



Village of Suffern
Village Board Special Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 21, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

A special meeting of the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees was held Friday, August 21, 2020.

Present: Edward Markunas, Mayor
Steven Alpert, Trustee
Charles Barone, Trustee
Amy Paffenroth, Village Clerk
Richard Glickel, Attorney

Absent: Paul Girard, Trustee
Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Markunas called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

A Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 31, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Police Chief Clarke Osborn advised the Board that due to the retirement of two officers, Sgt. Michael Fennessey and Sgt. Deirdre Smith, staffing levels for the Suffern Police Department will be critically low. To address this matter, Chief Osborn recommended the nomination of Michael Corletta and Tara Cable, who are residents of the Village of Suffern currently serving as part-time police officers for the Village of Suffern Police Department to serve as full-time officers for the Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 153 OF 2020 - NOMINATING AND APPOINTING MICHAEL CORLETTA AND TARA CABLE AS POLICE OFFICERS

Due to two (2) pending retirements there will be two vacancies in the Village Police Department this month. There are two candidates for the vacancies who have successfully passed the Civil Service test for the position of police officer and both candidates have worked as part-time police officers for the Village of Suffern. That upon the nomination recommendation of the Chief of Police, Michael Corletta and Tara Cable, who are both residents of the Village of Suffern, were appointed to the position of Police Officer/Permanent, each at a starting salary of \$59,237.00 and their compensation and benefits shall be in accordance with the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Suffern Policemen's Benevolent Association, Inc. Each Police Officer's date of appointment will be effective upon Civil Service Approval and the applicable probationary period as set forth in the Rockland County Civil Service Rules. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Steve Alpert, seconded by Trustee Charles Barone, and passed unanimously by the Board.

Trustee Barone thanked Sgt. Fennessey and Sgt. Smith for their dedicated service and asked that he be advised of the two officer's last day so that he could participate in thanking them for their service. Trustee Barone also asked that he be advised when the newly appointed officers begin their assignments so that he can wish them well.

Mayor Markunas also expressed his appreciation for the outstanding service of Sgt. Fennessey and Sgt. Smith. He thanked the entire Suffern Police Department for serving and protecting the Village of Suffern and congratulated the newly appointed officers.

Trustee Alpert also expressed his appreciation to the retiring officers and congratulated the newly appointed officers.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee Barone requested that the Board consider the adoption of a resolution not previously noted on the Agenda for this meeting to enable the Village to participate in the Orange and Rockland two percent threshold program agreement that was scheduled to be adopted at the August 31, 2020 workshop meeting due to the limited amount of time left to participate in the program.

RESOLUTION NO. 154 OF 2020 - AUTHORIZING CHARLES SAWICKI TO EXECUTE THE ORANGE AND ROCKLAND TWO PERCENT SYSTEM THRESHOLD PROGRAM AGREEMENT

The New York State Public Service Commission issued an order in Case 16-E-0226 directing Orange and Rockland Utilities (O&R) to offer additional Light Emitting Diode (LED) street lighting options to municipalities in its service territory. All failed luminaires in Service Classification (SC) No. 4 Public Street Lighting will be converted to LED at no cost to the Village of Suffern upon consent of the Village. O&R will offer on a calendar year basis, the replacement of up to two percent (2%) of its streetlights on a system-wide basis pursuant to the Two Percent System Threshold program. The Board of Trustees authorized Charles Sawicki to execute the Agreement with O&R, One Blue Hill Plaza, Pearl River, NY, to replace all failed luminaires under Service Classification No. 4 of O&R's New York Public Service Commission approved electric tariff (SC No. 4) with Light Emitting Diode (LED) luminaires. The Village of Suffern will participate in the Two Percent System Threshold, whereby O&R will replace up to two percent of the Village's streetlights on a system wide basis and the Department of Public Works is authorized to request said participation, and to the extent required. Charles Sawicki was authorized to execute the Agreement no later than August 31, 2020 along with all documents necessary to reflect the Village's desire to participate in the program. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Steven Alpert, seconded by Trustee Charles Barone and passed unanimously by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 a.m. was made by Charles Barone, seconded by Steven Alpert, and passed unanimously by the Board.