



VILLAGE OF SUFFERN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, February 2, 2026
5:30 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 5:33 P.M. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for Anthony DiFalco who recently passed away. He was Elaine DiFalco's father; she has worked in our Recreation Department for many years. Anthony as seen at different events, he was a good father, friend, and a great family man.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

A Special Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2026, at 5:30 P.M
A Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2026, at 5:30 P.M
A Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2026, at 5:30 P.M

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION To Approve February 2, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes was moved by Trustee Hogue, seconded by Trustee Corrigan with all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING:

MOTION – To open the Public Hearing for a Local Law amending the Code of the Village of Suffern, revising the penalties for violations of various provisions of the Village Code, was moved by Trustee Osborn and seconded by Trustee Alpert with all in favor.

We are still working on revising the penalties and still need to send it to the County. We are going to raise fees so there is a minimum fee into the thousands of dollars to try and combat the code enforcement problems in the Village. I would like to adjourn the Public Hearing to April 6 meeting.

MOTION – To adjourn the Public Hearing for a Local Law amending the Code of the Village of Suffern, revising the penalties for violations of various provisions of the Village Code to April 6, 2026, was moved by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Hogue with all in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Andrew Loughlin

Presented the Police Department statistics for the month of February 2026, responding to 1,036 calls of service.

Chief Loughlin spoke briefly in regard to the recent activity in the Middle East. The Police Department is actively monitoring available intelligence through our Federal, State, and Regional Law Enforcement partners. At this time there are no known threats, we are just keeping an eye on it for precautionary purposes. We've directed additional patrol presence around locations that could be considered symbolic or high visibility targets: houses of worship, transportation hubs, and our hospital. The Officers have been briefed to remain vigilant for any suspicious activity, and we will be maintaining close coordination with our partner agencies. These measures are purely precautionary, we will continue assessing developments in real time and adjust our response as necessary to ensure everyone's safety.

Trustee Albert: Before coming to this meeting tonight I happened to notice on Hillside there were multiple Sheriff's vehicles lined up, and I just wanted make sure you are aware of what they are doing as I didn't see any Suffern cars.

Chief Loughlin: We have good communication with them, most of the time it is evictions, and they take care of that themselves. If they need assistance they give us a call.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief William Barish

**RESOLUTION NO. 020 OF 2026
ACCEPTING RAYMOND FUGAZZIE AS A NEW MEMBER IN VOLUNTEER HOSE CO.
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RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees accepts Raymond Fugazzie, 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 Osborn, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 2, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nicholas Tjoa: Boy Scout from Troop 21 in Suffern

Nicholas presented his Eagle Scout Project at the Suffern Railroad Museum to make it handicapped-accessible. He will do a sign and a walkway in order for people to have greater access into the museum, as well as making the museum better known in our community. Nicholas commented that he never knew that we had a Railroad Museum and our Village has a big history in the railroads. The proposal was submitted to the Rockland Eagle Board.

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

No Public Comments

MOTION to close the public comment was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Osborn.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Charles Sawicki

**RESOLUTION NO. 021 OF 2026
A RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE OPTION TO RENEW THE REFUSE AND
RECYCLING COLLECTION CONTAINER SERVICE CONTRACT FOR TWO YEARS**

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

WHEREAS, the Village authorized the submission of competitive bids for the provision of Refuse and Recycling Collection Container Service; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees awarded the contract to Donato Marangi, Inc. on or about April 15, 2024 for a period of two; and

WHEREAS, the bid specifications and contract contained an option on the part of the Village for renewal for an additional two years; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 5, 2024, the Board of Trustees consented to the assignment of said contract to Interstate Waste Services, Inc. for the balance of the contract and with an option on the part of the Village for renewal for an additional two years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is desirous of exercising the option to extend the contract for an additional period of two years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that the Village hereby exercises its option to renew the Refuse and Recycling Collection Container Service for an additional period of two years and that Interstate Waste Services, Inc. be so notified in accordance with the terms of the contract.

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

Adopted: March 2, 2026

This is up in the Bon Aire/Stonegate area. The option is there and makes sense as if you go out to bid there is a greater chance of the price being raised. This will actually help those communities in their garbage collection.

**RESOLUTION NO. 022 OF 2026
A RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BIDS FOR THE BACKWASH AND WASTE TANK
PUMP STATION CONTROL PANEL UPGRADES PROJECT AT THE WATER
TREATMENT FACILITY**

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

WHEREAS, the Village authorized the submission of competitive bids for the Backwash and Waste Tank Pump Station Control Panel Upgrades Project at the Water Treatment Facility; and

WHEREAS, the bids were returnable on February 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, one bid was submitted by TAM Enterprises, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a critical aspect of the project was the completion time; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by TAM Enterprises provided for 56 days lead time; and

WHEREAS, it is critical for the ability to provide a dependable source of drinking water to the residents of the Village of Suffern that the installation be completed in a shorter period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that it is in the best interests of the Village to reject the bids for the Backwash and Waste

Tank Pump Station Control Panel Upgrades Project at the Water Treatment Facility and the same are hereby rejected.

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

Adopted: March 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 023 OF 2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION OF FORMAL BIDS FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CHEMICALS

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that the solicitation of formal bids for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Chemicals is hereby authorized, with bids to be returnable by March 18, 2026 at 2:30 P.M.

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

Adopted: March 2, 2026

This is a yearly process, we do this now so we get exact numbers for our budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 024 OF 2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION OF FORMAL BIDS FOR THE HOOK AND LADDER FIREHOUSE ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that the solicitation of formal bids for Hook and Ladder Firehouse Roof Replacement Project is hereby authorized, with bids to be returnable by March 25, 2026 at 3:00 P.M.

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

Adopted: March 2, 2026

The building needs a major roof job.

RESOLUTION NO. 025 OF 2026

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR CURLEY'S APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER DOWNEY AS A MAINTENANCE HELPER

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Curley hereby appoints Christopher Downey to a Maintenance Helper at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with a salary of \$27.36 per hour, starting on March 3, 2026, 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, seconded by Trustee Hogue, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 2, 2026

Mr. Downey already works in that section, but he is supposed to be at a higher rank, so we are just putting him where he is supposed to be.

RESOLUTION NO. 026 OF 2026

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE BACKWASH AND WASTE TANK PUMP STATION CONTROL PANEL UPGRADES PROJECT AT THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY TO RAPID PUMP AND SERVICE CO. ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS

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 Backwash and Waste Tank Pump Station Control Panel Upgrades Project at the Water Treatment Facility; and

WHEREAS, the bids were returnable on February 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the single bid submitted was rejected by the Board of Trustees on March 2, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the backwash and waste tank pump station control panel at the Water Treatment Facility is beyond the expected useful life and has failed, not functioning in automatic mode; and

WHEREAS, the control panel must properly operate the backwash pumps to prevent overfilling of the backwash tank; and

WHEREAS, because the system is not working in automatic, pump operation will not be automatically controlled, creating a serious risk of tank overflow and potential spill; and

WHEREAS, such a failure would significantly impact plant operations if either Well #1 or Well #4 goes out of service, in which event, Well #2 or Well #3 would need to be placed into service, and the greensand filters would require immediate backwashing to the backwash tank; and

WHEREAS, immediate replacement is necessary to prevent operational disruption and environmental risk; and

WHEREAS, completion of the project in an expeditious manner is critical in order for the Village to provide a dependable source of drinking water to the residents of the Village of Suffern; and

WHEREAS, by memorandum dated February 26, 2026, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has opined that, by virtue of the foregoing, an emergency situation exists; and

WHEREAS, a proposal for said work was obtained from Rapid Pump and Service Co. in the amount of \$48,760.00, which work will be completed in 14 to 28 days; and

WHEREAS, the competency and responsibility of Rapid Pump and Service Co. has been reviewed and found to be satisfactory; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has determined that \$48,760.00 is a fair and reasonable price for the provision of materials and labor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that an emergency exists with respect to replacement of the backwash and waste tank pump station control panel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Rapid Pump and Service Co., P.O. Box AY, 285 Straight Street, Paterson, New Jersey 07509, in the amount of \$48,760.00 for the Backwash and Waste Tank Pump Station Control Panel Upgrades Project at the Water Treatment Facility, in accordance with the proposal dated January 30, 2026, conditioned upon completion within 28 days, 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 Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Osborn, with all in favor.

Adopted: March 2, 2026

TREASURER: Mr. Gregg Smith

RESOLUTION NO. 027 OF 2026

**TRANSFER FUNDS FROM STREET MAINTENANCE SHADE TREE & PARK
MAINTENANCE TO STREET LIGHTING MISC ADMINISTRATIVE**

WHEREAS, the Village Board approved a comprehensive study of Village lighting in the Downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 General Fund budget for Street lighting Misc Administrative (A.5182.4) has insufficient funds available to finance the cost of the Study; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 General Fund Street Maintenance Contractual (A.5110.4) has an available balance of \$35,403.98 (Tree.0064 & Park Maintenance.0068)

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 General Fund Snow Removal Contractual (A.5142.4) has an available balance of \$52,774.98

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees authorizes the transfer of \$20,000.00 from General Fund Street Maintenance Contractual Account to General Fund Street lighting Misc Administrative and \$14,400 from General Fund Snow Removal Contractual to General Fund Street lighting Misc Administrative

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

Adopted: March 2, 2026

All of this money is in our budget; we are just transferring it to a different section of the budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 028 OF 2026

CAPITAL PROJECT 2026-004 DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT/STREETSCAPING

WHEREAS, the Village Board has recommended a capital project for the Improvement / Streetscaping in the Downtown Business District (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Project is estimated to be \$800,000 (the "Cost"); and

WHEREAS the Village Board intends to finance the Cost as follows:

Appropriation General Fund \$800,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Suffern hereby establishes Project 2026-004 Downtown Improvement / Streetscaping in the amount of \$800,000.

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

Adopted: March 2, 2026

We are having an engineer study done. At this time, we are not spending any money yet, we are just establishing the project and putting money there. The downtown for this board has been a big concern, we feel the lighting is not adequate. Even certain things with the trees and how they block the lighting; even the different grates that are there. Also, the maintenance on the sidewalks and over time grease builds up. If we put energy into downtown, hopefully we can pull different and new businesses in.

RESOLUTION NO. 029 OF 2026

**TRANSFER FUNDS FOR PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF PUMP
STATION CONTROL PANEL**

WHEREAS, the current pump station control panel is beyond the expected useful life and has failed; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Water Fund budget for Equipment Parts (F.8340.4400.0035) has insufficient funds available to finance the cost of the emergency Repair; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Water Fund budget 2025-2026 Water Fund budget Maintenance Contract (F.8320.4400.0013) has an available balance of \$7,302.02

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Water Fund Misc Admin Budget (F.8320.4400.0014) has an available balance of \$5,000.00

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Water Fund Uniform Budget (F.8320.4400.0025) has an available balance of \$1,466.01

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Water Fund Equipment Parts (F.8320.4400.0034) has an available balance of \$14,104.49

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Water Fund Janitorial Supplies (F.8320.4400.0036) has an available balance of \$1,873.73

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Water Fund Outside Lab Services (F.8320.4400.0053) has an available balance of \$23,165.05

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Water Fund Water Meter Supplies (F.8340.4400.0041) has an available balance of \$14,464.74

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Water Fund Water Contingency (F.1990.4400.0014) has an available balance of \$200,000.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees authorizes the transfer of \$5,000.00 Water Fund budget Maintenance Contract (F.8320.4400.0013), \$5,000.00 Water Fund Misc Admin Budget (F.8320.4400.0014), \$760.00 Uniform Budget (F.8320.4400.0025), \$7,000.00 Fund Equipment Parts (F.8320.4400.0034), \$1,000.00 Water Fund Janitorial Supplies (F.8320.4400.0036), \$5,000.00 Water Fund Outside Lab Services (F.8320.4400.0053), \$5,000.00 Water Meter Supplies (F.8340.4400.0041) and \$20,000.00 Water Contingency (F.1990.4400.0014).

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

Adopted: March 2, 2026

MAYOR

RESOLUTION NO. 030 OF 2026 APPOINTING EMILY BURAKOWSKI AS PART-TIME CLERK

RESOLVED, Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Emily Burakowski to the vacant position of Part-time Clerk in the Village Clerk Department, effective pending approval by Rockland County Personnel, at a pay rate of \$16.00 per hour, 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 Osborn and seconded by Trustee Hogue and passed by the Board.

Adopted: March 2, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 031 OF 2026 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND FOR THE USE OF HALLETT PLACE, H LOT, AND IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS PARK AND RIDE LOT FACILITIES IN THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

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

WHEREAS, § 119-o of the General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to contract to perform together that which each is authorized to perform individually; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern has determined that it is in the public interest and of mutual advantage to enter into an agreement with the County of Rockland for the use of Hallet Place, Lot H, and improvements at various park and Ride lot facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that the Mayor is hereby authored to sign an Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Rockland for the use of Hallet Place, Lot H, and improvements at various park and Ride lot facilities, subject to approval by the Village Attorney as to the form and substance.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Alpert and seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan and passed by the Board.

Adopted: March 2, 2026

Every couple of years we do this with the County, they give us a certain amount of money for Hallet Place. With this money we can put railings up on the train station side of Ramapo Ave, do different potholes, etc.

I would just like to let you know some things happening with Suffern residents:

- ❖ Pat Withers will be the Grand Marshall for the St. Patrick's Day parade in Pearl River. This is a great honor and great accomplishment. Even his father had it years ago.
- ❖ Glen Wilson received a big award called the Charles M. Fales Award, for 52 years of firefighting and community service. They surprised him, we didn't even know about it.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 P.M. was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hogue, with all in favor.

Respectfully,

Betty Vanderbeek, Village Clerk