



**VILLAGE OF SUFFERN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022**

Present: Michael F. Curley, Mayor
Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Deputy Mayor
Steven Alpert, Trustee
Frank Hagen, Trustee
Fred Sauberman, Trustee
Terry Rice, Village Attorney
Melissa B. Reimer, Village Clerk
Michael A. Genito, Village Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Curley called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence for the Ukrainian refugees and for refugees throughout the world.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

A Workshop Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held March 28, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.
A Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held April 4, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.
A Workshop Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held April 25, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONE CHANGE APPLICATION OF EXTEL COMMUNICATIONS.

A motion to adjourn the public hearing was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Alpert, with all in favor.

2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Trustee Alpert and seconded by Trustee Corrigan, with all in favor.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Hearing no one requesting to speak, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Hagen, with all in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 44 OF 2022

ACCEPTING THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE 2022 CDBG GRANT APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE PARKING LOT A REPAVING PROJECT

RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Village of Suffern Citizen Advisory Committee to seek Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the Parking Lot A Repaving Project and authorizes the Mayor or his authorized designee to sign and submit the 2022 CDBG application for the said project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the CDBG application will state that the 2022 Parking Lot A Repaving Project cost will be \$220,000. Of this total, \$200,000 will be contributed from the Community Development Block Grant and \$20,000 (10% of the grant) will be contributed from the Village of Suffern. If a lesser amount of CDBG funds are awarded to the Village of Suffern, the Village contribution shall remain constant at no more than 10% of any such CDBG award unless the Village deems otherwise (i.e., a \$50,000 award will equate to a \$5,000 Village of Suffern contribution); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village of Suffern contribution can be the cost of a "project coordinator" and/or Village labor (soft) expenses for the development, implementation and oversight of the Parking Lot A Repaving Project.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Alpert, and seconded by Trustee Corrigan, with all those in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 45 OF 2022

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH NELSON POPE VOORHIS FOR PLANNING AND ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals are charged with the discretion or obligation to review various land use applications; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to retain qualified professional planning and engineering consultants to review the technical and planning aspects of such applications; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 267 of the Village Code provides for the establishment of an escrow fund for land use applications and the reimbursement of the Village for the reasonable and customary cost of reasonably required professional review and consultation services in the review of zoning and planning applications pending before the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Pope Voorhis is a well-qualified planning firm which includes engineering consulting services; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Pope Voorhis has been retained by the Board of Trustees to prepare an updated Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Suffern and is knowledgeable with respect to the conditions and land use issues in the Village of Suffern; and

WHEREAS Nelson Pope Voorhis submitted a proposal for the provision of planning and engineering consulting services to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Trustees, dated February 22, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that the Board of Trustees hereby agrees to retain Nelson Pope Voorhis for the provision of planning and engineering consulting services to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals

and Board of Trustees in accordance with its proposal dated February 22, 2022, for a term ending December 5, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with Nelson Pope Voorhis for the provision of planning and engineering consulting services to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Trustees in accordance with its proposal dated February 22, 2022, for a term ending December 5, 2022, subject to approval of the contract by the Village Attorney.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Sauberman and seconded by Trustee Hagen, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NEW MEMBER, KATRENE DELANEY, FOR THE VOLUNTEER HOSE COMPANY

A motion to accept Katrene Delany was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Alpert, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 46 OF 2022

NOMINATING TYLER STARK AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER IN THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Tyler Stark is nominated as a Probationary Police Officer with a salary of \$28.48 per hour, effective on and subject to clearance from the Rockland County Personnel Department, and further subject to a two-year probationary period, commencing upon clearance from the Rockland County Personnel Department.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Alpert with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 47 OF 2022

EXTEND AGREEMENT WITH DONATO MARANGI INC. FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CONTAINER SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Village of Suffern entered into an agreement in March 2020 with Donato Marangi Carting Inc. of Valley Cottage, New York for Village of Suffern refuse and recycling collection container service for the period of June 1, 2020, through May 31, 2022, at the rate of \$17.25 per unit (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Article XI "Contract Term" of the Agreement provides that the Village of Suffern, at its sole option, reserves the right to extend the Agreement for an additional period of two years not to exceed the initial term of the Agreement at the same \$17.25 per unit price payable.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees exercises its option to extend the Agreement for a period of two years, expiring May 31, 2024, at the per unit rate of \$17.25; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement to extend the current Agreement with Donato Marangi Inc., subject to approval as to form by the Village Attorney.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Sauberman and seconded by Trustee Corrigan, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 48 OF 2022

AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION OF FORMAL BIDS FOR WATER DEPARTMENT CHEMICALS

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that the solicitation of formal bids for Water Department chemicals is hereby authorized with bids to be returnable by March 22, 2022, at 3:00 P.M.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Hagen, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 49 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF APPLICATION NO. 6 TO PITINGARO & DOETSCH CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE BACKUP POWER FOR CRITICAL FACILITIES PROJECT

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that payment of Application No. 6 to Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C. in the amount of \$215.13 for Project 2021-006 GOSR NYCR-0256 Backup Power Backup Power for Critical Facilities is hereby authorized.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Alpert and seconded by Trustee Corrigan, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 50 OF 2022

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF APPLICATION NO. 6 TO PITINGARO & DOETSCH CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE HARDENING OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that payment of Application No. 6 to Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C. in the amount of \$834.72 for Project 2021-005 GOSR NYCR-0255 Hardening of Water Treatment Plant is hereby authorized.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Sauberman, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 51 OF 2022

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF APPLICATION NO. 1 TO TAM ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE HARDENING OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that payment of Application No. 1 to TAM Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$51,110.00

for Project 2021-005 GOSR NYCR-0255 Hardening of Water Treatment Plant is hereby authorized.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Hagen, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 52 OF 2022

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF APPLICATION NO. 1 TO MEHL ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE HARDENING OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that payment of Application No. 1 to Mehl Electric Company in the amount of \$11,637.50 for the Project 2021-005 GOSR NYCR-0255 Hardening of Water Treatment Plant is hereby authorized.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Alpert and seconded by Trustee Sauberman, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 53 OF 2022

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF APPLICATION NO. 1 TO HUSH MAINTENANCE CORP. FOR THE BACKUP POWER FOR CRITICAL FACILITIES PROJECT

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that payment of Application No. 1 to Hush Maintenance Corp. in the amount of \$22,467.50 for Project 2021-006 GOSR NYCR-0256 Backup Power for Critical Facilities Project is hereby authorized.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Hagen, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 54 OF 2022

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO MEHL ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES PROJECT CONTRACT 1E

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that Mehl Electric Company, Inc. Contract 1E Change Order No. 1 for Project 2019-007 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades in the amount of \$49,892.00 is hereby authorized.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Sauberman and seconded by Trustee Hagen, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 55 OF 2022

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TAM ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT FOR PROJECT 2021-005 GOSR NYCR 0255 HARDENING WATER WELLS

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law § 101, known as the Wicks Law, requires that when the total cost of contract work for the erection, construction, reconstruction, or alteration of public buildings exceeds \$500,000, bids for separate independent prime contractors must be sought for: 1) plumbing and gas fitting work; 2) steam, hot water heating, ventilation and air conditioning work; and 3) electrical wiring and illuminating fixtures work; and

WHEREAS, separate bids were solicited for General Construction, Electrical Work and Asbestos Abatement in compliance with Wicks Law; and

WHEREAS, no bids were submitted for the Asbestos Abatement related work; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), which is financing the project in part with a GOSR grant, recommended that the General Construction Contract be modified by change order to address the Asbestos Abatement; and

WHEREAS, Dewberry Engineering, the Engineer of Record for the project, estimated the abatement cost to be between \$50,000 to \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the General Contractor solicited and received two bids with the low bid was being in the amount of \$364,140.00 and the other bid being \$467,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it was recommended that a Site Specific Work Plan and a NYSDOL Abatement Variance be prepared by Quest Environmental, the third party air monitor, because the consensus was that a Site Specific Plan, incorporating an approved NYSDOL Abatement Variance, would significantly reduce the cost and the duration to complete the abatement; and

WHEREAS, bids were solicited, incorporating a Site Specific Work Plan and the NYSDOL Abatement Variance; and

WHEREAS, four bids were received with the low bid from TAM Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$39,750.00, not including General Contractor (GC) markup or related preparation; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the asbestos abatement, with GC markup and related preparation is \$50,848.43.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that Change Order No. 1 to TAM Enterprises Inc. for Asbestos Abatement for Project 2021-005 GOSR NYCR 0255 Hardening Water Wells in the amount of \$50,848.43 is hereby authorized.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Alpert, and seconded by Trustee Corrigan, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 56 OF 2022

AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION OF FORMAL BIDS FOR A 10 FOOT GALION STAINLESS STEEL DUMP BODY

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that the solicitation of formal bids for a 10-foot Galion Stainless Steel Dump Body is hereby authorized, with bids to be returnable by March 24, 2022, at 3:00 P.M.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Hagen, and seconded by Trustee Sauberman, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 57 OF 2022

CONFIRMING MAYOR CURLEY'S APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW TORRES TO A LABORER'S POSITION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Curley hereby appoints Matthew Torres to a Laborer's Position in the Department of Public Works with a salary of \$18.85 per hour, starting on March 14, 2022, and said appointment is hereby confirmed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Alpert and seconded by Trustee Corrigan with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 58 OF 2022

TRANSFER FUNDS FROM CONTINGENT ACCOUNT TO BUILDING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the air handling and condensing units servicing the Police Department in Village Hall failed and required emergency replacement at a cost of \$24,500 (the "Repairs"); and

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 General Fund budget for Building Services Contractual (A.1620.4) has insufficient funds available to finance the cost of the Repairs; and

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 General Fund Contingent Account (A.1990.4) has an available balance of \$106,945.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees authorizes the transfer of \$24,500 from General Fund Contingent Account to General Fund Building Services Contractual.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Sauberman, and seconded by Trustee Hagen, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 59 OF 2022

AMEND 2021-2022 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR JUSTICE COURT CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 General Fund adopted budget provided \$12,000 for the cost of a consultant to Justice Court at a bi-weekly base rate of \$2,940 and approximately \$80,000 for the cost of two Justice Court clerical workers; and

WHEREAS, the two Justice Court clerical workers have not yet been hired, requiring the consultant to continue providing services to the Justice Court.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees hereby amends the 2021-2022 General Fund budget by decreasing Justice Court Personal Services 1110.1 and increasing Justice Court Contractual 1110.4, each in the amount of \$68,000.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Hagen and seconded by Trustee Corrigan, with all in favor.

Adopted: February 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 60 OF 2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH BERARD & ASSOCIATES, CPAS FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2022, the Village of Suffern issued a request for proposals (RFP) for Professional Auditing Services for fiscal years ending May 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, with the Village option to renew for two additional years; and

WHEREAS, the Professional Auditing Services include the audit of the Village's books and records, the audit of the Justice Court, the Single Audit, and the New York State Department of Transportation audit; and

WHEREAS, the RFP was posted to BidNetDirect.com; and

WHEREAS, nine professional auditing firms expressed an interest in the RFP by electing to receive a copy of the RFP; and

WHEREAS, three professional auditing firms submitted proposals that were reviewed by the Village Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Berard & Associates CPA's P.C., 44 Park Avenue, Suffern, New York dated January 27, 2022, together with the Berard & Associates, CPA's P.C. amendment dated February 3, 2022, priced the audits of fiscal years ending May 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024 at \$34,885; \$35,720 and \$36,555, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Village Treasurer recommends that the Village Board accept the aforesaid proposal and amendment from Berard & Associates, CPA's, P.C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of Trustees hereby accepts the aforesaid proposal and amendment submitted by Berard & Associates, CPA's P.C.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Berard & Associates, CPA's P.C. for professional auditing services for fiscal years ending May 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024, with a Village option to renew for two additional consecutive years, subject to review and approval as to form by the Village Attorney.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Alpert and seconded by Trustee Sauberman, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 61 OF 2022

AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 4, 2022, TO CONSIDER THE 2022-2023 TENTATIVE BUDGET

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Village Law Section 5-508 (3), a public hearing will be held by the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees at Village Hall, located at 61 Washington Avenue, Suffern, New York, to consider the Tentative Budget for the Village of Suffern for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2022, and ending May 31, 2023.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Sauberman, and seconded by Trustee Corrigan, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF 2022

AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 4, 2022, TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE 2022-2023 WATER AND SEWER RATES

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Village Law Section 5-508 (3), a public hearing will be held by the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees at Village Hall, located at 61 Washington Avenue, Suffern, New York, to consider the water and sewer rates for the Village of Suffern for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2022, and ending May 31, 2023.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Sauberman, and seconded by Trustee Corrigan, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF 2022

APPROVAL OF MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP MEETING OF JANUARY 31, 2022

RESOLVED, the minutes of the Board of Trustees Workshop Meeting of January 31, 2022, be and are hereby approved.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Hagen and seconded by Trustee Alpert, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 64 OF 2022

APPROVAL OF MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2022

RESOLVED, the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of February 7, 2022, be and are hereby approved.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Sauberman and seconded by Trustee Corrigan, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 65 OF 2022

APPROVAL OF MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2022

RESOLVED, the minutes of the Board of Trustees Special Meeting of February 11, 2022, be and are hereby approved.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Alpert and seconded by Trustee Hagen, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 7, 2022

GRANTS:

Mr. Fred Rella, Grant Writer for the Village, explained the details of the annual Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) process from the County of Rockland. Mr. Rella acknowledged the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee members and thanked them for their work. The project for CDBG for 2022-2023 will be Parking Lot A repaving. The estimated cost is \$220,000 and the maximum amount of the grant is \$200,000 with a 10% contribution paid by the Village.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Jeremy Kaufer, Fire Chief, shared that there is a new member in the Vol. Hose Co. Katrene Delaney. He also stated that he submitted the Fire Department’s Service Award Program preliminary report for the year 2021, which was shared with the Board.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Andrew Loughlin shared some statistics. The Police Department did the Dare Snowtubing Trip at Campgaw Mountain. The trip was open to the entire fifth grade of RP Connor School. Thanked the Mayor and the Board for allowing this trip to happen. Dare Hockey (Spring Season) is open for registration. The PD is in the early stages of doing a Community Survey. The new annual survey will include general level of service provided, satisfaction with public safety in Suffern, any interaction the public has had with members of the Department, and any areas the public sees as areas for improvement. The survey will be free and electronically implemented.

CULTURE AND RECREATION:

Cathy Mills, Recreation Coordinator discussed the schedule of events for the department.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Two people spoke during public participation. **[You should note who they are and a summary of their comments.]**

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The motion to close public participation was moved by Trustee Hagen, and seconded by Trustee Sauberman, with all in favor.

TRUSTEES:

Trustee Corrigan discussed the fundraiser for the Ukrainian Refugees and how phenomenal it was. Trustee Alpert agreed.

MAYOR:

Mayor Michael Curley spoke about a police vehicle that will be purchased with American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds. He told the public that a K9 vehicle will be paid from Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education (DARE) funds.

Mayor Curley noted that Brookfield **[is this their full name?]**, owners of the former Novartis property, plan to construct three buildings totaling 1.1 million square feet, which would generate multiple fees for the Village. Mayor Curley is hoping that the Planning Board will meet more than once a month to expedite the project.

Mayor Curley noted that Avon is looking to sell a portion of its property, which is currently subject to the terms and conditions of the Avon Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement, to a developer for new residential housing.

Mayor Curley noted that Nelson Pope Voorhis is working on the comprehensive plan, which will help these projects move along quicker and help in the development of the comprehensive plan. Mayor Curley reiterated that the Village needs rateables and for more families to move into the Village. However, this desired growth must not come at the expense of building or fire safety.

Mayor Curley noted that Mr. Sichel, a local attorney, has proposed a residential high-end apartment project that needs a zone change. The Mayor stated that those types of decisions are Village Board decisions based on information presented by the applicant, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and others.

Mayor Curley was pleased to announce that the Village's fundraiser for Ukrainian refugees was a great success. The Suffern community, working together with only a six-to-seven-day notice, raised over \$15,000. It was an event that not only benefited the refugees, but it brought people together for a very worthy cause.

Mayor Curley asked the Village Clerk to present the 2022-2023 Tentative Budget to the Board of Trustees. Mayor Curley was pleased to announce that the budget provides for a zero percent tax increase. Mayor Curley thanked Michael Genito, Village Treasurer, and all the Department Heads for their hard work on developing a budget that provides no cuts in services with no increase in the Village tax rate.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. was made by Trustee Sauberman, seconded by Trustee Corrigan, and passed unanimously by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa B. Reimer, CPA
Village Clerk