



Village of Suffern
Village Board Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:13 p.m.

A special meeting via teleconference of the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees was held Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 2:13 p.m. A transcript of that meeting follows and will constitute the minutes of that meeting.

*****Beginning of March 19, 2020 Village Board Special Meeting Transcript*****

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Mayor Markunas: Okay, Good afternoon everyone. This is Mayor Ed Markunas. This public teleconference meeting is being held pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 issued by Governor Andrew Cuomo on March 12, 2020, which continues any suspension or modification of law made by Executive Order 202 for thirty days until April 11, 2020. Executive Order 202 declared a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

Executive Order 202.1 provides, among other things, for the suspension of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such, take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceedings and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed.

The public notice of this meeting included instructions as to how the public could view and/or listen to the meeting and a recording and transcription of this meeting will be made available on the Village of Suffern website.

I ask that the Village Clerk Amy Paffenroth to call the roll.

Amy Paffenroth: Good afternoon, this is Amy Paffenroth. Please say “present” when your name is called. Trustee Alpert?

Trustee Alpert: Present.

Amy Paffenroth: Trustee Girard?

Trustee Girard: Present.

Amy Paffenroth: Trustee Barone?

Trustee Girard: Can you hear me?

Amy Paffenroth: Yeah.

Trustee Barone: Present.

Amy Paffenroth: Trustee Meegan-Corrigan?

Trustee Meegan-Corrigan: Present.

Amy Paffenroth: Mayor Markunas?

Mayor Markunas: Present.

Amy Paffenroth: Also presented on this teleconference are Village Treasurer Mike Genito, and I ask is Village, Assistant Village Attorney Robert Magrino present? [pause] No.

Mayor Markunas: We have two items on the agenda: the presentation of the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget from the Village Clerk to the Village Board and Amending Resolution 67 of 2020 setting a date and time for a public hearing on the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget. Earlier today, in accordance with Section 5-504 of Village Law, I transmitted the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget to the Village Clerk with copies to the Village Board. Following this meeting, copies of that Tentative Budget will also be available on the Village website. The Village Clerk will now present the Tentative Budget to the Village Board, in accordance with Section 5-508 sub 1 of the Village Law.

Amy Paffenroth: Amy Paffenroth speaking. I hereby officially present the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget to the Village Board and will publish the Tentative Budget on the Village website. The public may review the Tentative Budget and offer any questions or comments by email to budget@suffernny.gov. Those comments or questions will be distributed to the Mayor and Board of Trustees. During this state of emergency, we will notice and hold budget workshops and a public hearing on the Tentative Budget via teleconference. We will consider the comments and questions received by the public via email, letter and/or fax to serve as a replacement for the in public in-person public participation in the budget process.

Mayor Markunas: Do I have a motion and a second to amend Resolution 67 of 2020 to change the in public in-person public hearing with a teleconference public hearing to consider the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget on April 6, 2020 at 7:15 PM?

Trustee Barone: Motion. Barone makes the motion.

Mayor Markunas: Trustee Barone motion. Do I have a second?

Trustee Meegan-Corrigan: Jo Meegan, Jo Meegan-Corrigan second.

Mayor Markunas: Jo Meegan-Corrigan second. Any discussion? [pause] Hearing no discussion, all in favor say "Aye."

Trustee Barone: Aye.

Trustee Meegan-Corrigan: Aye.

Trustee Girard: Aye.

Trustee Alpert: Aye.

Mayor Markunas: Any opposed? Any opposed? [pause] Motion carried. Having no further business, I will entertain a motion to close this meeting.

Trustee Meegan-Corrigan: Motion

Mayor Markunas: Jo Meegan-Corrigan. Do I have a second?

Trustee Barone: Second.

Mayor Markunas: Sorry, you just have to say who it is.

Trustee Barone: Trustee Barone, second.

Mayor Markunas: Trustee Barone. Thank you. All in favor?

Trustee Alpert: Aye.

Trustee Meegan-Corrigan: Aye.

Trustee Girard: Aye.

Trustee Barone: Aye.

Mayor Markunas: Aye. Any opposed? This officially closes our meeting. On behalf of myself and the entire Village Board, we ask everyone to stay safe and healthy. Thank you.

Trustee Alpert: Thank you.

Trustee Meegan-Corrigan: Thank you.

Trustee Girard: Thank you.

Trustee Barone: Thank you.

Trustee Alpert: Bye.

Trustee Meegan-Corrigan: Bye.

Trustee Girard: Bye.

Trustee Barone: Bye.

Mayor Markunas: Bye.

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