



**Village of Suffern
Village Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 1, 2020 7:00 p.m.**

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, the regular meeting of the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees was held Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by Teleconference.

Present: Edward Markunas, Mayor
 Steven Alpert, Trustee
 Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee
 Charles Barone, Trustee
 Paul Girard, Trustee
 Amy Paffenroth, Village Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Markunas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF SUFFERN FIREFIGHTER JASON WEINGER:

The Village Board joined in a moment of silence to remember Jason Weinger, an 18-year member of the Suffern Hook & Ladder Co. 1, who passed away on May 16th at the age of 57. We honor his memory and ask to please keep Jason's wife Jill and their three children (Tamar, Mikalah and Eli) in your thoughts.

OPENING STATEMENT BY MAYOR MARKUNAS:

The recent events that have cause unrest in our country are concerning to all of us. However, I want Village residents to know the Village of Suffern is proud to be named one of the 50 safest areas in New York State. Our Village was also listed as the safest municipality in Rockland County. The Suffern Police Department has been in the forefront of community policing. Suffern Police Officers know our residents and the residents know the officers on patrol – whether through school, sports, community groups or everyday contacts. The Suffern Police Department routinely dedicates officers to address specific community and quality of life issues in a proactive manner through DARE, sports programs, community events, and community policing activities. The Village of Suffern is a community where neighbors help neighbor. As long as we continue to support one another with kindness and help those of us who are in need, then Village of Suffern will remain strong and will serve as a role model for other communities during these difficult times.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: A Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. A Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was rescheduled from July 6 to July 7 which will be held by teleconference at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing was scheduled at 7:05 p.m. to consider the repeal of Local Law of 2020, adopted on April 23, 2020, to override the 2020-2021 tax cap. A motion to open the public hearing was made by Steven Alpert, seconded by Charles Barone, and passed unanimously by the Board. Following background and discussion, a motion to close the public hearing was by at 7:09 p.m. by Charles Barone, seconded by Jo Meegan-Corrigan, and passed unanimously by the Board. Following the close of the public hearing the Resolution No. 107 of 2020 was adopted by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 107 OF 2020 - REPEALING LOCAL LAW 5 OF 2020

On April 23, 2020 the Board of Trustees passed Resolution 82 of 2020 adopting Local Law 5 of 2020 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, 2021. Local Law 5 of 2020 was adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law Section 3-c, which expressly authorized an 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. On April 30, 2020, the Board of Trustees passed Resolution 88 of 2020 adopting a budget for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2021 that did not require a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law Section 3-c. The Board of Trustees repealed Local Law 5 of 2020. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Charles Barone, seconded by Trustee Steven Alpert and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 108 OF 2020 - ACCEPTING THE NYSDEC ANNUAL MS4 REPORT

The Village of Suffern is required to file an Annual NYSDEC MS4 Report. The Report has been completed by the Director of Public Works for the year ending March 2020. This is a Type 2 Action requiring no further action under SEQRA. The Village Board of Trustees accepted the Annual NYSDEC MS4 Report for the year ending March 2020, Nunc Pro Tunc. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Barone, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 109 OF 2020 - APPROVING THE SUFFERN FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM REPORT FOR 2019

In accordance with New York General Municipal Law Section 217, General Requirements of a Service Award Program, Daniel McInerney, Suffern Fire Department LOSAP Administrator, prepared a preliminary report detailing the service award points earned by the members of the

Suffern Fire Department for the year 2019. On March 2, 2020 the Board of Trustees approved the 2019 Suffern Fire Department Service Award Program preliminary report presented by Mr. McInerney. For a period of no less than 30-days commencing March 2, 2020, the Suffern Fire Department LOSAP Administrator caused to be conspicuously posted a copy of the preliminary report at each Village of Suffern Firehouse during which time a firefighter could file a written appeal to the service point information contained in the report to the Fire Department. No appeals were filed during the posting period. Mayor Markunas was authorized to sign the Village of Suffern Fire Department Service Award Program 2019 Final Report Sponsor Authorization Form. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Barone, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD:

RESOLUTION NO. 110 OF 2020 - AUTHORIZING PAYMENT NO. 3 TO TAM ENTERPRISES FOR THE SANITARY SEWER ABATEMENT PROJECT PHASE 2

The Board of Trustees authorized Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$15,080.30 for the Sanitary Sewer Abatement Project Phase 2 to TAM Enterprises, 114 Harley Avenue, Goshen, New York New York. The AIA Document G702-1992 (Application and Certification for Payment) and the certified payroll have been reviewed by Charles Sawicki and have been deemed acceptable for payment. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Barone, seconded by Trustee Alpert and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 111 OF 2020 - AUTHORIZING PAYMENT NO. 3 TO TILCON NEW YORK PHASE 10 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The Village Board authorized Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$44,232.71 to Tilcon New York, 162 Old Mill Road, West Nyack, New York for Phase 10 Roadway Improvement Project. The AIA Document G702-1992 (Application and Certification for Payment) and the certified payroll have been reviewed by Charles Sawicki and have been deemed acceptable for payment. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Barone, seconded by Trustee Girard and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 112 OF 2020 - AUTHORIZING PAYMENT NO. 3 TO TILCON NEW YORK FOR VILLAGE HALL AND POLICE PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Village Board authorized Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$7,851.45 to Tilcon New York, 162 Old Mill Road, West Nyack, New York for the Village Hall and Police Department Parking Lot Improvement Project. The AIA Document G702-1992 (Application and Certification for Payment) and the certified payroll have been reviewed by Charles Sawicki and have been deemed acceptable for payment. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Barone, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan.

RESOLUTION NO. 113 OF 2020 - CREATING THE POSITION OF CLERK IN DPW ADMINISTRATION

The position of Clerk was created in DPW Administration effective June 1, 2020. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Barone and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 114 OF 2020 - APPOINTING STAN DOBRINSKI TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OPERATOR 1-B

The position of Chief Operator I-B was established in the Water Treatment Department. Mayor Markunas appointed Stan Dobrinski to Chief Operator I-B, Grade 24, at an hourly rate of \$56.37 in accordance with the CSEA 40-hour workweek pay chart, pending final review by Rockland County Department of Personnel. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Girard and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 115 OF 2020 - APPOINTING JOHN CONKLIN TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT OPERATOR GRADE 11-B

The position of Assistant Operator II-B was established in the Water Treatment Department. Mayor Markunas appointed John Conklin to Assistant Operator II-B, Grade 21, at an hourly rate of \$49.83 in accordance with the CSEA 40-hour workweek pay chart, pending final review by Rockland County Department of Personnel. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Alpert and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 116 OF 2020 - APPOINTING JOE MACENTEE TO THE POSITION OF AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC 1, EFFECTIVE JUNE 8, 2020

Mayor Markunas appointed Joe MacEntee to the position of Automotive Mechanic I, Grade 15-Step 5, at an hourly pay rate of \$34.77, in accordance with the CSEA 40-hour workweek pay chart. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Alpert and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 117 OF 2020 - APPOINTING ANIELLO VACCHIANO TO THE POSITION OF MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR 1, EFFECTIVE JUNE 8, 2020

Mayor Markunas appointed Aniello Vacchiano to Motor Equipment Operator I Position, Grade 10-Step 4, at an hourly pay rate of \$25.91, in accordance with the CSEA 40-hour workweek pay chart. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Barone and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 118 OF 2020 - APPOINTING PATRICK CROTTY TO THE POSITION OF MAINTENANCE HELPER EFFECTIVE JUNE 8, 2020

Mayor Markunas appointed Patrick Crotty to Maintenance Helper Position, Grade 10 with one longevity, at an hourly pay rate of \$27.69, in accordance with the CSEA 40-hour workweek pay chart. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Alpert and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 119 OF 2020 - AUTHORIZING FREDERICK J. RELLA TO PROVIDE GRANT APPLICATION SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

The Mayor was authorized to sign the Consulting Agreement with Frederick J. Rella (F.J. Rella & Co., LLC), Suffern, New York, to provide grant application services to the Village of Suffern from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Alpert and passed unanimously by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Markunas requested the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. A motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. was made by Steven Alpert, seconded by Charles Barone, and passed unanimously by the Board. Following Executive Session, Resolution 120 of 2020 and Resolution 121 of 2020 were adopted by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 120 OF 2020 - ACCORDING CATHY A. MILLS BENEFITS PURSUANT TO RULE 3 AND ARTICLE IV (D) OF THE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS AND BENEFITS OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

On May 1, 2013, Cathy A. Mills was appointed to the permanent position in the civil service as Recreation Activities Coordinator for the Village of Suffern. Such non-union employment was and is subject to the Employment Standards and Benefits of the Village of Suffern (the "Employment Standards") including, inter alia, Rule 3.1 and each of the enumerated benefits set forth in Article IV. Village records confirm the employee's assertion that she had not received the longevity benefits to which she was entitled pursuant to Article IV (D) of the Employment Standards and is entitled to back pay retroactive to May 2014 in the amount of \$49,544.40. Effective May 2018, the employee's annual salary, as corrected for longevity as provided by the Employment Standards, would be \$73,382.40. The employee will be paid retroactive pay to be charged to the fiscal year ended May 31, 2020. That subject to the employee's agreement acknowledging her acceptance of the back pay and longevity benefit in the manner provided by the Village, the Village Treasurer was authorized to amend the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal year budgets to reflect the requisite salary adjustments for the employee. Retroactive back pay and annual salary calculations are subject to final review and approval by counsel. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Alpert, seconded by Trustee Girard and passed unanimously by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 121 OF 2020 - ACCORDING MICHAEL GENITO BENEFITS PURSUANT TO RULE 3 AND ARTICLE IV (D) OF THE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS AND BENEFITS OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

Michael Genito was appointed to the permanent position of Treasurer for the Village of Suffern by Resolutions 236 of 2017 and 232 of 2019. Such non-union employment was and is subject to the Employment Standards and Benefits of the Village of Suffern (the “Employment Standards”) including, inter alia, Rule 3.1 and each of the enumerated benefits set forth in Article IV. Village records confirm the employee’s assertion that he had not received the longevity benefits to which he was entitled pursuant to Article IV (D) of the Employment Standards and is entitled to back pay retroactive to June 2018 in the amount of \$18,496.40. Effective June 1, 2020, the employee’s annual salary, as corrected for longevity as provided by the Employment Standards, would be \$117,374.40. The employee will be paid retroactive pay to be charged to the fiscal year ended May 31, 2020. Subject to the employee’s agreement acknowledging his acceptance of the back pay and longevity benefit in the manner provided by the Village, the Village Treasurer was authorized to amend the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal year budgets to reflect the requisite salary adjustments for the employee. Retroactive back pay and annual salary calculations are subject to final review and approval by counsel. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Alpert, seconded by Trustee Barone and passed unanimously by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.