

# VILLAGE OF SUFFERN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025 7:00 P.M.

**Present:** Michael F. Curley, Mayor

Steven Alpert, Trustee Angela Hogue, Trustee Clarke Osborn, Trustee

Gregg Smith, Village Treasurer Betty Vanderbeek, Village Clerk

**Absent:** Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Deputy Mayor

Terry Rice, Village Attorney

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Curley called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for Carmine "Chuck" Coviello, who was a longtime resident.

# **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

A Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 3, at 7:00 P.M A Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 1, at 7:00 P.M

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** To Approve September 8, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes was moved by Trustee Osborn, seconded by Trustee Hogue, with all in favor.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Authorizing setting a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 266 of the Code of the Village of Suffern, the Zoning Local Law, by adding a new section, Prohibiting Short-Term Rentals in the Village of Suffern.

There have been some questions about short-term rentals or Airbnb's. We will set it for our next meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**MOTION** – To set the Public Hearing to amend Chapter 266 of the Code of the Village of Suffern, the Zoning Local Law for by adding a new section, Prohibiting Short-Term Rentals in the Village of Suffern, was moved by Trustee Alpert and seconded by Trustee Hogue, with all in favor.

**MOTION** – To open the Public Hearing to adjust the property maintenance fees, was moved by Trustee Osborn and seconded by Trustee Alpert, with all in favor.

We are still working on those fees, so we will continue this to the next meeting on November  $3^{rd}$ .

**MOTION** – To continue the Public Hearing to adjust the property maintenance fees, was moved by Trustee Hogue and seconded by Trustee Osborn, with all in favor.

**MOTION** – To have a continuance for the Public Hearing for 14 Wayne Ave, based on the applicants themselves. Was moved by Trustee Alpert and seconded by Trustee Hogue, with all in favor.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT: Lieutenant William Simurra**

Presented the Police Department statistics for the month of September.

DARE Hockey season has begun and we would like to thank the Village Board and the DPW for the refurbishments to the DARE Hockey Rink. Detective Yorke is doing an excellent job with the league.

Starting our prep for the DARE Toy Drive and the Holiday Parade.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Joseph Bednarski

Asking permission from the Mayor and Village Board Members to host a fundraiser at the Suffern Hook & Ladder Co. # 1- Karaoke and Wings. Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm-11:00pm

**MOTION** – to approve Karaoke and Wings fundraiser at Suffern Hook and Ladder Co. #1, was moved by Trustee Osborn and seconded by Trustee Alpert, with all in favor.

Mayor Curley addressed the Chief to let him know that the Board respects training very much and they want to support the Fire Department. If the building around the corner gets to where it is safer, we will be more than willing to help you with the Police Department to block the street so you can do whatever is needed to have proper training. We will have a follow-up conversation and maybe come up with a game plan. I understand the opportunity doesn't come along very often, which is a good thing, but we are behind you.

Chief: We appreciate your priority for safety for the fire fighters.

Mayor Curley: We all have the same concerns.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**MOTION** – to open the public comment period was made by Trustee Hogue and seconded by Trustee Osborn, with all in favor.

No comments

**MOTION** – to close the public comment was made by Trustee Alpert and seconded by Trustee Osborn, with all in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS: Charles Sawicki RESOLUTION NO. 118 OF 2025 APPOINTING STEPHEN LLENIN TO THE POSITION OF MAINTENANCE HELPER EFFECTIVE October 7, 2025

**RESOLVED,** Mayor Curley hereby appoints Stephen Llenin to the position of Maintenance Helper, Grade 10, at an hourly pay rate of \$28.73, in accordance with the CSEA 40-hour workweek pay chart.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Alpert and seconded by Trustee Osborn, with all in favor Adopted October 6, 2025

# **TRUSTEES**

Trustee Alpert: With the work being done by DS Meyer Enterprises, they dropped notices in the mailboxes of residents on the street before the work began. The notice indicated a start date but did not give any idea of how long it would take to do the work. More importantly, it made no mention about moving cars out of the driveway, so several residents couldn't get out of their driveways. These residents had their cars stuck because of the digging going on, there was no access to the road. I just feel the contractor should have made a better effort to specify for people to get their cars out of the driveway.

Mayor Curley: stated he did not know that there was a problem and will look into it. If he had known that, they would have put plates there so everyone could get in and out of their driveways, if needed. He was not aware of anyone being blocked until just now. He wished that the public had communicated with him so he could have helped in that situation, as the matter could have been corrected. We addressed concerns such as moving the portapotties and the trucks, so we moved them. We will have the notice updated. Thank you, Steve,

#### **MAYOR**

Suffern Spirit Day was excellent, and the public loved it. I want to thank Cathy and her staff, Charles and the DPW. It was a great event: the Police Department was on hand, the Fire Department did their show and extrications, and it was good for the downtown businesses. We hope it grows and gets better, I saw some of the nicest e-mails on-line since becoming Mayor.

Coming up: we have our Halloween Parade and our Holiday Parade

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 P.M. was made by Trustee Osborn, seconded by Trustee Hogue, with all in favor.

Respectfully,

Betty Vanderbeek, Village Clerk