



VILLAGE BOARD BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY APRIL 12, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

A Special Budget Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 12, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting was held by teleconference.

Present: Edward Markunas, Mayor
 Steven Alpert, Trustee
 Charles Barone, Trustee
 Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Trustee
 Fred Sauberman, Trustee
 Robert Magrino, Attorney
 Amy Paffenroth, Village Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

A Public Hearing to consider the adoption of water and sewer rates is scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2021. A Budget Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2021. A Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. A Budget Meeting to Adopt the 2021-2022 Budget is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 2021. A Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

TREASURER:

A Public Hearing to consider the 2021-2022 Tentative Budget and to consider a local law to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c for fiscal year ending May 31, 2021 was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. A motion to open the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. was made by Jo Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Charles Barone, and passed unanimously by the Board. Members of the Board presented recommendations to reduce expenditures. No comment was received by from the public. A motion to close the public hearing was made at 8:29 p.m. by Charles Barone, seconded by Jo Meegan-Corrigan, and passed unanimously by the Board.

A Local Law 3 of 2021 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, 2022 was presented by Treasurer Michael Genito who encouraged the Board to its adoption for ministerial purposes. Treasurer Genito explained that the local law, if adopted by the Board, could be rescinded following the adoption of the budget and upon final review of the adopted budget by the New York State Office

of the Comptroller, if the property tax levy was below the limit in General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2022. The proposed Local Law was as follows: **WHEREAS**, 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, 2021 was introduced at the meeting of the Village Board held on April 12, 2021 at which time the public hearing was set; and **WHEREAS**, during the public hearing held on April 12, 2021, all person interested in speaking on this matter were given an opportunity to be heard, after which the public hearing was closed. **RESOLVED**, 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 2021-2022 Tentative Budget, the Village Board hereby adopts Local Law 3 of 2021 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, 2022, 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, 2022 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.

Following discussion by the Board regarding the necessity of the proposed local law, Mayor Markunas requested a motion for its adoption. A motion to adopt the local law was made by Trustee Fred Sauberman and seconded by Mayor Markunas. Trustees Steve Alpert, Charles Barone, and Jo Meegan-Corrigan voted against its adoption because they stated doing so showed their commitment to adopt a budget with a tax levy below the tax cap. Mayor Markunas and Trustee Fred Sauberman stated they also were committed to adopting a budget with a tax levy below the tax cap, but cast a vote in favor of the adoption of the local law stating that there was risk in not adopting the local law for ministerial purposes but there was no downside as Treasurer Genito explained. Under these conditions Mayor Markunas and Trustee Sauber believed that the Board should follow the recommendations of the Treasurer. Since the majority of the Board

voted against the adoption of the local law, Mayor Markunas declared that the vote to adopt local law 3 of 2021 failed.

MAYOR MARKUNAS:

RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2021 - AUTHORIZING UNIVERSAL TELEVISION TO FILM “FBI MOST WANTED” APRIL 15 THROUGH APRIL 25, 2021

Universal Television, LLC filed a permit application with the Village pursuant to Chapter 135 of the Village Code to request a permit to conduct commercial filming activities within the Village of Suffern, which application requests the closure of public streets and is for more than two consecutive days. The Board of Trustees reviewed the permit application and finding that the proposed filming activities, with appropriate restrictions, permit fees, and conditions as required by the permit and the Village Code, are in accordance with the purposes as set forth in Chapter 135 of the Village Code. Pursuant to Village Code Section 135-3 (A) and 135-4(A), the Board of Trustees authorized the Village Clerk to issue a permit to Universal Television, LLC to conduct filming activities for "FBI Most Wanted" in the Central Business District commencing on April 15, 2021 through April 25, 2021 from approximately 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in accordance with the terms of the permit and the provisions of Chapter 135 of the Village Code, including but not limited to the payment of all required fees, reimbursement of expenses, and proof of insurance as required. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Fred Sauberman, seconded by Charles Barone, and passed unanimously by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. was made by Trustee Charles Barone, seconded by Trustee Fred Sauberman, and passed unanimously by the Board.