to neutral, to positive as a result of the fiscal responsibility of the Board.

A resident from Memorial Drive addressed the Board in response to the statements of the resident on Cross Street. He wanted to remind the resident from Cross Street that the Village of Suffern had to borrow four million dollars to address the debt that was accumulated under the

previous administrations. He stated that the 1.7-million-dollar fund balance under this Board's leadership should be compared to the 3-million-dollar deficit of the previous administration. He asked the Board, if the resident from Cross Street knew of a way to snap his fingers and make the previous administration's debt go away, he should advise the Board accordingly.

VILLAGE CLERK:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO., INC. FOR THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN FOR A TERM RUNNING FROM 06/12/2017 TO 06/12/2018

The Village's Insurance Agent, the Scirocco Group, has reviewed the Village's various liability coverage for the period 06/12/2017 through 6/12/2018, and it is the recommendation of the Village's Insurance Agent that the Village renew its various liability coverage for the period 06/12/2017 through 06/12/2018 with Allied World Assurance Company, Inc. The Village will further realize an approximate 3% cost savings over the prior year's insurance coverage without the loss of any required terms. The Board of Trustees agreed to renew its various liability coverage for the period 06/12/2017 through 06/12/2018 (or until sooner terminated or replaced) with Allied World Assurance Company, Inc. at a total annual cost of \$180,672. The Board also authorized the Mayor to execute any and all required documentation, approved as to form and content by the Village Attorney, to secure said insurance coverage on behalf of the Village of Suffern. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Moira Hertzman, seconded by Trustee Joe Russo, and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH PUBLIC EMPLOYER RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. (PERMA) FOR THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN FOR A TERM RUNNING FROM 06/01/2017 TO 06/01/2018

The Village's Insurance Agent, Scirocco Group, has reviewed the Village's Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage for the period 06/01/2017 through 06/01/2018. It is the recommendation of the Village's Insurance Agent that the Village renew its Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage for the period 06/01/2017 through 06/01/2018 with Public Employer Risk Management Association, Inc. (PERMA). The Village will further realize an approximate 3% cost savings over the prior year's insurance coverage without the loss of any required terms.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern hereby agreed to renew its Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage for the period 06/01/2017 through 06/01/2018 with Public Employer Risk Management Association, Inc. (PERMA) at a total annual cost of \$566,546, and the Board authorized the Mayor to execute any and all required documentation, approved as to form and content by the Village Attorney, to secure said insurance coverage on behalf of the Village of Suffern. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Moira Hertzman, seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JODI SCHILLER TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY JUNE 17, 2017 ON FOREST KNOLL DRIVE

The Board of Trustees authorized Jodi Schiller to hold a Block Party June 17, 2017, on Forest Knoll Drive, between Foxwood and Crestwood Avenues, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Moira Hertzman, seconded by Trustee Frank Hagen, and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MITCHELL MOE TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY JULY 4, 2017 ON WEST MALTBIE AVENUE

The Board of Trustees authorized Mitchell Moe to hold a Block Party July 4, 2017, on West Maltbie Avenue, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Joseph Russo, seconded by Trustee Frank Hagen and passed unanimously by the Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE STORM WATER CONSORTIUM OF ROCKLAND COUNTY/CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

The Village of Suffern is a member of the Storm Water Consortium of Rockland County/Cornell Cooperative Extension Program with an annual membership fee is \$1,000 per year. The Board authorized the Mayor to execute the Storm Water Consortium of Rockland County/Cornell Cooperative Extension Program Agreement in the amount of \$1,000 with the said funds to be deducted from the appropriate budget line item as provided by the Village Treasurer. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHARLES SAWICKI TO PUBLICLY ADVERTISE FOR BID SOLICITATIONS FOR THE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 8 PROJECT

The Board authorized Mr. Charles Sawicki to publicly advertise for bid solicitations for the Roadway Improvements - Phase 8 Project. The bids will be due on July 6, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHARLES SAWICKI TO PUBLICLY ADVERTISE FOR BID SOLICITATIONS FOR THE WWTP DIGESTER BOILER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Board authorized Mr. Charles Sawicki to publicly advertise for bid solicitations for the WWTP Digester Boiler Replacement Project. The bids will be due on July 20, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Moira Hertzman, seconded by Trustee Joseph Russo, and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRO TEST LABORATORIES TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED TESTING OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN WATER SUPPLY

Soil sampling data from stockpiles of soil from the Community Field in Sloatsburg, Gates of Praise Cemetery, and Old Reservoir Area in Hillburn was requested from the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1. These soil stockpiles were generated from previous Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 projects and in 2016 were deemed contaminated. Due to concerns regarding the possibility of contaminants leaching into the Village of Suffern's water supply wells, a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a proposal with Quality Environmental Solutions & Technology to prepare a soil sampling and a potable water sampling and analysis protocol on April 14, 2017, not to exceed \$7950.00. The Potable Water Sampling and Analysis Protocol was prepared by Quality Environmental Solutions & Technology compiling a list of twenty-nine (29) contaminants to be

tested for using samples from the Village of Suffern water supply with a quarterly sampling frequency over an eighteen (18) month duration with total projected cost of Professional Services, Lab Services and Administration estimated to be \$41,000 as follows:

Professional Services, Water Sampling Protocol:	\$ 8,000.00
Analytical Testing, 18 Month Duration:	\$18,000.00
Village Administration:	\$ 4,000.00
Additional Analytical Testing (may be required)	\$ 6,000.00
Additional Professional Services (may be required)	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
TOTAL PROJECTED COST	\$41,000.00

The Mayor has been in contact with George Hoehmann, the Chairman of the Solid Waste Authority to seek reimbursement for this expenditure and continues to do so. The Board authorized the Mayor to execute any and all required documentation, approved as to form and content by the Village Attorney, to execute the agreement with Enviro Test Laboratories Inc., Newburgh, NY, to complete all required testing of the Village of Suffern water supply as per the Water Sampling Protocol. The projected costs will be presented to the Rockland County Sewer Authority Board for full reimbursement. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Moira Hertzman, seconded by Trustee Joseph Russo, and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE AND ROCKLAND TO CONVERT 2% ANNUALLY STREET LIGHTS TO LED

The New York State Public Service Commission issued an order in Case 16-E-0226 directing Orange and Rockland Utilities (O&R) to offer additional Light Emitting Diode (LED) street lighting options to municipalities in its service territory. Beginning April 1, 2017, all failed luminaires in Service Classification (SC) No. 4 Public Street Lighting will be converted to LED at no cost to the Village of Suffern upon consent of the Village. O&R will offer on a calendar year basis, the replacement of up to two percent (2%) of its streetlights on a system-wide basis pursuant to the Two Percent System Threshold program.

The Board authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement with O&R, One Blue Hill Plaza, Pearl River, NY, to replace all failed luminaires under Service Classification No. 4 of O&R's New York Public Service Commission approved electric tariff (SC No. 4) with Light Emitting Diode (LED) luminaires. The Board also authorized the Village to participate in the Two Percent System Threshold, whereby O&R will replace up to two percent of the Village's streetlights on a system wide basis. The Department of Public Works was authorized to request said participation, and to the extent required, the Mayor was authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to reflect the Village's desire to participate in the program. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

Mr. Sawicki requested that the Board enter into executive session at the end of the Board Meeting. Permission was granted by the Board.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2016-2017 ADOPTED BUDGET TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PURCHASE A MOWER**

The Board authorized an amendment to the 2016-2017 budget transferring \$10,200 from A.5110.4 Street Maintenance Contractual to A.5110.2 Street Maintenance for the Department of Public Works to purchase a grass mower, effective May 15, 2017, Nunc Pro Tunc. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Henry Sussman, seconded by Trustee Joseph Russo, and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A DEFERRED COMPENSATION COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The Village of Suffern currently sponsors a Deferred Compensation Plan in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the New York State Deferred Compensation Board (“Rules and Regulations”). Section 9001.2(b) of the Rules and Regulations require that the Board appoint a Deferred Compensation Committee to act on behalf of the Board under a model plan or a plan described in Section 9001.2(a)(3) of the Rules and Regulations so long as such plan remains in existence with the current Deferred Compensation Plan to expire in July 2017.

The Board established and appointed the Deferred Compensation Committee to consist of the Mayor, the Village Treasurer, and the Village Attorney to act on behalf of the Village of Suffern under a Deferred Compensation Plan. The Deferred Compensation Committee is authorized to solicit and review proposals for a deferred compensation plan and associated services from qualified vendors and to submit recommendations for such plan and associated services to the Board. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Trustee Joseph Russo, and passed unanimously by the Board.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD JULY 10, 2017, TO REVISE THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN CODE TO AMEND CHAPTER 266.62.1 SITE PLAN REGULATIONS EXPIRATION TIME PERIODS**

The Board adopted Site Plan Regulations on December 20, 1993 by Local Law No. 7-1993 and has requested a Public Hearing to be held amending Chapter 266.62.1 of said Site Plan regulations with regard to expiration time periods. The Board of Trustees authorized holding a Public Hearing on July 10, 2017 to be held at 7:05 p.m. to adopt a Local Law amending the Village of Suffern Site Plan Regulations. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Trustee Joseph Russo, and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TITLE SEARCH OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON SUFFERN PLACE

The Village of Suffern wants to establish ownership and use rights of the property located on Suffern Place, 115' +/- north of the intersection of Lafayette Avenue, as shown on Tax Map 54.35 with the subject property as defined as 20 feet wide by 78 feet deep. The Board authorized the retention of a Title Company to perform a title search of the foregoing property. A motion to

accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLUTION TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH FRED J. RELLA TO PROVIDE GRANT WRITING SERVICES JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018

Resolution 45 of 2016 was passed by the Board of Trustees entering into an Agreement with Mr. Fred J. Rella effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, to provide consulting services in the area of Grant Writing. The Village of Suffern requires continued services in the area of Grant Writing and authorized the Mayor to sign the Agreement with Mr. Fred J. Rella to provide Grant Writing services for the Village of Suffern for a period of one year, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, on the same terms and conditions as the previous noted agreement. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Joe Russo, seconded by Trustee Hank Sussman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT COURT CLERK IN THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN JUSTICE COURT

Rockland County Department of Personnel has a competitive class position of Assistant Court Clerk. The Board authorized the creation of the position of Assistant Court Clerk on May 10, 2017; and the Deputy Commissioner of Rockland County Personnel authorized the establishment of the position of Assistant Court Clerk in the Village of Suffern effective May 24, 2017. The Board of Trustees established the position of Assistant Court Clerk in the Village of Suffern Justice Court effective June 5, 2017. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Joe Russo, seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANNE RIZZO TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT COURT CLERK IN THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

The Board of Trustees authorized the creation of the position of Assistant Court Clerk for the Village of Suffern Justice Court on May 10, 2017 and established the position of Assistant Court Clerk in the Village of Suffern Justice Court effective June 5, 2017. The Rockland County Department of Personnel has approved Anne Rizzo as a candidate for the position of Assistant Court Clerk. The Board appointed Anne Rizzo provisionally as Assistant Court Clerk effective June 6, 2017, with permanent appointment following the Rockland County Department of Personnel scheduling the Civil Service Examination for the Title of Assistant Court Clerk and Ms. Rizzo's passing of said examination. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Joe Russo, seconded by Trustee Frank Hagen, and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPOINT MARIA LUISA VAN SICKLE TO THE TEMPORARY POSITION OF DATA ENTRY OPERATOR 2 IN THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN JUSTICE COURT

The Mayor appointed Ms. Maria Luisa Van Sickle to the temporary position of Data Entry Operator 2, vacated by Anne Rizzo, starting June 12, 2017, with permanent appointment following the Rockland County Department of Personnel scheduling the Civil Service Examination

for the Title of Data Entry Operator 2 and Ms. Van Sickle's passing of said examination. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Joe Russo, seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

Discussion:

The Mayor noted there have discussions as to offering resident commercial vehicle parking in the D Lot under the NYS Thruway overpass. This option would enable residents to have an option to park their commercial vehicles in a location which would possibly be a more positive and esthetically pleasing choice for our residents and their neighbors. The Village is in the beginning stages to move ahead with this plan, however, more study is required before a decision is made.

Executive Session:

A motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. was moved by Trustee Joe Russo, seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman, and passed unanimously by the Board to discuss personnel and contract matters.

A motion to end the Executive Session at 9:31 p.m. and reconvene the Regular Board Meeting was made by Trustee Joe Russo, seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE DISPATCHERS AGREEMENT

The bargaining team for the Village of Suffern and the bargaining team for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 445, subject to ratification by the membership of Local 445 and ratification by the Village Board of the Village of Suffern, have agreed that the new terms and conditions of the successor agreement to the Collective Bargaining Agreement shall cover the period June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2018. The Board agreed to ratify the said Agreement effective June 5, 2017 and authorized the Mayor to sign said Dispatchers Agreement. The foregoing Resolution was moved by Trustee Joseph Russo, seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman and passed unanimously by the Board.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the Board meet at 9:37 p.m. was made by Trustee Joe Russo, seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman, and passed unanimously by the Board.