



**Village Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.**

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 to consider the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2019 and ending May 31, 2020.

Present: **Edward Markunas, Mayor**
 Steve Alpert, Trustee
 Frank Hagen, Trustee
 Moira Hertzman, Trustee
 Paul Girard, Trustee
 Ralph DeMarco, Village Attorney
 Amy Paffenroth, Village Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Markunas called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m., leading the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of our service men and women.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The Village Board Workshop Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

CONTINUATION OF THE APRIL 11, 2017 PUBLIC HEARING – 7:05 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2019 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2020

A motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. was made by Paul Girard, seconded by Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board. After hearing public comment, a motion to close the public hearing was made at 8:58 p.m. by Paul Girard, seconded by Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 89 OF 2019 - SETTING A WORKSHOP MEETING TO BE HELD APRIL 23, 2019 TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE 2019-2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET

The Board of Trustees authorized holding a special workshop meeting on April 23, 2019 to be held at 7:00 p.m. to consider amendments to the 2019-2020 Tentative Budget. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Steve Alpert, and passed unanimously by the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:10 P.M. REGARDING SETTING OF WATER RATES EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

A motion to open the Public Hearing at 9:00 p.m. was made by Frank Hagen, seconded by Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board. After hearing public comment, a motion to close the public hearing was made at 9:04 p.m. by Paul Girard, seconded by Steve Alpert, and passed unanimously by the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:15 P.M. REGARDING SETTING OF SEWER RATES EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

A motion to open the Public Hearing at 9:05 p.m. was made by Frank Hagen, seconded by Steve Alpert, and passed unanimously by the Board. After hearing public comment, a motion to close the public hearing was made at 9:08 p.m. by Steve Alpert, seconded by Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:20 P.M. TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C

A motion to open the Public Hearing at 9:09 p.m. was made by Frank Hagen, seconded by Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board. After hearing public comment, a motion to continue the Public Hearing to consider authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in general municipal law Section 3-C, to be held Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 7:05 p.m., was made at 9:21 p.m. by Frank Hagen, seconded by Steve Alpert, and passed unanimously. Mayor Markunas noted that a special workshop meeting was resolved this evening to be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 to discuss additional amendments to the tentative 2019-2020 budget. Mayor Markunas also noted that Tuesday, April 30, 2019 is also the date scheduled for the next regular Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Before voting to continue the Public Hearing on April 30, 2019, Mayor Markunas made a statement, “following the progress made at the workshop on Saturday and the additional budget reductions proposed by Department Heads represented in the tentative budget presented by Mr. Genito tonight. As part of the annual budget process, the tentative budget presented to the Board reflected the cost of the historical goods and services provided to Village residents including the determined changes in our operating conditions and costs reflective of the upcoming fiscal year. A Public Hearing was held April 11, a Workshop Meeting was held on April 13, a second Public Hearing was held again tonight, and I have proposed an additional Workshop Meeting next week. The public has actively participated in the budget process providing our Board with their opinions and ideas. Public input is a vital and critical component of the budget process. Following these necessary steps in the budget process, Mr. Genito has amended the tentative budget which represents reductions in expenses that are fiscally responsible. As a Board, we will continue to work together to find additional reductions to the tentative budget.” Following statement by Mayor Markunas, the motion to close the Public Hearing was passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 90 OF 2019 - ADOPTING THE CHANGES TO THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2020

Section 5-508 of Village Law provides that the 2019-2020 budget for fiscal year ending May 31, 2019 must be adopted on or before May 1, 2018. The 2019-2020 Tentative Budget (“Tentative Budget”) was prepared and transmitted by the Village Treasurer to the Village Board on March 21, 2019. Public hearings on the Tentative Budget, the proposed 2019-2020 water rates and the proposed 2019-2020 sewer rates were held on April 11 and April 13, 2019. Members of the Board of Trustees have been proposed amendments to the Tentative Budget. The Board of Trustees adopted the following amendments to the Tentative Budget:

General Fund Estimated Revenues

Decrease A1001 Real Property Taxes from \$12,281,362 to \$11,800,886

Decrease A8160.2130 Curbside Solid Waste Charges from \$1,049,243 to \$1,012,973

Increase A2709 Employee Contributions from \$168,000 to \$185,000

General Fund Appropriations

Decrease:

- A1110.4 Village Justice Contractual from \$74,426 to \$62,226
 - A1325.4 Village Treasurer Contractual from \$64,224 to \$59,224
 - A1420.1 Village Attorney Personal Services from \$24,994 to \$17,000
 - A1420.4 Village Attorney Contractual from \$198,008 to \$171,508
 - A3120.1 Police Personal Services from \$4,319,030 to \$4,273,771
 - A5110.4 Street Maintenance Contractual from \$484,416 to \$391,416
 - A5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual from \$147,500 to \$132,500
 - A5650.1 Parking Personal Services from \$72,432 to \$38,321
 - A5650.4 Parking Contractual from \$52,386 to \$49,586
 - A7140.2 Recreation Equipment from \$1,200 to \$500
 - A7140.4 Recreation Contractual from \$118,372 to \$114,782
 - A7141.1 Recreation Center Personal Services from \$63,583 to \$62,583
 - A7141.4 Recreation Center Contractual from \$29,150 to \$27,750
 - A8160.4 Curbside Solid Waste Contractual from \$288,709 to \$263,709
 - A8160.4830 Curbside Solid Waste Social Security from \$34,088 to \$31,860
 - A8160.4840 Curbside Solid Waste Workers Compensation from \$60,170 to \$53,328
 - A8160.4860 Curbside Solid Waste Hospital & Medical from \$146,300 to \$144,100
 - A9000.4810 NYS Retirement from \$377,042 to \$368,096
 - A9000.4815 Police & Fire Retirement from \$948,861 to \$938,773
 - A9000.4830 Social Security from \$477,226 to \$438,194
 - A9000.4840 Workers Compensation from \$426,160 to \$380,753
 - A9000.4860 Hospital & Medical from \$2,297,800 to \$2,249,900
- Eliminate the salary allocation in and out between A7140.1 Recreation Personal Services and A7141.1 Recreation Center Personal Services, thus increasing A7140.1 Recreation Personal Services in the amount of \$14,132 and decreasing A7141.1 Recreation Center Personal Services in the same amount of \$14,132.

Water Fund

- Decrease F2140 Metered Water Sales Estimated Revenue from \$2,183,428 to \$2,133,764
- Increase F2709 Employee Contributions from \$7,000 to \$7,700
- Decrease the following appropriations:
 - F8310.1 Personal Services from \$248,910 to \$244,490
 - F8310.4810 NYS Retirement from \$35,403 to \$34,775
 - F8310.4830 Social Security from \$19,042 to \$17,481
 - F8310.4840 Workers Compensation from \$5,470 to \$4,848
 - F8310.4860 Hospital & Medical from \$77,600 to \$76,400
 - F8320.4 Source of Supply Contractual from \$305,600 to \$275,600
 - F8320.4830 Social Security from \$44,049 to \$41,170
 - F8320.4840 Workers Compensation from \$38,290 to \$33,936
 - F8320.4860 Hospital & Medical from \$245,800 to \$242,000
- Increase F8340.4 Water Transmission Contractual from \$103,500 to \$104,000

Sewer Fund

Decrease G2120 Sewer Rents Estimated Revenue from \$2,515,438 to \$2,489,199

Increase G2709 Employee Contributions from \$10,000 to \$11,000

Decrease the following appropriations:

G8110.1 Personal Services from \$248,910 to \$244,490

G8110.4810 NYS Retirement from \$35,403 to \$34,775

G8110.4830 Social Security from \$19,042 to \$17,481

G8110.4840 Workers Compensation from \$5,470 to \$4,848

G8110.4860 Hospital & Medical from \$55,600 to \$54,700

G8130.1 Personal Services from \$229,509 to \$212,366

G8110.4810 NYS Retirement from \$32,644 to \$30,206

G8130.4830 Social Security from \$17,557 to \$15,184

G8130.4840 Workers Compensation from \$38,290 to \$33,936

G8130.4860 Hospital & Medical from \$148,600 to \$146,300

Increase G8130.4 Contractual from \$759,004 to 770,504

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Moira Hertzman and seconded by Steve Alpert and a roll call vote was recorded as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
Alpert	X			
Girard	X			
Hagen	X			
Hertzman	X			
Markunas	X			

Mayor Markunas declared the Resolution adopted on April 17, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 91 OF 2019 - ACCEPTING THE ORANGE AVENUE PROJECT PERFORMANCE BOND/LETTER OF CREDIT/TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

Orange Avenue Apartments, LLC, as successor in title to Orange Avenue Associates, LLC is the owner of certain property within the Village of Suffern located at Orange Avenue and Blauvelt Place and identified on the Town of Ramapo tax map as Section 54.35, Block 2, Lot 6. The owner 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 has applied for a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy pursuant to Village Code Section 266-49(F). As a condition of granting said Temporary Certificate of Occupancy, the Building Inspector is requiring the posting of a Performance Bond to insure the completion of certain improvements at the property which were unable to be completed due to weather constraints. The Building Inspector, in consultation with the Department of Public Works, has recommended, and the Planning Board has determined based upon that recommendation, that the owner must post a Performance Bond to insure completion of the project, in the amount of One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00). The owner has provided a Performance Bond and Letter of Credit issued by Signature Bank in the amount of \$120,000.00 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 Board of Trustees accepted, received, and filed a Performance Bond from Orange Avenue Apartments, LLC, dated April 17, 2019, and the collateral for said Bond in the form of an Irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by Signature Bank (LOC #S93060835) in favor of the Village of Suffern, in the amount of \$120,000.00, which Bond and Letter of Credit require certain

items to be completed as a condition of the issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy, which shall expire on July 2, 2019, 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 Village Board upon such recommendations. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Paul Girard, and passed unanimously by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:36 p.m. by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Steve Alpert and passed unanimously by the Board.