



Village Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 23, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, April 23, 2019 for further discussion regarding the adoption of 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:

A Special 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 92 OF 2019 – AMENDING 2018-2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR APPLICATION OF LEGAL SETTLEMENT AMOUNT TO 2018-2019 PBA RETRO PAY:

The Village of Suffern Board of Trustees and the Suffern Policemen’s Benevolent Association, Inc. (“PBA”) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) constituting the new terms and conditions of the successor agreement to the PBA collective bargaining agreement that covers the period of June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2021. Paragraph 7 of the MOA prescribes that retroactive payments for increases shall be made in two equal pay installments, the second such payment being made on or after June 1, 2019. The Village Board determined that it would be in the best interests of the Village to make the second retroactive payment before June 1, 2019. The Village Treasurer’s Office calculated the second retroactive payment to be approximately \$170,000. The 2018-2019 adopted budget for the General Fund did not include the aforesaid \$170,000 in appropriations for the second retroactive payment. The Village of Suffern’s Workers’ Compensation carrier advised the Village that the settlement of a claim has resulted in an award to the Village in the amount of \$130,000 that will be received within the revenue availability period of fiscal year ending May 31, 2019. The 2018-2019 adopted budget for the General Fund did not include the \$130,000 in estimated revenues for the aforesaid claim settlement. The amount of \$18,500 remains in the 2018-2019 Contingent account as unspent and unencumbered. The amount of \$2,600 remains in the 2018-2019 Unemployment Insurance account as unspent and unencumbered.

The Village Board of the Village of Suffern amended the 2018-2019 General Fund budget as follows:

Increase:

Appropriations – Police Personal Services	\$170,000
Estimated Revenues – Workers Compensation Insurance Recovery	\$130,000

Decrease:

Appropriations – Contingent Account	\$ 18,500
Appropriations – General Liability Insurance	\$ 18,900
Appropriations – Unemployment Insurance	\$ 2,600

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Paul Girard, seconded by Moira Hertzman, and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 93 OF 2019 - RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 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, April 13 and April 17, 2019. In addition to amendments to the Tentative Budget that were adopted by the Village Board on April 17, 2019, members of the Village Board have proposed additional amendments to the Tentative Budget. The Village Board of the Village of Suffern does hereby adopt the following additional amendments to the Tentative Budget:

General Fund Estimated Revenues

Decrease A1001 Real Property Taxes from \$11,800,886 to \$11,554,286
Increase A1721 Parking Permits from \$175,000 to \$185,428
Increase A3502 Snow & Ice State Aid from \$-0- to \$19,148

General Fund Appropriations

Decrease:

A3120.1 Police Personal Services from \$4,273,771 to \$4,114,102
A3120.4 Police Contractual from \$242,413 to \$217,413
A9000.4815 Police & Fire Retirement from \$938,773 to \$903,834
A9000.4830 Social Security from \$438,194 to \$426,778

Sewer Fund

Decrease G2120 Sewer Rents Estimated Revenue from \$2,489,199 to \$2,484,199
Decrease G8130.1 Personal Services from \$212,366 to \$207,366

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Steve Alpert, seconded by Frank Hagen, and passed unanimously by the Board.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2020:

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held before the Village Board Workshop Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. At that meeting the Board will consider the adoption of a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C as well as the adoption of the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:21 p.m. by Trustee Moira Hertzman, seconded by Steve Alpert, and passed unanimously by the Board.