



**VILLAGE OF SUFFERN
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor Curley called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for any police officers or federal law enforcements that may have been injured in the line of duty recently.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Melissa Reimer administered the Oath of Office to:

- Trustee Jo Meegan-Corrigan to a two-year term to expire at 12:00 noon, December 7, 2027.
- Trustee Clarke Osborn to a two-year term to expire at 12:00 noon, December 7, 2027.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meetings at 5:30 PM on the first Monday of each month. Unless otherwise noticed, all meetings of the Board of Trustees will be held at Suffern Village Hall, 61 Washington Avenue, Suffern, New York.

DESIGNATION OF THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

The official newspaper for the Village of Suffern is the Rockland Journal News.

DESIGNATED LOCATION FOR THE POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICES

Pursuant to Section 104 of Public Officers Law, the designated location for the posting of Village of Suffern public notices will be the Suffern Village Hall Bulletin Board located at 61 Washington Avenue, Suffern, New York.

DESIGNATED LOCATIONS FOR THE POSTING OF LEGAL NOTICES

The locations designated for the posting of Village of Suffern legal notices will be as follows:

- Suffern Village Hall Bulletin Board, 61 Washington Avenue
- Suffern Police Department Bulletin Board, 61 Washington Avenue
- Suffern Post Office, 15 Chestnut Street
- Suffern Free Library, 210 Lafayette Avenue
- Suffern Community Center, 41 Washington Avenue
- Leo Lydon Building, Cypress Road

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

RESOLUTION NO. 127 OF 2025

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

RESOLVED, that the Village of Suffern shall recognize and shall be closed for business on the following holidays:

New Year's Day – January 1, 2026
Martin Luther King's Birthday – January 19, 2026
President's Day – February 16, 2026
Memorial Day – May 25, 2026
Juneteenth – June 19, 2026
Independence Day – July 3, 2026
Labor Day – September 7, 2026
Columbus Day – October 12, 2026
Veteran's Day – November 11, 2026
Thanksgiving Day – November 26, 2026
Day after Thanksgiving – November 27, 2026
Christmas Eve – December 24, 2026
Christmas Day – December 25, 2026

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025

APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Curley appointed Trustee Meegan-Corrigan to the office of Deputy Mayor, effective December 1, 2025, for a one-year term to expire at 12:00 noon, December 7, 2026. The appointment of Deputy Mayor is a Mayoral appointment that does not require confirmation from the Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION NO. 128 OF 2025

APPOINTING TERRY RICE, ESQ. VILLAGE ATTORNEY FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael F. Curley does hereby appoint Terry Rice, Esq. as Village Attorney, effective December 1, 2025, for a two-year term through 12:00 noon, on December 6, 2027, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board recognizes that the position of Village Attorney is of a nature typically available to be called upon at any time and any day to perform duties on behalf of the Village that may include activities that occur outside of the Village of Suffern Municipal Building offices; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Terry Rice shall receive any and all benefits afforded under the status of a full-time employee in accordance with the Employment Standards and Benefits of the Village of Suffern.

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 129 OF 2025

APPOINTING ROBERT MAGRINO, ESQ. ASSISTANT VILLAGE ATTORNEY FOR A ONE YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael F. Curley does hereby appoint Robert Magrino, Esq. as Deputy Village Attorney, effective December 1, 2025, for a one-year term through 12:00 noon, on December 7, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board recognizes that the position of Deputy Village Attorney is of a nature typically available to be called upon at any time and any day to perform duties

on behalf of the Village that may include activities that occur outside of the Village of Suffern Municipal Building offices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if Robert Magrino participates in the New York State Retirement system, he shall be required annually to record or recertify work activities for a period of three consecutive months in accordance with Chapter 315.4, Section (a) Record of Work Activities, of the New York State Retirement System Regulation, Regulation on Reporting for Elected or Appointed Officials.

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 130 OF 2025

APPOINTING STEPHANIE FURGANG ADWAR AS ASSOCIATE VILLAGE JUSTICE FOR A ONE YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLVED, Stephanie Furgang Adwar is hereby appointed to Associate Village Justice, effective December 1, 2025, for a one-year term to expire at noon on December 7, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if Stephanie Furgang Adwar participates in the New York State Retirement system, she shall be required annually to record or recertify work activities for a period of three consecutive months in accordance with Chapter 315.4, Section (a) Record of Work Activities, of the New York State Retirement System Regulation, Regulation on Reporting for Elected or Appointed Officials.

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025

MAYOR: I'd like to point out there's a distinguished guest in the audience. His name is Mr. Furgang. He's a former village attorney and an esteemed attorney at that. I just want to welcome you here for coming.

Ms. Furgang Adwar was sworn in by Melissa Reimer.

RESOLUTION NO. 131 OF 2025

APPOINTING BETTY VANDERBEEK AS PART-TIME VILLAGE CLERK FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael F. Curley does hereby appoint Betty Vanderbeek as Part-Time Village Clerk, effective December 1, 2025, for a one-year term through 12:00 noon, on December 7, 2026, subject to an employment contract approved as to form by the Village Attorney and executed by the Mayor.

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025

Ms. Vanderbeek was sworn in by Melissa Reimer.

RESOLUTION NO. 132 OF 2025

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK

RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Kathy Van Sickle as Deputy Village Clerk Part-Time, effective December 1, 2025, to a one-year term of office through 12:00 noon, on December 7, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board recognizes that the position of Deputy Village Clerk is of a nature typically available to be called upon at any time and any day to perform duties on behalf of the Village that may include activities that occur outside of the Village of Suffern Municipal Building offices.

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 133 OF 2025

APPOINTING GREGG SMITH AS TREASURER FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLVED, the Mayor hereby appoints Gregg Smith as Treasurer, effective December 1, 2025, to a two-year term of office through noon on December 6, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board recognizes that the position of Treasurer is of a nature typically available to be called upon at any time and any day to perform duties on behalf of the Village including activities that may occur outside of the Village of Suffern Municipal Building offices; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Gregg Smith shall receive any and all benefits afforded under the status of full-time employees in accordance with Rule 3 – Applicability, of the Employment Standards and Benefits of the Village of Suffern as revised March 16, 1998.

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025.

MAYOR: He was appointed midterm, so he didn't have the pleasure of coming on stage, so I wanted to make sure he had it.

Mr. Smith was sworn in by Melissa Reimer.

RESOLUTION NO. 134 OF 2025

APPOINTING MARIA DUFFY AS DEPUTY TREASURER FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Maria Duffy as Deputy Treasurer, effective December 1, 2025, to a one-year term of office through 12:00 noon, on December 7, 2026; and

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 135 OF 2025

APPOINTING JOANNE CIOFFI AS THE VILLAGE TAX COLLECTOR FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Joanne Cioffi as Village Tax Collector, effective December 1, 2025, for a one-year term to expire at 12:00 noon, on December 7, 2026.

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 136 OF 2025

APPOINTING KATHY VAN SICKLE AS DEPUTY VILLAGE TAX COLLECTOR FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Kathy Van Sickle, effective

December 1, 2025, as Deputy Village Tax Collector for a one-year term to expire at 12:00 noon, on December 7, 2026.

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 137 OF 2025

APPOINTING CRAIG LONG VILLAGE HISTORIAN FOR A ONE YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Craig Long as Village Historian, effective December 1, 2025, for a one-year term to expire at 12:00 noon, on December 7, 2026.

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

Adopted: December 1, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 138 OF 2025

APPOINTING RICHARD GANDON AS PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Richard Gandon as Planning Board Chairman, effective December 1, 2025, for a one-year term to expire at 12:00 noon, on December 7, 2026.

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025

Mr. Richard Gandon was sworn in by the Melissa Reimer.

RESOLUTION NO. 139 OF 2025

APPOINTING ANDREW HALPER AS PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Andrew Halper as Planning Board Member, effective December 1, 2025, for a five-year term to expire at 12:00 noon, on December 2, 2030.

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 140 OF 2025

APPOINTING MICHAEL MURPHY AS PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE MEMBER FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM

RESOLVED, Michael Murphy is hereby appointed as Planning Board Alternate Member, effective December 1, 2025, for a one-year term to expire at noon on December 7, 2026.

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025

Mayor Curley accepted the resignation of Daniel McInerney as a Planning Board Member and thanked him for his years of exceptional service to the Village.

Now that there is a vacant position on the Board, the Mayor appointed Hudson Van Sickle for the remainder of the open term. Mr. Van Sickle will be a Planning Board Member for the remaining

term ending on December 6, 2027. Mayor Curley thanked Mr. Van Sickle for his years of service on the Planning Board as an Alternate Member and looks forward to his continued work.

RESOLUTION NO. 141 OF 2025

APPOINTING BRUCE SIMON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CHAIRMAN FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Bruce Simon as the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman, effective December 1, 2025, for a one-year term to expire at 12:00 noon, on December 7, 2026.

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025

Mr. Bruce Simon was sworn in by Melissa Reimer.

RESOLUTION NO. 142 OF 2025

APPOINTING LOUIS SESSA AS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Louis Sessa as Zoning Board of Appeals member, effective December 1, 2025, for a five-year term to expire at 12:00 noon, on December 2, 2030.

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 143 OF 2025

APPOINTING STEVEN MARKS AS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AD HOC MEMBER FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Steven Marks as Zoning Board of Appeals Ad Hoc member, effective December 1, 2025, for a one-year term to expire at 12:00 noon, on December 7, 2026, at an annual rate of \$753.39.

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 144 OF 2025

APPOINTING BRUCE MCCLINTOCK AS SEWER RENT APPEALS BOARD CHAIRMAN FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Bruce McClintock as the Sewer Rent Appeals Board Chairman, effective December 1, 2025, for a one-year term to expire at 12:00 noon, on December 7, 2026.

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

Adopted: December 1, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: Mayoral appointments are one-year appointments that are in the purview of the Mayor and do not require the approval of the Board of Trustees. Mayor Curley made the following appointments for one-year terms to expire at 12:00 noon, December 7, 2026:

TO THE ADVISORY BOARD ON CULTURE AND RECREATION: Cathy Mills, Trustee Hogue, Nancy Christopher, Betty Vanderbeek, Melissa Reimer, Lisa Conroy, Lisa DeJuse, Suzanne Joyce, Lynn Limbrick, Michael Murphy, Jonathan A. Theodore, Barbara Murphy, Steven Marks, and Kathy Van Sickle are hereby appointed as members of the Advisory Board on Culture and Recreation,

effective December 1, 2025, for a one-year term to expire at 12:00 noon on December 7, 2026.

TO THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Theresa Shedler, Ernie Bosco, Frances Glick, Kathy Van Sickles, Fred Rella (Advisor), Charles Sawicki (Advisor), and Mayor Curley (Advisor) are hereby appointed as members of the Citizen Advisory Committee for Community Development Program, effective December 1, 2025, for a one-year term to expire at 12:00 noon on December 7, 2026.

TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

Mayor Curley and Trustee Hogue for the Community Foundation Board Members, effective December 1, 2025, for a one-year term to expire at 12:00 noon on December 7, 2026.

TO THE MAHWAH RIVER COMMITTEE:

Trustee Alpert and Trustee Meegan-Corrigan for the Mahwah River Committee Board Members, effective December 1, 2025, for a one-year term to expire at 12:00 noon on December 7, 2026.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Trustee Meegan-Corrigan: “Thank you, Mayor, for appointing me as Deputy Mayor. I greatly appreciate it and I look forward to another two years with this board and doing all the great work that we all do together because it's not just one person, it's a whole entire team, and I think we have a great team and I am looking very forward to the next two years”

Trustee Osborn: “Jo, I agree with you and I want to thank the Mayor and all my board fellow Board members and the public for their faith in me for another two-year term. [inaudible] All of our team is out there every day working with residents, helping people with whatever they need. I want to thank our village employees for doing a great job as well and I really appreciate it, and thank you for another two years.”

Trustee Alpert: “I wanted to congratulate Trustee Corrigan, now Deputy Mayor again, and Trustee Osborn, as well as Mayor Curley for their re-elections and look forward to working with them for another term.”

Trustee Hogue: “I just want to say that it's you, Clarke, and Jo, and also Alpert and Mr. Curley, you guys have taken me in and also shown me the ropes and thank you so much for your support, and this team is just simply amazing.”

MAYOR COMMENTS: “I want to thank all the residents for having faith in me for my third term. I want to thank the employees and especially even the Board who has trusted in my leadership, and we all have great communication together – we talk many times during the week, during the month, and we discuss issues all the time, just how to advance the village, do the upkeep, how to work with employees, contracts and everything else. So it's a team working together. We work well together and we don't have to agree every time, we don't always agree every time, but we discuss it and if we see what's best for the community, we go with it. That's what we feel we've been doing from public safety to simple things as garbage cans downtown, to many different things, to infrastructure – the millions of dollars of infrastructure – the equipment, all the equipment we have bought since the last few years that needed repair and new equipment, and I'm sure there will be new equipment this year.

I sat down with someone from the DPW – you know, he's also the union president, too – and a couple of guys were there, and they gave me a list of equipment they wanted last year. They expected me to say, ‘Well, I'll give you this, I won't give you this.’ We were done, and I said, ‘You got it, you got it all.’ They didn't even know how to even order some of the equipment because they were surprised I said OK to them.

Now, the Chief of Police knows EXACTLY what to do with any money I give him, he wouldn't hesitate one second!

But they never expected me to say yes to everything, then we had to figure out how to get it! But we got it all, and we'll continue to get it all, we'll continue to keep things up, and we'll go from there.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M. was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hogue, and passed unanimously by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa B. Reimer, CPA
Confidential Assistant to the Mayor