



**VILLAGE OF SUFFERN  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020**

A Workshop Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 20, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting was held by teleconference.

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

Absent:        Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Markunas called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

The next Village Board Meeting will be held on Monday November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. (please note this meeting was rescheduled from Monday, November 2, 2020). A Workshop Meeting will be held Monday, November 30, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. The Village of Suffern Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., with the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees immediately following.

**WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:**

Village of Suffern Department Heads provided updates to the Board of Trustees as well as items to be considered for adoption at the Regular Meeting to be held on Monday, November 9, 2020.

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DURING THE WORKSHOP MEETING:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 186 OF 2020 - AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2020 TO AMEND CHAPTER 254 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN, ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, TO CONSIDER EXPANDING THE FIRE ZONE ON ANTRIM AVENUE**

The Board of Trustees authorized a public hearing to be held Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. to consider amendments to Code of the Village of Suffern Chapter 254-25.2, Fire Zone, Schedule XXI, to consider expanding the Fire Zone on Antrim Avenue. 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. 187 OF 2020 - APPROVING THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN AND STEPHEN T. MULVANEY, WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, AS APPOINTEE TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF CLERK OF THE VILLAGE JUSTICE COURT**

The position of Justice Court Clerk the Village Justice Court was vacated by the September retirement of Christine Andersen. In accordance with Section 4-400 (1) (c) (ii) of the Village Law, the Village Mayor, upon the advice and consent of the Village Justices, has appointed Stephen T. Mulvaney, who is currently a resident of Blauvelt, Rockland County, New York, to the non-competitive position of Justice Court Clerk for the Village of Suffern. The Board of Trustees approved the terms and conditions of employment of the Justice Court Clerk as set forth in the letter agreement between the Village of Suffern and Stephen T. Mulvaney, said employment to commence on or about November 4, 2020. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the Board of Trustees hereby provides that, in lieu of any other residency requirement imposed by law and in accordance with Section 3-300 (2), the Justice Court Clerk may reside within the county in which the Village of Suffern is situated, to wit, Rockland County. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Paul Girard, seconded by Charles Barone, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Police personnel matters was made at 7:39 p.m. by Steven Alpert, seconded by Paul Girard, and approved unanimously by the Board. A motion to close the Executive Session and reenter the Workshop Meeting was made at 8:39 p.m. by Charles Barone, seconded by Steve Alpert, and passed unanimously by the Board.

Following Executive Session, the following Resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 188 OF 2020 - PROMOTING POLICE SERGEANT JOSE MARTINEZ TO THE POSITION OF POLICE LIEUTENANT**

On October 5, 2020, Lieutenant Andrew Loughlin was appointed to serve as police chief of the Village of Suffern Police Department, provisionally, pending the permanent appointment of a police chief from a list of qualified eligible candidates as established by competitive civil service examination, position of police chief of the Village's police department was vacated by retirement. The Village Board of Trustees in their capacity as police commissioners have determined to promote a member of the police department to the lieutenant's position that is now provisionally vacated by Chief Loughlin's appointment. There exists a current civil service list of qualified eligible candidates, Certification of Eligibles List 77-428/17074, for the position of police lieutenant. The Board of Trustees hereby promotes and appoints Suffern Police Sergeant Jose Martinez to fill the vacated position of Police Lieutenant on a contingent permanent basis pending the permanent appointment of former Lieutenant Loughlin as police chief. Pending such contingency and beginning with and throughout his contingent service as police lieutenant,

Lieutenant Martinez's base salary shall be increased to 10% above that of the position of Detective Sergeant and the Lieutenant shall be provided with an unmarked, fully equipped vehicle 24/7, for official use as required by his duties and for personal use, which vehicle shall be maintained by the Village in good appearance and safe working order, until such time as his contingent appointment becomes fully permanent, Lieutenant Martinez shall continue to enjoy all benefits and rights conferred to police officers under the current agreement ("CBA") between the Village and the Suffern Policemen's Benevolent Association, Inc., ("PBA"). Once his appointment becomes fully permanent, all of the terms and conditions of Lieutenant Martinez's employment will be only as those terms and conditions are negotiated and set forth in a separate employment agreement between the Village and Lieutenant Martinez. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Charles Barone, seconded by Trustee Steven Alpert, and passed unanimously by the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.