



**VILLAGE OF SUFFERN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025  
7:00 P.M.**

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

**Absent:** Terry Rice, Village Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Curley called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for former Suffern Justice Vincent Altieri. He lived in the area and was a very honorable man.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

A Reorganizational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 1, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.  
A Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 1, 2025, following Reorganizational Meeting.  
A Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** To Approve October 6, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes was moved by Trustee Osborn, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan with all in favor.

**MOTION** To Approve October 20, 2025, Special Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes was moved by Trustee Hogue, seconded by Trustee Alpert with all in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**MOTION** – To open the Public Hearing for the continuance of 14 Wayne Ave, was moved by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Alpert with all in favor.

We will be granting a continuance because the applicant requested an adjournment until the next meeting in December.

**MOTION** – To close the Public Hearing for the continuance of 14 Wayne Ave, was moved by Trustee Osborn and seconded by Trustee Hogue with all in favor.

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**MOTION** – To open the Public Hearing for the continuance to Adjust the Property Maintenance Fees, was moved by Trustee Alpert and seconded by Trustee Hogue with all in favor.

The Attorney, Building Department, the Board and Mayor are looking into adjusting the property maintenance fees, so that there is a minimum. So, if a resident doesn't take care of their property, it is not up to the courts, but there will be a minimum fine, and what that minimum fine can go up. We will continue this hearing at the December 1, 2025, meeting. We just want to make sure people are taking care of their property and that they realize that there is a punishment for not taking care of their property. We don't have the fees and want to stay within the law and not have to come back to it.

**MOTION** – To close the Public Hearing for the continuance to Adjust the Property Maintenance Fees, was moved by Trustee Osborn and seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan with all in favor.

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

We are adding a new section prohibiting short-term rentals in the Village of Suffern. The attorney always felt that since it is not in the zoning law, that you can't have it. We felt it would be better to be more specific and that you cannot have Airbnb's and short-term rentals for less than 30 days. In Many places in the county, we have found that there are problems; such as, people coming from wherever and having wild parties and damaging houses, as well as many other things. We just don't see it as a good fit for this village, at this point

Speaker: Carrie Panoff, Suffern, NY: "I am a resident of Suffern and I've lived here for 22 years. I'm an OBGYN in town. I love our town. I came here a few months ago looking to get a short-term rental up for my house. I was given the application. I was told it was fine. I actually have two articles from the Rockland Business Journal saying that they are allowed in Suffern. So, I just assumed that there was, then to confirm it, I learned from somebody else that there wasn't. So, I think that's what brought this up was kind of the question because apparently when the code was written, there was really no such thing as short-term rentals. So, it wasn't written that they were prohibited because there was no such thing as short-term rentals in the time. So, I'm here to be a proponent for short-term rentals in Suffern. And I want to give a couple of reasons why; we pay a lot of taxes for our town and people are looking to bring in –

Mayor Curley asked: May I ask where you live in Suffern?

Ms. Panoff: Sure. I live, I'm in the village of Suffern. I live on Rockledge. I live in the one old house up on the top of the hill. I've lived there for 22 years.

Mayor Curley: Just, can I ask you, were you presently trying to sell your property?

Ms. Panoff: I'm trying to sell my property. Correct.

Mayor Curley: Okay. Thank you. Were you presently trying to send someone who wanted short-term rentals on their property?

Ms. Panoff: No. If I don't sell my house, I was hoping to be able to do short-term rentals as well, as just an option to be able to make some income. I have three children that have finished the high school and don't need to have a 5,000 sq ft house any longer. And so, it was a great, I thought, great option to be able to bring some tourism to the area, to bring some business to the businesses here. When I look at other towns that have brought short-term rentals to their towns, there ... I see it as a win-win. There are certain things that you can do to ... so, the benefits of short-term rentals are that you can bring tourism. We are the only town where you can from a train from Manhattan come. We don't have any other hotels that are walking distance to the train. A short-term rental would be able to provide people who want to get away from the city for a weekend, they want to do some hiking, they want to take advantage of how beautiful Suffern is, the great restaurants and businesses that we have in downtown. And I've seen towns that have tried to monetize on this. For instance, there is the Town of Rockland that has made rules for –

Mayor Curley: I couldn't hear, what town?

Ms. Panoff: There's a Town of Rockland, Livingston Manor, New York, that has basically made strict rules for short-term rentals and they charge a fee for short-term rentals. So, they have restricted it so they're not the big parties, you know, you could limit how many people are allowed in your short-term rental. You could say it could only be a family. You can make any rules that you want to make. And the town can also generate an income from charging a fee. Okay, let's charge \$250 every time somebody wants to have a short-term rental that comes immediately to the town of Suffern, so we get some revenue as well. So, I really saw it as a win-win situation. And the fact that when I asked for it, the immediate response was, "No, we're not having them. In fact, we're going to make a law that says that we can't have them." And I didn't even know about this meeting until I met with the Building Inspector, who told me that this was going to be here. So, I just think before we completely throw it away, I think that we're losing a lot of business in Suffern, Regeneron, schools are changing, things are not what they were for the last 20 years, and this might be a way to bring some commerce and tourism and show people how beautiful our town is. So I just want to bring that up as an option before we just say "Absolutely no," that there are options that we could say that make it a gray area of "Let's make some money on it, let's make some restrictions on it" before we just say blanket "no" to short-term rentals.

Mayor Curley: Can you leave a copy of that paperwork?

Ms. Panoff: Absolutely. I have here, this is the Rockland Business Journal that was written by David Carlucci that says that they are allowed in Suffern. This was written in January of this year. And this is the guidelines for the town of Rockland that say how they make money and how they put restrictions on the short-term rentals for their town. I'll leave those here for you. Thank you for listening.

Mayor Curley: That's fine. Thank you for coming.

Trustee Alpert: I have a question, Mayor, because this has come up -- have we had any complaints that involved short-term rentals?

Mayor Curley: Yes.

Trustee Alpert: So, there have been Airbnbs situations here in Suffern?

Mayor Curley: Yes. It actually can cause overcrowding, too many cars at a house come up for the weekend, so yes, we have had a situation where it could grow into something more and it's not allowed right now, but, you know, and the lawyer also reading other municipalities and seeing other municipalities that have had problems with it and actually have restricted it too because of situations that are going on, such as Stony Point, Orangetown -- that's why it coming forth. It was not allowed; it has not been allowed. Whether she got bad information from someone, it was corrected at some point, so before they did it -- we actually had someone just in town I had to stop, this past Friday night with a business that did it over the top of his business. And we discovered it because a guy came in for a parking spot, and he built this beautiful apartment above a commercial building which is not legal. We went in there forcefully, legally that is, and we stopped him and he did not do it. So, the law is so -- that's not you, young lady. I'm sorry. No, it has nothing to do with you -- the law is just to define it more precisely. So, people go, "Well, you know, it doesn't say every ..." -- in zoning laws, when it's not written into the law, then usually it's not in the law. I just wanted to make it so it was easier for people to understand. So, we're going to listen to everyone here, you know, we have the law that I worked on with the attorney and then a decision will be made. What I'm going to ask is for a continuance on this. I want to read the documentation you brought. I want to see if there is such a way to restrict, but it's not just always restricting. It's enforcement of restricting, too. So it's not always the law, but sometimes the spirit of the law is what's just as important. So, I'm going to ask, after anyone's talking, well, I'm not afraid of looking at more information, listening to people. I'll listen, I'll be respectful and I'll listen what you have to say, but my initial instinct is against it from what I've learned in this county and what I'm seeing in this village, because the guy claimed he used a company named Evolve and they even said you can't and then someone else said you can. I want to just make it whatever it is we do, I want to make it plain and simple, this is it.

Ms. Panoff (from the audience): No, but I think that's really ...

Mayor: Yeah, you got to come to the microphone ... you want to talk again, you're more than welcome to.

Ms. Panoff (from the audience): But I'm saying it's very respectful to say yes or no because I don't think the [inaudible] ...

Mayor: You're not going to be recorded now. But okay, I'll just go into that. That's why I just said I'm going to read all your material, and I will recommend to this board that we wait for next month. That's just where it stands.

Trustee Alpert: So, I have another question or consideration I want to bring up as well. I'm sorry to bring these up. They're just coming to mind.

Mayor: That's what this is here for. Talk about it.

Trustee Alpert: So, let's say someone has sold their house. They actually have a closing. They've sold their house. I think it's somewhat common where the existing person that's selling their house might stay in the house another 2-3 weeks while they wait for the closing on the house that they're buying and that would be considered short-term rental. I think that that might be a hardship to people selling the house.

Mayor: Yeah, I think it might be in the law. I have to have to look at it, Steve, again, okay? So, yeah, that's not the purpose of this law, that's not, as I said before, the spirit of this. If I'm not mistaken, and I'll talk to everyone, that there was a gentleman that called that said he was buying your house and he wanted to do short-term rentals with it, as I recall.

Ms. Panoff (from the audience): [inaudible]

Mayor: Please go to the microphone. As I recall, that's what someone had called. Just so everyone knows, this was in the works now for – this is not a couple weeks ago, this was in the works actually from some house a little while back with concerns, but we always went on the premise it's not legal, but I just want it more exact now, that's all.

Ms. Panoff: So, yes. What first made me think of my house as an Airbnb was when somebody wanted to purchase my house and wasn't going to be able to move into it for a year and thought that they would rent it as a short-term rental until they were able to move into it. But then when I was not selling my house and that fell through, I thought to myself, that might be a good way for me to keep my house, live here during the week, and be able to rent out on the weekends to be able to – and still have the best of both, to be able to stay in Suffern, but be able to keep my house. And so, I thought that that was an option. And so that's why I'm advocating for it. I see the way that they did it in this town that there are ways that you could implement restrictions and fees and say “only one family, only 10 people, only one person per room” – I mean, there's restrictions that you can make and fees that you can make that could be win-win for the town and for the renters, so I just bring it up as an option.

Mayor: I don't want to belabor the point because I'm going to consider what you have to say, but there's already restrictions in place in the zoning law based on square footage: the 7 x 10 is allowed one, 10 x 10 is allowed two, 10 x 15 is allowed three, 10 x 20 is allowed four, so all these things are in place. Then it has to do with size of a living room, then it has to do with, you know, do you have egress windows in your basement? These laws are already in place with state code, certain things are in place, and I don't want to loosen any codes in Suffern – if I even want to do anything, I want to restrict them more and make them tougher to keep quality of life.

Ms. Panoff: I think quality is what we're looking for and revenue to Suffern which is, I think, could be a good thing.

Mayor: And it may be. That's why I'm going to read your thing and I'm going to share it with all this board. Thank you for coming. Does anyone have any comments in reference to this? Being none, I'd like to ask for a continuance to December 1st so we can review the information and everyone can talk about it if any questions.

**MOTION** – To Continue the Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 266 of the Code of the Village of Suffern, Zoning Local Law, by adding a new section, Prohibiting Short-Term Rentals in the Village of Suffern, to the December meeting, was moved by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Hogue with all in favor.

Mayor: Again, only because you have information to share and I don't have it yet. I think it's only fair to always review the information. But you know, my initial thoughts are it's not a good or healthy thing for this village. From what I've learned and what I've found out by even talking to other people that run communities, and different things that are going on here, as soon as last Friday, which – we stopped them from renting it that night. We stopped them from going in that, on a commercial space where they had absolutely no right. No fire safety was done. So, thank you again.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Loughlin**

Presented the Police Department statistics for the month of October 2025.

The Police had a couple of events over the weekend:

On Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup>, we hosted a gun buyback event in conjunction with the Rockland County District Attorney's Office. The event was fully funded by a grant that the DA's office received to hold these types of events. We collected a total of 118 firearms, which is a huge success for a gun buyback. Collected was: 71 handguns, 21 assault weapons, 25 rifles and shotguns, and 1 non-functioning firearm. This event was an overall big success and we would like to thank the DA's office for their assistance and collaboration

On Sunday, November 2, we hosted an active shooter training and drill at the RP Connor School. Our officers, along with officers from the Rockland County Sheriff's Department, Ramapo Police Department, and several local EMS agencies participated in the training. The training was instructed by Lieutenant Simurra from our agency and Tom Koziak, who is the Strategic Safety & Security Coordinator from the Rockland County Police Academy. Our department recognizes that a coordinated response and preparation are vital to protecting our community in the event of an active shooter-type incident. Training with surrounding law enforcement and EMS agencies ensures that all first responders can communicate effectively, operate safely, and respond rapidly as a unified team. These joint exercises strengthen our readiness, improve coordination, and enhance the overall safety of the residents that we serve. Having said that, I'd just like to take a moment to thank the Mayor and the Village Board for prioritizing the safety of our school children, school staff, and residents by supporting these types of joint training events. I'd also like to take time to thank the Ramapo Police Department, Rockland County Sheriff's Office, Faist Ambulance Corps, and the Rockland County Police Academy for their support in making this a successful training event.

Mayor: I want to point out that we also did one of these drills last year at Connor school, where we had the Sheriff's Department again, Ramapo Police, Suffern Police, where we went to the school as if it was a search in a dangerous situation for the kids. It is just the training you just have to keep doing. Suffern actually only has one village school, but we're willing to participate in other drills, whether it's a Junior High, Cherry Lane, Montebello, or the High School – they're all equally important to us. So, it's for the safety of the children, if we can't protect our children, we fail at everything.

I just want to point out, too, we had a special meeting last week in reference to the coyote. I've become a fairly good expert on coyotes now. The Chief of Police has adjusted his Police Department with the detective bureau and with lieutenants and even himself in working on that fact. The DEC has a lot of control over this on what we're allowed to do. The village is not allowed to trap it and relocate it. We're not allowed to trap it and try to help it and cure it. We are limited, their opinion is nature is nature and that's got a lot to do with it. If we get reports of it being aggressive, then we have a right to act differently, but most people have not, or all people pretty much have not said it's been aggressive, so it's hard for us to get certain things done. If it is aggressive, we will have a right to take proper action. I am still in contact with the DEC in reference to doing what needs to be done if it gets aggressive, to protect the children, the residents and the community. We all love animals, but I said it before, the residents and the people come first. So, we had a lot of extra patrols out on Halloween and just in general, we just adjusted how the Police Department operates. We also with the Chief recently got together and recognize that our police cars are hard to see sometimes. So, you'll see new cars out there. They're not police cars, but we were again working with the Board and the Chief of Police. They're nice bright white lettering. I want the residents to see it, but more importantly, I want the criminals to see it that we're here and doing our job. Thank you very much, Chief, for your help on all these issues.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Barish**

**RESOLUTION NO. 120 OF 2025**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUFFERN FIRE DEPARTMENT  
TO ATTEND THE ORANGEBURG, NY HOLIDAY PARADE ON DECEMBER 13,  
2025**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that permission is granted for the Suffern Fire Department to attend the Orangeburg, NY Holiday Parade on December 13, 2025, subject to and contingent upon the Fire Department securing adequate coverage during the period when the two pieces of equipment and personnel are out of the Village.

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

**Adopted:** November 3, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 121 OF 2025**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUFFERN FIRE DEPARTMENT TO  
ATTEND THE TOTOWA, NJ HOLIDAY PARADE ON NOVEMBER 29, 2025**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that permission is granted for the Suffern Fire Department to attend the Totowa, NJ Holiday Parade on November 29, 2025, subject to and contingent upon the Fire Department securing adequate coverage during the period when the two pieces of equipment and personnel are out of the Village.

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

**Adopted:** November 3, 2025

Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, Santa will be going around the Village on the Fire Truck. So, the children should listen for the sirens.

I want to thank the Mayor for his letting us use the Miranda building on the 13th of October for fire training. I know there was some safety concerns, but I'm glad we got it all worked out and it was a very good training for our members.

Mayor Curley: That was a fabulous training exercise. I watched the older gentlemen – which you are, compared to those younger kids – getting training that they couldn't get in the building that burned down, matter of fact three years ago. It's Miranda building called 81-89 Lafayette Avenue. Someone had bought it and they were going to renovate it, but they let him go in there and do training that you don't usually get, real-life burnt-out buildings. I'm a former New York City firefighter myself. So, it was great to see it and I was actually excited inside the building with them, I have to tell you, it was good. The other Chief in the back there, Chief Bednarski also was there, and it was it was great watching the older firefighters teach the younger firefighters. We are lucky, the building owner was very nice. We did insurance, but we had to talk about some safety issues beforehand, and everyone followed through and it was an excellent drill and excellent training. Thank you, guys. I just want to point out something. I'm going to do this later in the meeting, but the Village Board, I had got an email from a firefighter named Matt Wilson. As we know, keeping local firefighters is not an easy thing to do. It's a hard thing to do, and this Board recognizes, the service everyone does. So, it's not a big thing, but it's a resolution amending the standard fee schedule of the Village of Suffern and I will take it now. It's in reference to the members of the Village of Suffern Fire Department who provide an invaluable service to the Village of Suffern and the service provided to the Village by the volunteers of the Fire Department save the taxpayers substantial sums of money as compared to a paid fire department. The Board of Trustee is desirous of recognizing their contributions to the Village and assisting and defraying the high cost of living in the area. Therefore, be it resolved, the standard fee schedule of the Village of Suffern is amended to provide as follows: members of the Village of Suffern Fire Department in good standing shall be entitled to a 50% reduction in the following fees:

Building Permits  
Sewer Connection  
Water Connection  
Water Meter Tests  
Turning On & Off Water  
Turning Off Water At Curb After Nominal Working Hours

Section II of the resolution to take effect immediately

It just recognizes that we appreciate what you do. I get all the calls myself, I know how many times you get up in the middle of the night, whether it's a tree down, a gas leak, a car accident, a rescue, and the residents of this village can especially after watching that jail can rest assured that you as firefighters are second to none and we thank you.

Trustee Osborn: I just want to point out I want to thank Chief Barish, Chief Bednarski, both of you for all you do, your departments, and thank you for attending these two parades that you're going to, because Orangeburg and Totowa for our holiday parade supplies us with a lot of units which you guys are aware of, and they're extremely helpful to us, being heavily



involved in the parade as I am and the Mayor. And we just want to thank you guys because by you going there, they continue to send us fleets of trucks for the parade, and thank both of you for that. Thank you. Appreciate your help. That's important.

Mayor: Can I just have a motion please on amending the standard fee schedule of the Village of Suffern?

## **VILLAGE OF SUFFERN**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 122 of 2025**

#### **A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE STANDARD FEE SCHEDULE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN**

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

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Village of Suffern Fire Department provide an invaluable service to the residents of the Village of Suffern; and

**WHEREAS**, the service provided to the Village by the volunteers of the Fire Department

saves the taxpayers substantial sums of money as compared to a paid fire department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees is desirous of recognizing their contribution to the Village and of assisting in defraying the high cost of living in the area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern as follows:

Section 1. The Standard Fee Schedule of the Village of Suffern is amended to provide as follows:

Members of the Village of Suffern Fire Department, in good standing, shall be entitled to a 50% reduction in the following fees:

- a) Building Permit-first \$10,000 of construction,
- b) Sewer Connection Permit (existing spur),
- c) Water and Sewer Inspection per visit,
- d) Water Meter Test,
- e) Turning off or on water at curb,
- f) Turning off or on water at curb after Nominal Working Hours.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

**Adopted:** November 3, 2025

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

James Procopia, Chatham Street, Suffern: Thank you for all the paving, it's very nice. We've been here what, 15 years almost now, and it's the first time it's been paved and my kids are enjoying it very much. With that comes more trouble though, unfortunately, with speeding. It's nothing new, I think, in the village. I know Chief probably got a couple calls out of those 998 from our street alone. I did notice just Saturday night there was a ... bump strips

installed on Lancaster and I was more curious just what the criteria is and the process for that.

Mayor Curley: What happened was – I've never heard of anyone wanting speed bumps on your street, by the way – they had come to us, people from that street, and they had said that they had a speeding problem. So, you know, I went up to actually observe it, saw it, certain concerns, a lot more children there. So, they asked if we would consider it and talked to the head of Public Works, Charles Sawicki, and this Board considered it and we considered that it was a reasonable thing to do. So, it was in our budget for this year. And also, not only there, but another one over by, it's a famous Halloween house over by the Flugger House. They asked for it also, and we're gonna be – as a matter of fact, we have another one going to be installed over there also. We're just waiting for the exact quote. Charles Sawicki, who runs that department, has been up there and we're also putting it up there. This board will consider processes, you come and talk to us like you're doing or send us an email or anything, this Board will consider anything that we feel is safe for the children of this community.

Mr. Procopia: No, I appreciate it. Or signage or something. But yeah, if you could take ... I mean, it's obviously gotten worse over the years. It's a freeway now, with –

Mayor: What I'm going to do is I'm going to I don't know if you know it since I've been mayor and this board's been on, we've gotten a couple of new pieces of equipment that can actually track the speed, the distance, and give a lot of information. I'm going to request the Chief of Police to put that on your street; that will give us a print out exactly what's going on over there, and we can share that with you, too. And this board's open to doing speed bumps other place. Speeding is a concern not just in Suffern, but in all of Rockland County, I find that to be one of my biggest concerns. That's why the Chief sometimes, we bought other equipment, and we move people to different areas at different times. So, we'll put that on our radar right now. I will send the Chief up there and he'll check it for us, give us a report, and we'll monitor it and we'll see. And if we feel it's necessary, which it may very well be, this Board will discuss it and uh I think there's a likelihood it would get approved.

Mr. Procopia: Thank you very much. One other question. This has also been brought up and I'll speak on my behalf. I wasn't going to talk about it tonight, but I got it in the mail today. The water bill. I don't know if there's been postings or discussion about it. I know somebody I think might have brought it up at a previous meeting, but it just seems significantly increased.

Mayor: I can honestly tell you, and I will take your bills if you allow me to, I'll go look at your bills, I have my Treasurer right here, and your bill – if you use the same amount of water as last year, your bill will be exactly the same. There's a 0% increase on the water bill. There's a 0% increase on the water bill. There's a 0% increase on the sewer bill. And there's a 0% increase on the taxes.

Mr. Procopia: Should I email him directly? What's the best way –

Mayor: I can read a print out and I will let you know where you did or didn't. Now, if you use, if you have a pool, if you, you know – people say, I actually answered a post before I came here. I don't answer them all, but I just happened to catch it. And the lady said, "Oh, my bill is more." Well, I said straight out, I said, "If you want, we can also come and the Water

Department, they go and check houses. They check water meters. They go and check.” If you have a running toilet, that can cost you hundreds of dollars a year. One running toilet. So, we are well less than half price of what Veolia is on water. Well less. I actually took about five different houses with the Treasurer there ... but can you come up here for a second, sir?

Mr. Procopia: I can leave this with you too just for reference.

Mayor: You can leave it. I'm going to ask you, in our budget this year, what did our village taxes go up? You're the Treasurer, correct?

Mr. Smith: Zero.

Mayor: What did our water go up, sir?

Mr. Smith: Zero.

Mayor: What did our sewer go up?

Mr. Smith: Zero.

Mayor: Okay. Is it fair to say the only way it would have went up if they use more water or there's could be something wrong in the house?

Mr. Smaith: A potential leak, absolutely.

Mayor: That's exactly what it is. He's a Treasurer. He could go to jail for that. I don't think he likes jail. He doesn't look like he'd do well there.

Trustee Alpert: I want to ask one question. You mentioned 2023 -- how did it compare to 2024?

Mr. Procopia: It's just trending up since '23.

Mr Smith: We'll look at it. Yeah, absolutely.

Mr. Procopia: We have teenagers. They don't shower. So, if anything, [inaudible]

Mayor: We'll look at a bill. We'll value it in a way.

Mr. Procopia: That's all I ask. Just if there is something on my end, I'd be happy to address it.

Mayor: I don't know your house, I know it from the street, do you have a pool? I'm just curious. Okay, that could be a significant difference in water. Especially even our own Suffern pool, we had a problem, we actually fixed most of it this year. If you notice at the pool, you'll see all these dig up spots we had on the side and we had to do all the different valves. From last November to this November, without even looking at your bill, if you use the same, it's the exact same bill. If you use less, it's less. If you use more, okay ... it's called units. Every unit is 750 gallons of water. But I can promise you this: our water is, your water bill would be at least twice with Veolia than it is with Suffern. It's actually more than that,

but I'm going to use that number. Your bill would be twice. We actually took his bill and tested, I took Clark Osborne's bill and tested, that's when his daughter was living in the house, so she got tired of him, she moved out Just joking.

Mr. Procopia: I appreciate it.

Mayor: But I will look at it, but I will compare last November to this November. And if you used more water, I'll let you know. But what else we can do for you is, I can send the Water Department to check your water meter, and they could also go in your house. But if you have – I'm telling you, it's just as simple as a leaky toilet can kill you.

Mr. Procopia: I sit there and watch that little arrow. I've been told to watch it.

Mayor: I'll look into it. Thank you. They'll contact you.

Mr. Procopia: One last thing – good luck tomorrow.

Mayor: Can we have someone take a phone number?

Mayor: I just want to give one shout out to the Suffern High School people in the back there. How we all doing there? All right? You here for a class? Anybody have any comments? Wanna come up here, talk bad about me, laugh at my hair? I went to Suffern High School – those seven years at the High School were so tough, I'll tell you that! That 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, that teacher loved me so much, she kept me in 11<sup>th</sup> Grade three times – must have been because she loved me, that's all I can figure! I was the best at doing homework, but my dog ate it almost every morning, it was terrible!

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

## **PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Charles Sawicki**

Mayor: Charles, can you please make sure we get over to Mr. Procopia's house with the Water Department? We'll do it together.

### **VILLAGE OF SUFFERN**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 123 OF 2025**

#### **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSEPH SESSA AS SEASONAL LABORER EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

**RESOLVED**, the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby appoint Joseph Sessa as Seasonal Laborer for the Street Department for a ninety-day duration at a pay rate of \$20.40 per hour, effective November 4, 2025.

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

**Adopted:** November 3, 2025

### **Village of Suffern**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 124 OF 2025**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE YEARS 2025/2026**

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

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Transportation and the Village of Suffern previously entered into a Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement (Agreement No. D014888); and

**WHEREAS**, the parties are desirous of entering into Supplemental Agreements of said Snow and Ice Agreement for the years 2025/2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Supplemental Agreement of the aforementioned Snow and Ice Agreement for the years 2025-2026.

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

**Adopted:** November 3, 2025

**VILLAGE OF SUFFERN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 125 OF 2025**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CONSENT AGREEMENT WITH DEC**

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

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC") has noted the existence of exceedances of the maximum affluent concentration limit for total copper; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is desirous of working with DEC to rectify the issue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that the Mayor is authorized to sign an Order on Consent with DEC, subject to approval of the Village Attorney as to form and content, and to take all steps necessary to implement the same.

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

**Adopted:** November 3, 2025

**VILLAGE OF SUFFERN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 126 OF 2025**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MICHAEL AGUSTIN TO ATTEND THE HUDSON VALLEY WATER WORKS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 13, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, Michael Agustin request authorization to attend the Hudson Valley Water Works Conference in Middletown, New York, on November 13, 2025, at a cost of \$75.00.

**WHEREAS**, four (4) Continuing Education Units will be issued upon completion of the Conference toward licensing renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern hereby authorizes Michael Agustin to attend the Hudson Valley Water Works Conference in Middletown, New York on November 13, 2025. Reimbursement for tolls and

gas will be provided to the attendees upon submission to the Village Clerk of a voucher with supporting documentation.

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

**Adopted** November 3, 2025

## **MAYOR**

I think we had one of the best Halloween parades we ever had. It was a great time. Cathy and her staff did a did a great job.

We have a lot of things going on:

- the Holiday Parade Spectacular coming up soon, that's December 6<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Thanksgiving luncheon on November 20<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Tree lighting on December 5<sup>th</sup>
- Menorah lighting at the Village Hall. I think it's the 13<sup>th</sup>

They are all posted. So many different events, good fun things for everyone.

High School kids: Got anything to say? Anything? Nothing? Wanna talk about your teachers, the principal, the superintendent? I won't tell nobody.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41P.M. was made by Trustee Osborn, seconded by Trustee Hogue, with all in favor.

Respectfully,

Betty Vanderbeek, Village Clerk