



**Special Meeting of Village Board of Trustee Minutes
Thursday, April 30, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.**

A special workshop meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, April 30, 2019 to consider the adoption of the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2019 and ending May 31, 2020. Following the budget discussions, the regular workshop meeting of the Board of Trustees was held.

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 7:00 p.m., leading the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of our service men and women.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The next workshop meeting of the Village Board will be held Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 94 OF 2019 - ADOPTING LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2019 – AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C:

A proposed local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2020 was introduced at the meeting of the Village Board held on April 1, 2019 at which time a public hearing was set for April 11, 2019. The public hearing was held on April 11, 2019 and April 17, 2019, at which time all person interested in speaking on this matter were given an opportunity to be heard, after which the public hearing was closed. That after careful consideration of the proposed local law, comments received at the public hearing on said proposed local law, and the status of the Tentative Budget, the Village Board adopted Local Law 2 of 2019 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c as follows: Section 1. Legislative Intent - It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Suffern to adopt a budget for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law Section 3-c. Section 2. Authority - This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law Section 3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body. Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override - The Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern, County of Rockland, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2020 that requires a

real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law Section 3-c. Section 4. Severability - If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered. Section 5. Effective date - This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman. A roll call of the vote is as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSENT
Alpert		X	
Girard		X	
Hagen	X		
Hertzman	X		
Markunas	X		

RESOLUTION NO. 95 OF 2019 - RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGETS FOR THE GENERAL FUND (INCLUDING THE CURBSIDE SOLID WASTE DISTRICT AND THE CONTAINER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT), THE WATER FUND, THE SEWER FUND AND THE DEBT SERVICE 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, 2020 must be adopted on or before May 1, 2019. The 2019-2020 Tentative Budgets (“Tentative Budgets”) were prepared and transmitted by the Village Treasurer to the Village Board on March 21, 2019. Public hearings on the Tentative Budgets, the proposed 2019-2020 water rates and the proposed 2019-2020 sewer rates were held on April 11, 2019 and closed on April 17, 2019. A public hearing on adopting a local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2020 was held on April 11, 2019 and closed on April 17, 2019. On April 17, 2019, the Village Board of Trustees adopted a resolution amending the Tentative Budgets, which included an increase in estimated revenues for employee health insurance contributions to reflect a higher contribution amount calculated by applying the employee contribution percentage to higher health insurance costs. On April 23, 2019, the Village Board of Trustees adopted a resolution amending the Tentative Budgets, which included an increase in estimated revenues for the following: Increase A1721 Parking Permits from \$175,000 to \$185,428 to reflect the sale of new parking permits to Orange Avenue Apartments. Increase A3502 Snow & Ice State Aid from \$-0- to \$19,148 to reflect the estimated contractual obligation from the New York State Department of Transportation for the removal of snow and ice on New York State roads by the Village. On April 30, 2019, the Village Board adopted Local Law 2 of 2019 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2020. The Village Board of the Village of Suffern adopted the 2019-2020 budgets for the General Fund (including the Curbside Solid Waste District and the Container Solid Waste District), the Water Fund, the Sewer Fund and the Debt Service for fiscal year ending May 31, 2020 as follows:

General Fund:	
Appropriations	\$ 15,511,940
Less: Estimated revenues other than real property taxes	<u>(3,957,654)</u>
Real property tax levy	11,554,286
Taxable assessed valuation	<u>132,840,366</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 taxable assessed valuation	<u><u>\$86.98</u></u>

Curbside Solid Waste District:	
Appropriations	\$ 1,012,973
Less: Estimated revenues other district service charges	<u>-</u>
Amount to be raised by district service charges	1,012,973
Units to be serviced	<u>1,878</u>
Annual service charge per unit	<u><u>\$540.00</u></u>

Container Solid Waste District:	
Amount to be raised by district service charges	\$ 313,586
Units to be serviced	<u>1,723</u>
Annual service charge per unit	<u><u>\$182.00</u></u>

Water Fund:	
Appropriations	\$ 2,161,964
Less: Estimated revenues other than water rents	<u>(28,200)</u>
Amount to be raised by metered water sales	<u>\$ 2,133,764</u>
Per unit water rates within Village:	
Minimum charge up to 10 units	\$35.00
For the portion over 10 but less than 71 units	\$3.73
For the portion over 70 units	\$4.86
Per unit water rates outside Village limits:	
Minimum charge up to 10 units	\$60.00
For the portion over 10 units	\$5.60

Sewer Fund:	
Appropriations	\$ 2,511,863
Less: Estimated revenues other than sewer rents	<u>(24,000)</u>
Amount to be raised by sewer rents	<u>\$ 2,487,863</u>
Per unit sewer rates within Village:	
Minimum charge	\$25.00
Per unit of water consumed	\$11.57
Per unit sewer rates outside Village limits:	
Minimum charge	\$25.00
Per unit of water consumed	\$14.46

Debt Service Fund:	
Appropriations	<u>\$ 1,193,466</u>
Estimated Revenues	<u><u>\$ 1,193,466</u></u>

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen and seconded by Trustee Moira Hertzman. A roll call of the vote is as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSENT
Alpert		X	
Girard		X	
Hagen	X		
Hertzman	X		
Markunas	X		

RESOLUTION NO. 96 OF 2019 - ADOPTION OF THE 2019-2020 COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL POLICY DOCUMENT:

The Village Treasurer compiled a set of financial policies into a single comprehensive financial policy document to facilitate the periodic review, amendment, distribution and implementation of such financial policies. On April 26, 2019 the Village Treasurer presented to the Village Board of Trustees the aforesaid comprehensive financial policy document. The Village of Suffern Board of Trustees reviewed the aforesaid comprehensive financial policy document. The Village Board of the Village of Suffern adopted the Village of Suffern Comprehensive Financial Policy Document. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Frank Hagen, seconded by Trustee Paul Girard and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 97 OF 2019 - AMENDING THE 2018-2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM POLICE CONTRACTUAL TO POLICE PERSONAL SERVICES:

On February 4, 2019, the Village Board of Trustees adopted a resolution amending the 2018-2019 General Fund budget to provide \$101,500 from the General Fund Contingent Account to cover the cost of Police overtime through the fiscal year ending May 31, 2019. The cost of Police overtime will exceed the original amount appropriated in the adopted 2018-2019 General Fund budget and the additional amount appropriated in the aforesaid February 4, 2019 resolution in the estimated amount of \$14,000. Sufficient funds to cover the aforesaid additional estimated amount is available in the General Fund Police Contractual account for legal services. The Village Board amended the 2018-2019 adopted General Fund budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations – Police Contractual \$14,000

Increase Appropriations – Police Personal Services \$14,000

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

WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

Following the adoption of Resolution No. 97 of 2019, the Village Board continued with the regular workshop meeting scheduled to take place at 7:00 p.m.