

**Village of Suffern  
Special Board Meeting  
June 29, 2017 - 12:00 p.m.**

A Special Meeting was held to appoint William Osborn to the position of Police Officer, Full-Time.

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

**Absent:**       **Frank Hagen, Trustee**  
                  **Joseph Russo, Trustee**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Markunas called the Special Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Nomination by Lt. John Mallon of William Osborn to the Position of Police Officer, Full Time**

The meeting began with Lt. John Mallon nominating William Osborn to the position of Police Officer, Full Time. Lt. Mallon made the following statement: "I would like to nominate William Osborn for the position of full time police officer pending clearance from the Rockland County Department of Personnel. Billy scored the top grade in the Village, recently completed the Rockland County Police Academy putting himself through the program, and only has one more semester to receive his Bachelor's Degree. Billy was born and raised in the Village. He attended Sacred Heart School across the street from the Village Hall and graduated from Suffern Middle School and Suffern High School where he was a lacrosse goalie and a player on the 2012 NY State Hockey Championship Team. He served as a lifeguard for our Village pool for 6 years, the last two as a head lifeguard, and has volunteered for many causes in Suffern including the Vincent Crotty Memorial Foundation, Suffern DARE Toy Drive, and a DARE Hockey Coach and referee for several years. William volunteers as a martial arts instructor and received his black belt three years ago from Malandra's Martial Art Center in Suffern. I was present at the interviews that were held for this position. Regarding the interview process, we lost 3 candidates due to their failing the physical and we lost one candidate, who was an officer in another police department, because he withdrew his application. We interviewed 3 candidates. All candidates scored in the 90s. We interviewed three candidates. All of the candidates interviewed well, but William Osborn's interview went particularly well. What impressed me was his answer to a question concerning the qualities of a good police officer. His response included listening, putting himself in the victim's point of view, listening to complaints with empathy, and the loyalty he has for the Village of Suffern and fellow police officers. He stated, though he does not have a military

background (since several candidates did have experience in the military), William stated he loves his country, has participated in the Suffern Banner Program, and plans to serve his country through his service to the Police Department.”

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPOINT MR. WILLIAM OSBORN AS POLICE OFFICER FULL-TIME UPON APPROVAL OF ROCKLAND COUNTY PERSONNEL**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern authorizes Mayor Markunas to appoint Mr. William Osborn to Vacant Position No. 0024, from Eligible List 16097, as a police officer full-time at an annual salary of \$52,103.98 upon approval of Rockland County Personnel. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Moira Hertzman, seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**RESOLUTION REINSTATING MICHAEL CORLETTA AS PARKING ENFORCEMENT AIDE FOLLOWING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Chief Osborn requested that Michael Corletta be reinstated as a Parking Enforcement Aide following a leave of absence. Reinstating Mr. Corletta would, again, provide a full 8 hours of parking enforcement in the Village five days a week. Resolution 11 of 2017 authorized the Mayor to accept the request for a leave of absence from Michael Corletta, a Parking Enforcement Aide, effective January 27, 2017. Suffern Police Chief, Clark Osborn, requested that the leave of absence for Michael Corletta be rescinded and that Mr. Corletta be reinstated to the position of Parking Enforcement Aide effective Monday, July 3, 2017. The Village Board authorized Michael Corletta to be reinstated as a Parking Enforcement Aide effective Monday, July 3, 2017. A motion to accept the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Henry Sussman, seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**Request for a Public Hearing - Filming**

A local law was adopted on September 12, 2016, in response to a filming request the Village received several years ago. When this request was received, the Village did not have guidelines in place. To address this matter, the Board created and adopted a Local Law on September 12, 2016. A filming permit application was also created at that time. The Village has recently received many inquiries to film in the Village. Several of these inquiries have been from large movie productions, including Villa Roma Productions and Kaufman Astoria Studios, who are producing a Martin Scorsese film, “The Irishman”. The Clerk’s office reviewed the local law and compared it to the many requests received to identify where there are deviations, particularly in the area of the length of time filming activities can take place in the Village. Changes have been proposed that will enable the Village of Suffern to serve as a destination place for movie production while minimizing disruption to our residents. To further the peace and tranquility of the Village and minimize disruption, guidelines for filming in the Village of Suffern have been proposed including a revised application with instructions further detailing the permitting process to assist persons and entities engaged in filming activities in the Village of Suffern. A

motion to hold a public hearing was requested by the Mayor for July 10 at 7:40 p.m. to propose these amendments to the local law. A motion to hold a public hearing was made by Trustee Henry Sussman, seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Mayor requested a motion to close the meeting at 12:22 a.m. A motion to close the meeting was made by Trustee Henry Sussman, seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.