



**VILLAGE OF SUFFERN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025  
5:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Michael F. Curley, Mayor  
Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Deputy Mayor  
Angela Hogue, Trustee  
Steven Alpert, Trustee  
Clarke Osborn, Trustee  
Terry Rice, Village Attorney  
Gregg Smith, Village Treasurer  
Betty Vanderbeek, Village Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Curley called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for Eileen Horton. She was a long time Suffern resident, and Danny Horton's mother. He is a longtime Village employee down at the garage.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

A Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8, at 7:00 P.M.  
A Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6, at 7:00 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** To Approve July 15, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes was moved by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hogue with all in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Motion to set public hearing for Setting of a Public Hearing for Handicapped Parking on Lafayette Ave and Suffern Place for September 8, was moved by Trustee Osborn, seconded by Trustee Alpert, with all in favor.

Motion to set public hearing for Setting of a Public Hearing to Consider a Local Law Amending Section 205-3(6) of the Code of the Village of Suffern regarding Vehicle Parking in the Village of Suffern for September 8, was moved by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hogue, with all in favor.

This has to do with the car covers and things of that nature, too. So, we're putting it back on the agenda. The planner has, is coming back with the recommendations

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Mayor Curley: They are busy at the scene at the quarry there with the unfortunate situation where they found someone in the water. They're still working on the extraction of that. We

have many various departments there, Suffern Police, Suffern Fire, Sheriff's department, and Palisades Interstate Park Police and Ramapo Police, of course. It is being treated, at this point, as a crime scene. We pray for the gentleman and his family.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief William Barish

**RESOLUTION NO. 100 OF 2025**

**ACCEPTING WILLIAM DELANEY AS A NEW MEMBER IN VOLUNTEER HOSE CO. 1**

**RESOLVED**, the Village Board of Trustees accepts William Delaney as a new member in the Volunteer Hose Co. 1, with the approval of the Village Attorney.

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

**Adopted:** August 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 101 OF 2025**

**ACCEPTING ROMAN SOLANO AS A NEW MEMBER IN HOOK & LADDER CO. 1**

**RESOLVED**, the Village Board of Trustees accepts Roman Solano as a new member in the Hook & Ladder Co. 1, with the approval of the Village Attorney.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Osborn, seconded by Trustee Hogue, with all in favor.

**Adopted:** August 4, 2025

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Charles Sawicki

**RESOLUTION NO. 102 OF 2025**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPOINT STEVEN COTTIERS TO THE PERMANENT POSITION OF ASSISTANT OPERATOR, GRADE II-B (WATER TREATMENT)**

**WHEREAS** Mr. Cottiers' permanent appointment was pending the Rockland County Department of Personnel scheduling the Civil Service Examination for the Title of Assistant Operator, Grade II-B (Water Treatment) and

**WHEREAS**, the Rockland County Department of Personnel established List No. 25136010 from the results of the Civil Service Examination for the Title of Assistant Operator, Grade II-B (Water Treatment) (OC)

**WHEREAS**, the Rockland County Department of Personnel notified the Village of Suffern on July 1, 2025 that Mr. Cottier's permanent status was approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to hereby appoint Steven Cottiers to the permanent position of ASSISTANT OPERATOR, GRADE II-B (WATER TREATMENT) in the Department of Public Works at his current rate of compensation.

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

**Adopted:** August 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 103 OF 2025**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PHASE 15 TO D.S. MEYER ENTERPRISES**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees authorized the solicitation of bids for the Roadway Improvements Project Phase 15 on July 14, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the bids were returnable on July 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, three bids were submitted; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest proposal was submitted by D.S. Meyer Enterprises in the amount of \$662,255.00;

**WHEREAS**, the proposal by D.S. Meyer Enterprises has been reviewed for compliance with the bid specification and reasonableness; and

**WHEREAS**, the competency and responsibility of D.S. Meyer Enterprises has been reviewed and found to be satisfactory.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that the contract for the Roadway Improvements Project Phase 15 is awarded to D.S. Meyer Enterprises, 2 North Street, Suite 2A, Waldwick, New Jersey 07463, in accordance with the bid specifications and D.S. Meyer Enterprises' July 28, 2025 bid proposal, in the amount of \$662,255.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract with D.S. Meyer Enterprises for the Roadway Improvements Project Phase 15, subject to approval of the contract as to form and substance by the Village Attorney.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Osborn, seconded by Trustee Hogue, with all in favor.

**Adopted:** August 4, 2025

Mayor Curley: DS Meyer is the one who actually won the bid last time. They were only \$200 lower than the next second bidder, which is odd with over a \$600,000 bid. This has probably never ever happened, so, that was pretty impressive.

**RESOLUTION NO. 104 OF 2025**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2025 RIGHT OF WAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO D.S. MEYER ENTERPRISES**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Village authorized the solicitation of bids for the 2025 Right of Way Project on July 14, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the bids were returnable on July 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, five bids were submitted; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest proposal was submitted by D.S. Meyer Enterprises in the amount of \$267,010.00;

**WHEREAS**, the proposal by D.S. Meyer Enterprises has been reviewed for compliance with the bid specification and reasonableness; and

**WHEREAS**, the competency and responsibility of D.S. Meyer Enterprises has been reviewed and found to be satisfactory.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that the contract for the 2025 Right of Way Project is awarded to D.S. Meyer Enterprises, 2 North Street, Suite 2A, Waldwick, New Jersey 07463, in accordance with bid

specifications and D.S. Meyer Enterprises' July 25, 2025 bid proposal, in the amount of \$267,010.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract with D.S. Meyer Enterprises for the 2025 Right of Way Project, subject to approval of the contract as to form and substance by the Village Attorney.

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

**Adopted:** August 4, 2025

Mayor Curley: This is the same company last year, and it was substantial difference in their bid from the other bids. I just want the public to know the board here, there will be no financing for this, no bonding. That's why you don't see us doing roll call votes. We'll be paying for this right out of our fund balance, out of our savings account, bank account. So, no putting the village in debt at any point here.

## **MAYOR**

Motion to amend the salary schedule for the court officers to \$ 27.50 per hour.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Osborn, with all in favor.

Mayor Curley: We had put their raises in the budget but didn't do it under the line item.

Mayor Curley: Another issue we're having is we seem to have a lot of people concerned about people not walking their dogs on leashes. So, I'm looking over that law right now with the attorney. The problem is when someone doesn't have a leash, the police officers have the right to give tickets for it under the village law. I think we'll have to come up with a better system where they do give out tickets for it. All right. Maybe if we even consider doing this, the first time is a warning, and we raise the fines. I think that's important. As the public may know, this board has raised the fines for drinking in public. It was \$25, and we made it \$250. It's a lot more, it's easier just to stay home to drink your beer or go to one of the fine restaurants downtown instead of paying that \$250. The court is enforcing it now.

Mayor Curley: We're going to be looking at all the maintenance of properties and looking at all the codes to what we really want as compliance. "But if you're going to be what I'll call a knucklehead and you're not going to comply. I don't want the code enforcers wasting all their energy and then get, like a nothing fine, wasting, you know time and energy. So, we're going to look at that and we're going to address those to probably raise those fees. So, they know it's easier just to hire a guy to do it if you can't do it yourself, because most of the people are very good people. There are just some knuckleheads out there. And so, I want to let the knuckleheads know and I can accept it, but I'm not 100% sure."

Trustee Alpert: I just want to add to that. I'd love to see us pass a law that, you, know if somebody doesn't remedy a property situation within a certain amount of time, that that's a separate fine just for that, too.

Mayor Curley: "Well, that's actually what the law is. You would get a fine for not representing. So, what we'll do, is address, we'll raise those fines, right? So, I think it's like, sometimes when the punishment doesn't fit the crime, they just say, 'Let me just do the

crime.' Just like we did with building permits. We catch you without a building permit and we're getting people, they're getting hit. They don't have their building permit, we catch them after the fact, they're hitting them and we're collecting. So, same thing with here. You know, we got to we I think we just got to up the fines. So, it's worth doing it. It's easier. So, that's kind of what we're doing. And we'll go we'll go more in that."

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 P.M. was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan seconded by Trustee Osborn, with all in favor.

Respectfully,

Betty Vanderbeek, Village Clerk