

**ORGANIZATION MEETING  
MONDAY DECEMBER 4, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

The Organization Meeting was held on Monday, December 4, 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.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner began the meeting with administering the oath of office to Mayor Edward Markunas, Deputy Mayor and Trustee Frank Hagen, and Trustee Moira Hertzman. Following the appointment resolutions, the oath of office was administered by the Village Clerk to Associate Village Justice Vincent Altieri and Assistant Attorney Robert Magrino.

**RESOLUTION NO. 219 OF 2017 - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Board of Trustees shall hold their monthly meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. The Board of Trustees shall hold their workshop meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month. All Board of Trustees meetings will be held at Suffern Village Hall, 61 Washington Avenue, Suffern, New York. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Hank Sussman and seconded by Trustee Joseph Russo.

**RESOLUTION NO. 220 of 2017 - OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES**

New York State General Municipal Law Section 39 requires that the Village Board adopt a resolution designating the official depositories of the Village of Suffern as JP Morgan Chase Bank, Key Bank, Capital One Bank, Sterling National Bank, and TD Bank. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Joseph Russo and seconded by Trustee Frank Hagen.

**RESOLUTION NO. 221 OF 2017 - OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER**

The official newspaper for the Village of Suffern is the Rockland Journal News. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 222 OF 2017 - DESIGNATED POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICES**

Pursuant to Public Officers Law, Section 104, the place designated for posting of Village of Suffern public notices shall be the Suffern Village Hall Bulletin Board located at 61 Washington Avenue, Suffern, New York. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 223 OF 2017 - DESIGNATED LOCATIONS FOR POSTING OF LEGAL NOTICES**

Designated places for posting legal notices in the Village of Suffern shall be as follows:

1. Suffern Village Hall Bulletin Board, 61 Washington Avenue;
2. Suffern Police Department, 61 Washington Avenue
3. Suffern Post Office, 15 Chestnut Street
4. Suffern Free Library, 210 Lafayette Avenue
5. Community Center, 41 Lafayette Avenue
6. Leo Lydon Building, Cypress Road

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 224 OF 2017 - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR VILLAGE OF SUFFERN**

The Village of Suffern shall recognize and shall be closed for business on the following holidays: New Year's Day – January 1, 2018; Martin Luther King's Birthday – January 15, 2018; President's Day – February 19, 2018; Memorial Day – May 28, 2018; Independence Day – July 4, 2018; Labor Day – September 3, 2018; Columbus Day – October 8, 2018; Veteran's Day – November 12, 2018; Thanksgiving Day – November 22, 2018; Day after Thanksgiving – November 23, 2018; Christmas Eve – December 24, 2018; Christmas Day – December 25, 2018

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Henry Sussman and seconded by Trustee Frank Hagen.

**RESOLUTION NO. 225 OF 2017 - REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR AUTHORIZED TRAVEL**

Section 77 of the General Municipal Law authorizes the Village of Suffern to pay for the actual and necessary expenses of travel, meals, lodging, registration fees, and tuition fees incurred by officers and employees while attending conferences and other official business. The Office of the New York State Comptroller has a guide entitled *Travel and Conference Expense Management* published June 2012 to assist the Village in establishing payment and reimbursement guidelines for such expenses. The Village may establish a per diem rate for meals in lieu of requiring actual receipts, not to exceed the per diem rates provided for by the United States General Services Administration (GSA). The Village of Suffern will pay for the actual and necessary expenses for lodging, registration and tuition fees incurred by officers and employees as authorized by the Village Board and evidenced by written receipts. The Village of Suffern will reimburse officers and employees for actual and necessary mileage, at the IRS Standard Mileage Rate in effect at the time of travel, plus parking and tolls, for the use of their personal vehicle for official Village business. The Village of Suffern will reimburse officers and employees for the actual and necessary cost of meals while travelling on official Village business, not already included as part

of the registration or other fees, either as evidenced by written receipts, or in lieu of such written receipts, at the per diem meal rates established by the GSA in effect at the time and location of travel. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman.

**RESOLUTION 226 OF 2017 - AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN PROCUREMENT POLICY**

The Village Board adopted the 2017 Procurement Policy confirming the commitment of the Village of Suffern to ensure that its procurements of goods and services are made legally, fairly, prudently, competently, and at the lowest possible cost offered by responsible vendors. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 227 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION TO ADOPT INVESTMENT POLICY**

Section 39 of the General Municipal Law requires the Village of Suffern to adopt an investment policy that details the Village's operative policy and provides instructions to officers and staff regarding investing, monitoring, and reporting all moneys and other financial resources available for investment by the local government on its own behalf or on behalf of any other entity or individual. The Village Treasurer has presented to the Village Board of Trustees an investment policy prepared in accordance with the Model Investment Policy provided by the Office of the New York State Comptroller in its publication entitled *Investing and Protecting Public Funds* published August 2014. The Board of Trustees adopted the Village of Suffern Investment Policy as prepared by the Village Treasurer. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 228 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER**

Consistent with the New York Village Law, Article 3-301 - Village Officers, Section 2-c, the Board of Trustees by resolution may consolidate the offices of deputy clerk and deputy treasurer. The Board of Trustees established the position of Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer effective December 4, 2017. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 229 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed Frank Hagen to the office of Deputy Mayor for a one-year term to expire December 3, 2018. This decision is in the purview of the Mayor and not require Village of Suffern Board approval for passage.

**RESOLUTION NO. 230 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING VILLAGE OF SUFFERN VILLAGE CLERK FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

The Mayor and Village Board appointed Virginia Menschner effective December 4, 2017 as Village Clerk to a two-year term of office through December 2, 2019. The Board recognizes that the position of Village Clerk is of a nature typically available to be called upon at any time and any day to perform duties on behalf of the Village including activities that may occur outside of the Village of Suffern Municipal Building offices. The Board of Trustees appointed Virginia Menschner as Village Clerk. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Joseph Russo and seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 231 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING AMY PAFFENROTH AS DEPUTY CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM**

The Mayor and Village Board appointed Amy Paffenroth effective December 4, 2017, as Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer to a two-year term of office through December 2, 2019, at an annual salary of \$60,000. The Board recognizes that the position of Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer is of a nature typically available to be called upon at any time and any day to perform duties on behalf of the Village that may include activities that occur outside of the Village of Suffern Municipal Building offices. If Ms. Paffenroth should opt to take health insurance, she will be required to contribute 18% of the cost of such policy which shall be withheld and paid for through payroll withholdings. Ms. Paffenroth shall receive all benefits afforded under the status of a full-time employee in accordance with Rule 3 – Applicability, of the Employment Standards and Benefits of the Village of Suffern as revised March 16, 1998. The Mayor Board of Trustees appointed Amy Paffenroth as Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Joseph Russo and seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 232 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING VILLAGE ATTORNEY FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

The Mayor and Village Board appointed Daniel N. Kraushaar, Esq. effective December 4, 2017 as Village Attorney to a one-year term of office through December 3, 2018. The Board recognizes that the position of Attorney is of a nature typically available to be called upon at any time and any day to perform duties on behalf of the Village including activities that may occur outside of the Village of Suffern Municipal Building offices. Daniel N. Kraushaar, Esq. shall be entitled to receive Village of Suffern Family Health Insurance but will be required to contribute 10% of the cost of such policy which shall be withheld and paid for through payroll withholdings. Daniel N. Kraushaar, Esq. shall receive dental insurance and any and all other benefits afforded under the status of full-time employees in accordance Rule 3 – Applicability, of the Employment Standards and Benefits of the Village of Suffern as revised March 16, 1998. If Daniel N. Kraushaar, Esq. participates in the New York State Retirement system, he shall be required annually to record or recertify work activities for a period of three consecutive months in accordance with Chapter 315.4, Section (a) Record of Work Activities, of the New York State Retirement System Regulation, Regulation on Reporting for Elected or Appointed Officials. The Mayor and the Board of Trustees

appointed Daniel N. Kraushaar, Esq. as Village Attorney. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 233 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE ASSISTANT VILLAGE ATTORNEY FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas and the Village Board appointed Robert Magrino to the office of Assistant Village Attorney for a one-year term to expire December 3, 2018. If Robert Magrino participates in the New York State Retirement system, he shall be required annually to record or recertify work activities for a period of three consecutive months in accordance with Chapter 315.4, Section (a) Record of Work Activities, of the New York State Retirement System Regulation, Regulation on Reporting for Elected or Appointed Officials. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Joseph Russo and seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 234 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE ASSOCIATE VILLAGE JUSTICE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed Vincent Altieri to the office of Associate Village Justice for a one-year term to expire December 3, 2018. If Vincent Altieri participates in the New York State Retirement system, he shall be required annually to record or recertify work activities for a period of three consecutive months in accordance with Chapter 315.4, Section (a) Record of Work Activities, of the New York State Retirement System Regulation, Regulation on Reporting for Elected or Appointed Officials. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 235 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE VILLAGE TAX COLLECTOR FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed Joanne Cioffi as Village Tax Collector for a one-year term to expire December 3, 2018. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 236 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING VILLAGE OF SUFFERN TREASURER FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

The Mayor and Village Board appointed Michael A. Genito effective December 4, 2017 as full-time Treasurer to a two-year term of office through December 2, 2019. The Board recognizes that the position of Treasurer is of a nature typically available to be called upon at any time and any day to perform duties on behalf of the Village including activities that may occur outside of the Village of Suffern Municipal Building offices Michael A. Genito shall receive any and all benefits afforded under the status of full-time employees in accordance Rule 3 – Applicability, of the Employment Standards and Benefits of the Village of Suffern as revised March 16, 1998. Michael A. Genito shall be required annually to record or recertify work activities for a period of three consecutive months to establish a record of activities (ROA) consistent with the guidelines

established in Chapter 315.4, Section (a) Record of Work Activities, of the New York State Retirement System Regulation, Regulation on Reporting for Elected or Appointed Officials. The Mayor and Board of Trustees appointed Michael A. Genito as Treasurer. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 237 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE VILLAGE HISTORIAN FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed Craig Long as Village Historian for a one-year term to expire December 3, 2018. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 238 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE REGISTRAR FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed Lynne Bryant as Registrar for a one-year term to expire December 3, 2018. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Joseph Russo.

**RESOLUTION NO. 239 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed David Hamilton as a Zoning Board of Appeals member for a five-year term to expire December 5, 2022. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Joseph Russo and seconded by Trustee Frank Hagen.

**RESOLUTION NO. 240 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CHAIRMAN FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed Barry Tesseyman as the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman for a one-year term to expire December 3, 2018. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Henry Sussman and seconded by Trustee Frank Hagen.

**RESOLUTION NO. 241 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed James Giannettino as the Planning Board member for a five-year term to expire December 5, 2022. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 242 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed James Giannettino as the Planning Board Chairman for a one-year term to expire December 3, 2018. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 243 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE ADVISORY BOARD ON CULTURE AND RECREATION FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed Cathy Mills, Nancy Christopher, Mary Guccione, Suzanne Joyce, Lynn Limbrick, Virginia Menschner, Kevin Patwell, Denise Schultz, Daryl Schiller, Jodi Schiller, Jonathan A. Theodore, Kathy Van Sickle, and Kathleen Bolger, as members of the Advisory Board on Culture and Recreation for a one-year term to expire December 3, 2018. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Joseph Russo.

**RESOLUTION NO. 244 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING SEWER RENT APPEALS BOARD MEMBER FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed Bruce McClintock as a Sewer Rent Appeals Board member for a three-year term to expire December 7, 2020. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Henry Sussman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 245 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING SEWER RENT APPEALS BOARD CHAIRMAN FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed Stanley Leshen as the Sewer Rent Appeals Board Chairman for a one-year term to expire December 3, 2018. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Joseph Russo.

**RESOLUTION NO. 246 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed Sandy Stead as a member of the Tree Advisory Board for a one-year term to expire December 3, 2018. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 247 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed Sheila Foster as a member of the Tree Advisory Board for a one-year term to expire December 3, 2018. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 248 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed John Wickes as a member of the Tree Advisory Board for a one-year term to expire December 3, 2018. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 249 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed Katy Bolger as a member of the Tree Advisory Board for a one-year term to expire December 3, 2018. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 250 OF 2017 -RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed Charles Sawicki as a member of the Tree Advisory Board for a one-year term to expire December 3, 2018. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Joseph Russo and seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 251 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TREE ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRMAN FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed Frederick J. Rella as Chairman of the Tree Advisory Board for a one-year term to expire December 3, 2018. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Joseph Russo.

**RESOLUTION NO. 252 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed Frank Hagen and Moira Hertzman as representatives to the Community Foundation for a one-year term of office to expire December 3, 2018. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Henry Sussman and seconded by Trustee Joseph Russo.

**RESOLUTION NO. 253 OF 2017 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MAHWAH RIVER COMMITTEE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

Mayor Edward Markunas appointed Joseph Russo as a representative to the Mahwah River Committee for a one-year term of office to expire December 3, 2018. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Henry Russo and seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman.

**Statement by Mayor Edward Markunas:**

Mayor Edward Markunas made the following closing statement: *"I am truly humbled and excited to continue my work in my second term as Mayor of the Village of Suffern. I am still aware of my challenges as a good custodian of the Village of Suffern. The Village of Suffern is turning the financial corner as compare to when I took office two years ago. Two years ago, the Village was classified as the most fiscally stressed Village in the State of New York. It is now a Village with no designation for fiscal stress. This reduction in fiscal stress was accomplished by filling key positions in the Village with administrators such as the Village Treasurer and staffing the Village Clerk's office with the appropriate personnel. We seek the best financial alternatives such as grants, low interest loans, and EFC funding. Two years ago, I explained to you that, regardless of our political affiliations or if you supported me during the election or not, I am convinced that we*



*will continue to make Suffern the best location to work, live, and raise a family. I will continue to serve in the best interest of the people by providing the best, most efficient and cost-effective services to the public. Let me further that point... Suffern has outstanding services and it shows on a daily basis. What I mean is keeping the Village safe and providing the proper assets to the Suffern Police Department to fulfill these necessary requirements.*

*I am committed to staffing the Suffern Police Department to provide oversight and administration in this every changing environment that we live in today. As you all know, with random acts of crime and terror, the Police Department must have the resources available to meet these challenges. By keeping our Police Department properly staffed, trained and safe, our Village will remain safe. We need to continue to receive full accreditation from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice. We will also continue to provide the best fire protection services in the Village by supporting and seeking funding for training and fire equipment for our personnel. I would also like to acknowledge and thank all of our volunteer firefighters for their dedication to the Village and their dedication of time to the Village. Thank you.*

*It has been a challenging year with implementing changes not limited to changes to the water billing process, implementation of technology, and improved websites. We are all training and adapting to these changes, and I thank the Village staff for doing a great job. A few points to the Department of Public Works, we are all aware of the needs and the challenges we face with our waste water and keeping up with our operations, such as snow plowing and garbage removal. By upgrading our waste water and water treatment plants (which is occurring while I speak), upgrading our fleet of DPW trucks by purchasing a new F350, and awaiting a new multi-purpose vehicle that can be used as a flat bed, a dump truck, a dump body, and a salt spreader... we face challenges on a daily basis trying to fund these new vehicles and equipment by applying for grants and by applying for low-interest funding. Speaking to grant funding, we have received over \$1,000,000 in grant funding for projects including the Justice Court equipment and technology upgrades, the Orange Avenue Sidewalk Project, the Wayne Avenue Sidewalk Project, DPW Heavy Duty Truck, Orange Avenue Railroad Crossing, Digester replacement Project, Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project, DARE, Water Well Replacement, and Police Department technology equipment.*

*Over the past two years, I have been working the West Point Military Academy including projects such as analyzing our ability to separate from the Town of Ramapo as the City of Suffern or breaking away and becoming our own Town. We are constantly trying to find alternatives to the betterment of Suffern. We have also expanded on our local laws as we implemented a no-knock policy. Now the Village of Suffern joins other community throughout the County by having our own policy. The Village of Suffern has also implemented a new streamlined process for implementing filming in the Village. The newly created permitting process enables the film industry to complete an application, receive approval, and conform to the best interest of the Village while filming. We recently had stars such as Adam Sandler, Robert DeNiro, Joe Pesci, just*

*to name a few, in the Village. Filming not only generates economic growth for our local businesses, it also generates revenue for the Village.*

*I would like to say that it has been and will continue to be an honor to work with the entire Village staff for the next two years. Together we can take the daily challenges put before us and our accomplishments will be remarkable. I hope you feel as I do to be proud as a Suffern resident. I would like to thank the entire Village staff for their dedication and commitment to the Village of Suffern. Not a day goes by without a local merchant telling me what a great workforce we have and how complimentary residents are to the garbage removal and snow removal, the plowing, the policing, the fire response... it is unbelievable. I would like to thank my wife Bonnie who is here with us. And of course, my son Andrew and daughter Emily. As I said two years ago, I will continue my promise to listen to your concerns and suggestions, I will have an open-door policy, and I am committed to your interests and will move Suffern forward. Throughout the next two years, let's keep our sleeves rolled up and continue the work for the betterment of the Village of Suffern. Thank you very much."*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to close the organization meeting was made by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Hagen, and approved unanimously by the Board. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.