



**VILLAGE BOARD BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY APRIL 22, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

A Special Budget Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 22, 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 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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:

Treasurer Michael Genito presented the changes to the tentative 2021-2022 budget that had been recommended by the Board. Each member of the Board spoke about additional budget cuts. Discussion was raised regarding budgeting for two new police vehicles as recommended by Chief of Police Andrew Loughlin. Chief Loughlin spoke about the need to provide safe vehicles in proper working order for the officers of the Suffern Police Department and believed that two new vehicles were required to replace aging police vehicles that were in need of repairs that may be costly based on the vehicle's condition.

Members of the public were authorized to provide comment upon the approval to do so by a majority of the members of the Board. Suffern Police PBA President William Simurra also spoke about the need to budget for the purchase of two new police vehicles. To confirm the Board's position on the matter of the police vehicles and also a budget amount for the contingency fund, Mayor Markunas raised the following Motions for adoption:

A Motion was raised to budget for the purchase of two police vehicles. Trustees Steven Alpert, Charles Barone, Jo Meegan Corrigan, and Fred Sauberman voted to budget for the purchase of

one new police vehicle. Mayor Markunas cast his vote to purchase two police vehicles as recommended by the Suffern Chief of Police. The motion to budget for the purchase of one police vehicle was declared adopted.

Motion was raised to budget the contingency fund at \$200,000. Trustees Steven Alpert, Charles Barone, Jo Meegan Corrigan, and Fred Sauberman voted to cap the contingency fund at \$175,000. Mayor Markunas cast his vote to cap the contingency fund at \$200,000 as recommended by Treasurer Michael Genito. The motion to budget the contingency fund at \$175,000 was declared adopted.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. was made by Steven Alpert, seconded by Charles Barone and passed unanimously by the Board.