

**Village of Suffern**  
**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 4, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.**

A Regular Village Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

**Present:**       **Edward Markunas, Mayor**  
                  **Gina Bertolino, Trustee**  
                  **Frank Hagen, Trustee**  
                  **Moira Hertzman, Trustee**  
                  **Dan Kraushaar, Village Attorney**  
                  **Amy Paffenroth, Deputy Village Clerk**  
                  **Joseph Russo, Trustee**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Markunas called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., leading the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of our service men and women as well as in memory of US Senator John McCain in recognition of his ability to bring bipartisanship to government.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

The Village Board Workshop Meeting will be held September 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The next Village Board Meeting will be held Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A Public Hearing which was continued from August 6, 2018, was opened at 7:06 p.m. to propose amending Chapter 254-68, Schedule VIII "Schedules" to modify the location of loading zones, handicapped parking locations, and 15-minute parking locations in the central business district. A motion to open the public hearing was made by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Gina Bertolino, and passed unanimously by the Board. This action was taken after merchants contacted the Village to review the current location of the Loading and Unloading Zones on Lafayette Avenue. On August 6, 2018, the Village Board of Trustees declared its intention to serve as Lead Agency for SEQRA purposes, and directs that circulation of the proposed local law be made in accordance with NYS GML 539-l and m. On August 6, 2018, the public hearing was adjourned to September 4, 2018, to provide additional review and preparation. A motion to close the Public Hearing was made at 7:08 p.m. by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Gina Bertolino, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**LOCAL LAW NO. 10 OF 2018 - A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 254 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN - ARTICLE VIII "SCHEDULES"**

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern, as follows:

Section 1. Section 254 of the Code of the Village of Suffern, entitled Vehicle and Traffic was amended to provide for amendments to Article VIII "Schedules". As amended the said section of the Code shall read as follows (Additions are underlined, deletions are ~~strikethrough~~):

254-65 Schedule XV: Time Limit Parking

Name of Street	Side	Time Limit	Location
<u>Suffern Place</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>15 Minutes</u>	<u>2 Suffern Place</u> <u>30 feet North of</u> <u>Lafayette Avenue</u>
<u>Lafayette</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>15 Minutes</u>	<u>62 Lafayette Avenue</u> <u>50 feet from Chestnut</u>
<u>Chestnut</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>15 Minutes</u>	<u>40 feet from Lafayette</u> <u>intersection</u>

254-67 Schedule XVII: Handicapped Parking Spaces

Name of Street	Side	Location
<u>Lafayette</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>50 feet from Chestnut</u> <u>intersection</u>
<u>Lafayette</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>20 feet from Chestnut</u> <u>intersection</u>

254-68 Schedule XVIII: Loading Zones

Name of Street	Side	Location
<del>Lafayette Avenue</del>	<del>South</del>	<del>81-83 Lafayette Avenue</del>
<u>Lafayette Avenue</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>73-75 Lafayette Avenue</u>
<u>Suffern Place</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>7-11 Suffern Place</u>

Section 2. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**RESOLUTION 202 OF 2018 - ADOPTING LOCAL LAW 10 OF 2018 AMENDING - CHAPTER 254 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN - VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC - ARTICLE VIII "SCHEDULES"**

On April 16, 2018 the Village Board expressed its intention to conduct a Public Hearing to be held. On Monday, August 6, 2018 at 7:05 p.m. to propose amending Chapter 254 Vehicles and Traffic – Article III “Schedules” to modify the location of loading zones, handicapped parking locations, and 15-minute parking locations in the Central Business District. On August 6, 2018, the Village Board of Trustees declared its intention to serve as Lead Agency for SEQRA purposes, and directs that circulation of the proposed local law be made in accordance with NYS GML 539-l and m. On August 6, 2018, the public hearing was adjourned to September 4, 2018, to provide additional review and preparation. The Rockland County Department of Planning and the New York State Department of Transportation having reviewed the local law did not offer comment. The Village of Suffern Board or Trustees adopted Local Law No. 10. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Gina Bertolino, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**ATTORNEY:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 203 OF 2018 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018 AT 7:05 P.M. TO CONSIDER A LOCAL LAW TO DEFINE PERMITTED USES OF PODS AND/OR DUMPSTERS**

The Board of Trustees authorized holding a Public Hearing on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:05 p.m. to consider a local law to define permitted uses of PODS and/or dumpsters. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Gina Bertolino, and passed unanimously by the Board. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to address concerns residents have raised about the length of time dumpsters have remained on residential properties that have not been permitted for construction. Additionally, residents have expressed concerns about the length of time PODS should be allowed for temporary storage uses.

**RESOLUTION NO. 204 OF 2018 - A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SUFFERN FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM BY INCREASING THE SERVICE CREDIT MAXIMUM FROM 25 YEARS TO 30 YEARS SUBJECT TO MANDATORY REFERENDUM AND APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

Eligible voting residents of the Village of Suffern approved a referendum to establish a Service Award Program for active volunteer firefighter members of the Suffern Fire Department, effective January 1, 1998, in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (hereinafter the “Law”). The Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern (hereinafter

the “Board”) is the Program Sponsor and Program Administrator of the Suffern Fire Department Service Award Program (hereinafter the “Program”). Under the current Program provisions, participants can earn up to 25 years of Service Credit for a maximum Accrued Monthly Service Award of \$500. Several Program participants have reached the 25-year maximum as of December 31, 2017 and are, thereby, ineligible to earn service credit in the 2018 plan year as a result of this provision. New York State Law authorizes a Program sponsor to allow up to a maximum of 40 years of service credit to be earned under the Program. New York State Law further authorizes the Board to seek voter approval at a mandatory referendum of amendments to the Program and these amendments are intended to enable the Village to improve the Service Award Program benefits for active volunteer firefighter members of the Suffern Fire Department. Such improvement in Service Award Program benefits is consistent with the intent of the Program to help the Suffern Fire Department recruit and retain active volunteer firefighters. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern, as authorized by Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law, directed that there shall be a public referendum of eligible voters of the Village of Suffern at the General Election to be held on November 6, 2018 to determine whether the Suffern Fire Department Service Award Program shall be amended effective January 1, 2019 to increase the maximum years of Service Credit from 25 to 30 years and the maximum Accrued Monthly Service Award from \$500 to \$600, and this amendment shall include those participants who earned 50 points and would have otherwise been denied credit under the existing 25-year Service Credit maximum. The calendar year 2019 cost of the Suffern Fire Department Service Award Program is approximately \$126,000, or \$970 per covered participant, which includes the annual cost of administration of about \$7,500. Should voters approve this amendment, the annual cost of the amended program for current participants is estimated to increase by approximately \$14,000 for a total estimated cost of \$140,000, or \$1,077 per covered participant. There is no increase in administrative fees expected as a result of this amendment. All other provisions of the Suffern Fire Department Service Award Program which require voter approval shall not change and the Program shall continue to be administered by the Village in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law as such law is amended from time to time. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Gina Bertolino, seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**RESOLUTION NO. 205 OF 2018 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN HUD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2018-2020**

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development requires that each entitlement community requalify their Cooperation Agreement every three years. The Village of Suffern will remain a member of the Rockland County Consortium and participate in the

Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership and Emergency Solution Grant Programs. The Board of Trustee of the Village of Suffern authorized the Mayor to sign the First Amendment to the Agreement between the County of Rockland, on behalf of the Office of Community Development and the Village of Suffern HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, for Program Years 2018-2020. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** – A Public Hearing was scheduled to be held Monday, October 1, 2018, at 7:10 p.m. to consider establishing school zone signage on Suffern Place at Iqra Darul Ehsan. Attorney Kraushaar indicated he would be reaching out to the Building Department and with Rob Magrino to discuss this matter in more detail.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 206 OF 2018 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A HOSE COMPANY FIRE TRUCK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL PARADE TO BE HELD IN HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

The Village Board of the Village of Suffern does hereby authorize one Hose Company Fire Truck to participate in the September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Parade to be held in Hoboken, New Jersey on September 11, 2018. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Trustee Gina Bertolino, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT NEW MEMBERS:**

A motion to accept new members Nancy Morales as an over 18 member of the Hose Company, and Dylan Salmon as an under 18 member of the Hose Company was made by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Moira Hertzman and passed unanimously by the Board.

**CULTURE AND RECREATION:**

Cathy Mills provided an update of Suffern Culture and Recreation activities. The Suffern Lion's Club Dog Show will be held at Yorkshire Drive Park on Saturday, September 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The 9-11 Candlelight Ceremony will be held Tuesday, September 11 at Donna Hallet Park at 7:00 p.m. The Recreation Board Meeting will be held on Thursday September 13 in the Community Room at 7:00 p.m. Primary Elections will be held Thursday September 13 with no programs at Leo Lydon and Community Center that day. The Midget Mountie BBQ and Bonfire will be held at the Ballfields Saturday, September 15. The Suffern Street Fair will be held Sunday, September 16. Suffern Day will be held Saturday, September 22 at the Suffern Ballfields with daytime activities from 11 to 3 and evening entertainment and fireworks beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Broadway Show, Pretty Woman, will be held Saturday, November 3.

**RESOLUTION NO. 207 OF 2018 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGION FIREWORKS CO., INC TO PURCHASE AND DISPLAY FIREWORKS FOR SUFFERN DAY**

The Coordinator of Culture and Recreation requested a firework display program to provide entertainment during Suffern Day festivities to be held September 22, 2018. Legion Fireworks Co., Inc., 10 Legion Lane, Wappingers Falls, New York has submitted a contract to provide firework display services for Suffern Day in the amount of \$6,500.00. The Board of Trustees authorized Mayor Markunas to sign the agreement with Legion Fireworks Co., Inc., to provide firework display services on Suffern Day, September 22, 2018, subject to the receipt of all permit documents and review of same by the Village Attorney. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Trustee Gina Bertolino, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**GRANT WRITER:**

Mr. Rella advised the Board that the Village was notified this month that will receive the grant to repave municipal Parking Lot B. It is a \$175,000 project with HUD awarding Rockland County 40% of the funds, or \$70,250. The HUD grant amount is based on total population of those municipalities in Rockland County. The grant money which was received from HUD was reduced this year because the Town of Ramapo and the Town of Orangeburg did not participate which reduced the total Rockland County population of those participating and, therefore, the amount of the grant. The remaining balance of the project will be submitted to the DOT. The Village should hear back from the DOT in approximately one month. If the Village does not receive this award from DOT, then the Village will be able to reapply for the remainder next year through CDBG.

**RESOLUTION NO. 208 OF 2018 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENT FACILITIES CORPORATION UNDER THE NEW YORK WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT**

The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) is currently offering clean water grants under the New York Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grants. The Village currently has adopted the following wastewater treatment system projects (Projects) to be funded by debt that may be eligible for WIIA grants: Phase II Sanitary Sewer Abatement, Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrades and Plug Flow Modifications, South Street Pump Station Emergency Generator, Waste Water Treatment Plant Digester Boiler Replacement. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern hereby authorized the submission of WIIA grant applications to the EFC. The total costs of these projects are estimated at \$11 million with EFC providing up to 25%, or \$2.5 million toward the project in grant funds. The Village Superintendent of Public Works is listed as the daily contact on said grant applications. The Village Treasurer was authorized to sign said grant applications. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was

made by Trustee Moira Hertzman, seconded by Trustee Frank Hagen, and passed unanimously by the Board.

The Wayne Avenue Sidewalk Project along north side of Wayne Avenue beginning at Orange Avenue to Route 202 is a \$330,000 project. The Village providing 10%, or \$30,000. The environmental study was completed with a final comment period ending August 31, 2018. Grant funds in the amount of \$300,000 were authorized on September 4, 2018. The project will be conducted in Spring, 2019.

Digester Boiler is a \$250,000 project through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY). DASNY funded projects require much documentation to complete. The project agreement is now fully executed by the Village and DASNY with invoices payable to Village within the next 60 days.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 209 OF 2018 - A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL CORLETTA AS POLICE OFFICER PART-TIME**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern accepted the resignation of Michael Corletta, Police Officer Part-Time, effective August 10, 2018, Nunc Pro Tunc. Michael Corletta received a full-time job with the Attorney General's Office and he is wished great success in his new job. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Trustee Gina Bertolino.

**RESOLUTION NO. 210 OF 2018 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING TARA CABLE AS POLICE OFFICER PART-TIME**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern appointed Tara Cable, from list number 16097 (OC), dated April 19, 2018, to the position of Police Officer Part-Time, at a pay rate of \$24.37, effective August 6, 2018, Nunc Pro Tunc. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Gina Bertolino, seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**RESOLUTION NO. 211 OF 2018 - RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAURA GANNON AS POLICE OFFICER PART-TIME**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern appointed Laura Gannon, from list number 16097 (OC), dated April 19, 2018, to the position of Police Officer Part -Time, at a pay rate of \$24.37, effective August 6, 2018, Nunc Pro Tunc. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Trustee Gina Bertolino, and passed unanimously by the Board.

Chief Clarke Osborn provided an update to the Board. There were 542 police blotters and calls, 26 arrests, and vehicle summons are up as compared to this time last year. Schools are now open

so the police will be making regular visits to the school to familiarize the students with the Police Department. The DARE hockey rink is being repaired thanks to grant funding by Ellen Jaffee. This work should be done every three to years, but was stretched to five years this time. Joe Hunt had a DPW team working on the rink filling cracks so H&H Painting could complete their work. It took a lot to complete this project, and Chief Osborn thanked Fred Rella, Joe Hunt, and Charles Sawicki for their assistance.

DARE Hockey has 12 teams with 24 volunteer coaches starting next week. Executives at Avon are working with the Police Department to organize safety drills and active shooter drills to address catastrophic or critical incidents. Training events at Avon will take place at the end of September. This type of training also takes place at Good Samaritan Hospital as well as our schools. Canine training took place last month with over 50 dogs participating in arson incidents, bomb detection, narcotics, and explosive apprehension work. Chief Osborn thanked the DPW for providing them with old cars to use for the training. Chief Osborn stated how pleased he was with the school supply drive and thanked everyone who participated. He stated the response was overwhelming.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Steven Alpert, 17 Meadowbrook Lane, commented on the deficiencies inside and outside of the Village Hall, specifically citing the auditorium sound system. He asked if anyone is attending to these deficiencies. Mayor Markunas indicated that some of these deficiencies have been addressed over the course of the last several months and years, and the Village was just awarded \$40,000 in grant monies to replace the auditorium sound system. Mr. Alpert asked if there is anything being done to slow down the apparent increase in vacant commercial buildings specifically on Lafayette Avenue. Mayor Markunas stated he is working closely with other Rockland County agencies such as the Rockland County Department of Tourism and is utilizing the Code Enforcement Initiative to develop an economic plan that will help attract businesses to the Village. Mr. Alpert asked if the Village responded to April's NYS Comptroller audit findings? The Mayor requested Mr. Alpert to put specific questions in writing and the Village Board will get back to him.

Paul Girard, 2 Cross Street, reported to the Board that New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Maryland are suing the Federal Government over the IRS charitable deduction ruling. He is pleased with the state's objection to the IRS ruling. Mr. Girard asked the Board for an update on the outstanding labor contracts with the Suffern Police and Suffern DPW and if there were any details they could share. Mayor Markunas indicated that upcoming negotiation meetings are being scheduled. The CSEA has held several meetings with the Village. The most recent meeting in July was cancelled by the CSEA and the Village has not received a date as to when the CSEA would like to begin negotiations again. Negotiations have been scheduled with the Police. Mr. Girard stated he attended the rescheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting regarding the proposed 60-unit building on the corner of Washington and Pleasant Avenues in which the variances were passed by the Board. He stated he believes there will be minimal tax benefits

from the new Sheldon building and wanted to make sure there are no similar negotiations or agreements made on this property. As reported by the Mayor, the Sheldon will be paying graduating tax increases along with host community fees that are significant to the Village. The Mayor stressed that the Village needs responsible development to bring in additional ratables, bring more people into the Village, and spur economic development. He further stated this is what the Board is achieving in a responsible manner. Attorney Kraushaar advised Mr. Girard that this Board was not responsible for the variances and provisions for taxes. He stated that the Planning Board and the Zoning Board were the responsible Boards. Additionally, he indicated Mr. Girard was incorrect in the value that he provided as to the amount of tax he believed the Sheldon will pay. The total amount the Sheldon will pay will actually be significantly greater because the Sheldon will be paying taxes as well as fees to the Village for host community benefits and parking. Mayor Markunas indicated that in order for the Board to negotiate contracts, as Mr. Girard spoke about earlier, the more revenue generated in a responsible manner only goes to benefit the Village workforce and the Village itself. The Village Board looks at the whole pie, not just pieces of the pie, and plans strategically to be able to move the Village forward.

Mr. Girard submitted a FOIL for new hires, pay increases, and any out of the ordinary payments made from the Village to its employees. Mr. Girard stated that his concerns are with the Mayor and the agreement with Mr. Lijoi and believes the Mayor should have disclosed the relationship between Mr. Lijoi and Ms. Paffenroth. Mayor Markunas raised his concerns, in contrast to what Mr. Girard has been saying, stating that the Village should be aware of the extensive amount of work Mr. Lijoi is doing for the Village as a volunteer. Mayor Markunas stated Mr. Lijoi is working for the Village, for the residents, for Mr. Girard, for the environment, for the water, and for everything that goes on in this Village. Mr. Lijoi is an asset to the Village for one dollar. He receives no other money, no other funds, just one dollar, and he wanted to make this clear to the audience. Mayor Markunas stated that the Board and residents throughout the Village are very aware that Mr. Lijoi is the spouse of Ms. Paffenroth and that what Mr. Girard is implying is disheartening to the people of the Board, to the employees of the Village, and the volunteers that help our Village in many ways. Attorney Kraushaar asked Mr. Girard if he was stating Ms. Paffenroth purposely kept her maiden name, and as a woman, didn't take her husband's name as some sort of conspiracy. Mr. Girard stated no. Attorney Kraushaar replied that it appears that is what is happening.

Mr. Girard questioned the Board's decision to hire a communications consultant. Mayor Markunas informed him that the consultant was no longer with the Village. The consultant was asked to provide services to the Village for one month, on a trial basis, for guidance in establishing a new newsletter, linking Village social media forums, providing a template for news articles and press releases that will keep residents updated, and for guidance on ways to spur more interest in the Village through social media and the website. Mayor Markunas stated the consultant was a content expert in social media and his extensive communications background were extremely valuable during the time he consulted for the Village.

Jim Giannettino, 2 Memorial Drive, commented on the proposed building on Washington Avenue. He stated the Zoning Board provided three variances for lot coverage, side yard, and front yard. The proposed building will be paying full taxes and paying a host community benefit fee. In his opinion, contrary to Mr. Girard's opinion, this project is a major asset for the Village. Mr. Giannettino brought to the attention of the Board that a life was saved in the Knolls with the use of Narcan. Chief Osborn confirmed this occurred. Mr. Giannettino remarked that Village has not settlement with the PBA and CSEA and asked who would be conducting the negotiations. Mayor Markunas said Labor Council will be conducting the negotiations.

Lance Bieber, 21 Terrace Avenue, wanted to discuss paving issues in the Village and asked if Willow Drive is on the schedule to be paved. He also stated Mr. Lijoi is a terrific guy, he knows that because sixteen years ago he moved into the house next to where Mr. Lijoi grew up, and was a neighbor to Mr. Lijoi's parents until their passing. He stated that his neighborhood is beautiful and he enjoyed living next the Lijoi's and now the new family that lives there. He stated he was happy Mr. Lijoi was volunteering to help the Village and asked if perhaps, Mr. Lijoi, could help him resolve his paving concerns.

Carol Verano, felt that Village employees should not be denied their rights to obtain benefits. She believes Village employees are still fighting for what they deserve.

Michael Curley, 84 Orange Avenue, understands Mr. Girard may want to ask questions of the Board regarding Mr. Lijoi. He stated that he knows Mr. Lijoi is the spouse Amy, that Mr. Lijoi is an honorable man, and that it is unfortunate that people may not understand how volunteers like Mr. Lijoi help out the Village. Mr. Curley was appreciative of Mr. Lijoi's recent assistance with waste water treatment operations. Mr. Curley believes if people want to volunteer then they should be encouraged to do so.

#### **OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK:**

A motion to accept the minutes from the August 6, 2018 Village Board meeting was made by Gina Bertolino, seconded by Frank Hagen, and passed unanimously by the Board.

#### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

##### **RESOLUTION NO. 212 OF 2018 - A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING JUSTICE COURT AUDIT REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2017 AND 2018**

Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires every Village justice, at least once a year and upon the last audit day of such village or town, to present his or her records and docket to the Village Board, which Village Board shall examine the said records and docket, or cause same to be examined and a report thereon submitted to the Village Board by a certified public accountant. Village records and dockets of the Village of Suffern's Justices for the fiscal years ended May 31, 2017 and 2018 have been examined by Berard & Associates CPAs P.C. and has issued a report on the statements of cash receipts, cash disbursements and cash balances of the

Village Justice Court for each of the fiscal years ended May 31, 2017 and 2018 (the "Reports"). The Village Board of Trustees has reviewed and accepted the Reports. The Village Clerk is directed to submit the Reports to the New York State Office of Court Administration. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 213 OF 2018 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MUNICIPAL SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT WITH THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) FOR THE PERIOD 2018-2019**

In a letter dated August 13, 2018, the NYS DOT forwarded documents related to the 2018-2019 Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement. In order to be eligible for reimbursement in the sum of \$19,148.28 by the NYS DOT, the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees was required to authorize said Agreement. The Village of Suffern Board of Trustees accepts the 2018-2019 NYS Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement and authorizes Mayor Markunas to execute said Agreement. The Superintendent of Public Works will submit monthly form SI-7 (Equipment Operator Report) to the NYS DOT on behalf of the Village of Suffern. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Gina Bertolino and seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman.

**RESOLUTION NO. 214 OF 2018 - AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOW BID FOR THE WWTP PHASE 2 SANITARY SEWER ABATEMENT DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The Board of Trustees has consulted with the Charles Sawicki, Superintendent of Public Works, with respect to the awarding of the low bid for the WWTP Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Abatement Design Request for Proposal. The low bid is in the amount of \$47,900.00 from Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C., 15 Industrial Drive, Suite 2, Middletown, New York. The Village of Suffern Board of Trustees accepted the low bid for the WWTP Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Abatement Design Request for Proposal in the amount of \$47,900 from Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers subject to Charles Sawicki contacting the references provided by the bidder and issuing his approval in writing to the Village Attorney for review, along with his submitting all bid documents to the Village Attorney in proper legal form. The Mayor was authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the Village of Suffern. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Trustee Gina Bertolino, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**RESOLUTION NO. 215 of 2018 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHARLES SAWICKI, JOSEPH HUNT, CHRIS SZKLANY, TODD STRASSBURG, AND STEVE CONLEE TO ATTEND NYSDEC EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL TRAINING ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

The Village Board adopted Resolution No. 27 of 2015 authorizing attendance at Municipal Conferences at its re-organization meeting on December 7, 2015 with prior approval by the Board of Trustees. The Village of Suffern Board of Trustees hereby authorizes Charles Sawicki, Joseph Hunt, Chris Szklany, Todd Strassburg, and Steve Conlee to attend NYSDEC 4-hour Erosion and Sediment Control Training on September 25, 2018 at the Fire Training Center in Pomona, New York, at a cost of \$65.00 per participant. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Moira Hertzman, seconded by Trustee Gina Bertolino, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**RESOLUTION NO. 216 of 2018 - A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THOMAS MARTIN AS A SEASONAL LABORER FROM A 90-DAY TO 120-DAY DURATION**

The Mayor and Board of Trustees authorizes the extension of Thomas Martin as Seasonal Laborer for the Street Department from 90 to a 120-day extension duration at the current pay rate of \$15.00 per hour. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Trustee Gina Bertolino, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**TRUSTEES:**

Trustee Bertolino provided an update on the project to create an annual permit for hikers that regularly visit the Suffern-Bear Mountain Trail Head to encourage people to visit the Village by providing a map of local businesses. Trustee Bertolino provided information on the Do Not Knock Program and See Something, Say Something that is now available on line for people to access and report concerns. Trustee Hagen thank the Village Recreation and Police Department for their assistance in the Dog Show. Provided an update on the IRS ruling on State and Local Taxes.

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR:**

The IRS will be holding a public hearing on November 5, 2018 to review the IRS ruling on State and Local Taxes. The Village will be waiting to hear the outcome of the public hearing regarding how to address this matter moving forward. IRS proposed regulations issued August 23, 2018, to be effective after August 27, 2018, block attempts by New York, New Jersey and Connecticut to allow taxpayers to try to circumvent the new \$10,000 federal income tax cap on state and local tax (SALT) deductions.

A public hearing will be held on September 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Rockland County Shared Services Initiative and the possibilities for saving tax dollar and streamlining government by combining the efforts of municipalities to reduce duplication of services.

The Mayor was approached by the Village veteran's associations about the location where the American flag and the US Armed Services flags should be flown in our memorial parks. The Village will be working with the veterans on this matter in the upcoming weeks.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to close the meeting in honor of David Clifford was made by Trustee Russo, seconded by Trustee Hagen, and approved unanimously by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.