



**VILLAGE OF SUFFERN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

**Present:** Michael F. Curley, Mayor  
Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Deputy Mayor  
Steven Alpert, Trustee  
Frank Hagen, Trustee  
Fred Sauberman, Trustee  
Terry Rice, Village Attorney  
Melissa B. Reimer, Village Clerk  
Michael A. Genito, Village Treasurer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Curley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all of those who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our Country and our freedoms.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

A Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

A Regular Meeting to follow immediately after the Reorganization Meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 228 OF 2022**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2022**

**RESOLVED**, the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of October 3, 2022, be and are hereby approved.

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

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 229 OF 2022**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2022**

**RESOLVED**, the minutes of the Board of Trustees Special Meeting of October 21, 2022, be and are hereby approved.

A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Sauberman and seconded by Trustee Alpert, passed by the Board.

Abstain: Trustee Hagen

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2022 AMENDING § 254-56 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN PROHIBITING LEFT HAND TURNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EXIT OF**

**RICHARD P. CONNOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND CYPRUS ROAD IN THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN**

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Alpert, with all in favor.

Mayor Curley explained to the public how he and Charles Sawicki met with the Principal of Connor School to correct traffic flow to make it safer for all.

No public comment.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2022 AMENDING § 254-56 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN PROHIBITING LEFT HAND TURNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EXIT OF RICHARD P. CONNOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND CYPRUS ROAD IN THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN**

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Sauberman, with all in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 230 OF 2022  
ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2022 AMENDING § 254-56 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN PROHIBITING LEFT HAND TURNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EXIT OF RICHARD P. CONNOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND CYPRUS ROAD IN THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN**

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

Section 1. Section 254-56 of the Code of the Village of Suffern is hereby amended to add before: [Name of Street] Exit from property at corner of Washington Avenue and Lafayette Avenue [Direction of Travel] East [Prohibited Turn] Left [Hours] All [At Intersection of] Washington Avenue, the following:

[Name of Street]	[Direction of Travel]	[Prohibited Turn]	[Hours]	[At Intersection of]
<b>Exit from Richard P. Connor Elementary School</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Left</b>	<b>Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Cyprus Road</b>

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**MOTION TO ACCEPT A NEW MEMBER, QUINCI HARRIS, FOR THE SUFFERN HOOK & LADDER CO. NO. 1**

A motion to accept Quinci Harris was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Hagen, with all in favor.

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 231 OF 2022**

**AUTHORIZING THE SUFFERN FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ATTEND THE W. PATERSON, NEW JERSEY FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY PARADE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2022**

**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 West Patterson, New Jersey Fire Department Holiday Parade on November 26, 2022, 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 Corrigan, seconded by Sauberman, with all in favor.

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 232 OF 2022  
AUTHORIZING THE SUFFERN FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ATTEND THE ORANGEBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY PARADE ON DECEMBER 10, 2022**

**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 Fire Department Holiday Parade on December 10, 2022, 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 Corrigan, seconded by Sauberman, with all in favor.

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 233 OF 2022  
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF APPLICATION NO. 13 TO PITINGARO & DOETSCH CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE BACKUP POWER FOR CRITICAL FACILITIES PROJECT**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that payment of Application No. 13 to Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C. in the amount of \$1,721.04 for Project 2021-006 GOSR NYCR-0256 Backup Power for Critical Facilities is hereby authorized, subject to approval by the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Sauberman, with all in favor.

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 234 OF 2022  
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF APPLICATION NO. 13 TO PITINGARO & DOETSCH CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE HARDENING OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that payment of Application No. 13 to Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C. in the amount of \$17,799.32 for Project 2021-005 GOSR NYCR-0255 Hardening of Water Treatment Plant is hereby authorized., subject to approval by the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery.

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

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 235 OF 2022  
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF APPLICATION NO. 14 TO PITINGARO & DOETSCH  
CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE BACKUP POWER FOR CRITICAL  
FACILITIES PROJECT**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that payment of Application No. 14 to Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C. in the amount of \$1,721.04 for Project 2021-006 GOSR NYCR-0256 Backup Power for Critical Facilities is hereby authorized, subject to approval by the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Sauberman, with all in favor.

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 236 OF 2022  
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF APPLICATION NO. 14 TO PITINGARO & DOETSCH  
CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE HARDENING OF WATER TREATMENT  
PLANT PROJECT**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that payment of Application No. 14 to Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C. in the amount of \$8,899.66 for Project 2021-005 GOSR NYCR-0255 Hardening of Water Treatment Plant is hereby authorized., subject to approval by the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery.

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

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 237 OF 2022  
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF APPLICATION NO. 8 TO TAM ENTERPRISES, INC.  
FOR THE HARDENING OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that payment of Application No. 8 to TAM Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$185,185.14 for Project 2021-005 GOSR NYCR-0255 Hardening of Water Treatment Plant is hereby authorized, subject to approval by the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery.

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

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 238 OF 2022  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
CONTRACT WITH JCO, INC., EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE INITIAL  
CONTRACT AND ADDING THERETO COVERAGE BY THE CHIEF OPERATOR OF  
RECORD ON WEEKEND**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees entered into an agreement with JCO, Inc., dated October 1, 2021, for operational services for the wastewater treatment plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement provides an option for extension of the contract for a period of up to two years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is desirous of expending the contract for a period of two years, to and including September 30, 2024, in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of the original contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is also desirous of amending the contract to provide for coverage by the Chief Operator of Record on weekends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that the Mayor is authorized to execute an amendment to the contract with JCO, Inc. providing for an extension of the existing contract to and including September 30, 2024, with compensation to be provided in accordance paragraph 2.2 thereof and, in addition, providing for coverage by the Chief Operator of Record on weekends, subject to approval of the contract as to form by the Village Attorney.

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

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 239 OF 2022**

##### **AMEND 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR SUFFERN DAY**

**WHEREAS**, on September 24, 2022, the Village of Suffern hosted its annual Suffern Day event; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the practice of the Village Board to amend the annual General Fund budget for the Suffern Day when all of the donations have been received and expenditures incurred; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022-2023 Suffern Day event received \$12,851.61 in donations and incurred expenditures of \$14,347.85; and

**WHEREAS**, there are funds available on deposit in the Suffern Day bank account in the amount of \$1,496.24 that can be used to fund the difference between expenditures incurred and donations received.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2022-2023 General Fund adopted budget is amended by increasing Estimated Revenues – Suffern Day Donations and increasing Appropriations – Recreation Contractual, each in the amount of \$14,348.

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

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 240 OF 2022**

##### **AMEND 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR POOL SNACKSTAND**

**WHEREAS**, the 2022-2023 General Fund adopted budget included \$5,000 for estimated revenues for the swimming pool snack stand and did not include any appropriations for the swimming pool snack stand; and

**WHEREAS**, at the close of the swimming season, the actual swimming pool snack stand revenues are \$8,846.00 and the actual expenditures are \$2,984.89.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2022-2023 General Fund adopted budget is amended by increasing Estimated Revenues – Recreation Concessions and increasing Appropriations – Recreation Contractual, each in the amount of \$3,000. A motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Hagen, seconded by Trustee Corrigan with all in favor.

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 241 OF 2022**

**AMEND 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS**

**WHEREAS** the current estimated cost of water treatment chemicals for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2022, significantly exceeds the estimated costs developed for the 2022-2023 Water Fund Source of Supply Contractual budget by approximately \$52,000; and

**WHEREAS** there is \$153,500 currently available in the 2022-2023 Water Fund Contingent Account.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Suffern Village Board authorizes the transfer of \$52,000 from the Water Fund Contingent Account to Water Fund Source of Supply Contractual.

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

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 242 OF 2022**

**AMEND 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR JUSTICE COURT CONSULTANT**

**WHEREAS**, the 2022-2023 General Fund adopted budget for Justice Court Personal Services included approximately \$81,000 for clerical support staff; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, no clerical support staff has been hired and the Justice Court Clerk has been assisted by a consultant to perform the work of the Justice Court; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that to continue through the fiscal year ending May 31, 2022, an additional \$79,000 will be required to retain the services of a Justice Court consultant if clerical staff is not hired.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2022-2023 General Fund adopted budget is amended by transferring \$79,000 from Appropriations – Justice Court Personal Services to Appropriations – Justice Court Contractual.

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

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 243 OF 2022**

**AMEND FISCAL YEAR END 2022 AND 2023 BUDGETS FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE CONTRIBUTIONS**

**WHEREAS** the Village of Suffern has traditionally budgeted and accounted for employee contributions to health care in revenue account 2709 Employee Contributions, including the adopted budgets for fiscal year ended May 31, 2022, and fiscal year ending May 31; 2023; and

**WHEREAS** the Office of the State Comptroller has advised that these contributions should be budgeted and accounted for as an offset to health insurance expenditures.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Suffern Village Board amends the adopted budget for fiscal year ended May 31, 2022, effective May 31, 2022, as follows:

- Decrease General Fund Estimated Revenues – Employee Contributions \$167,000
- Decrease General Fund Appropriations – Health Insurance \$167,000
- Decrease Water Fund Estimated Revenues – Employee Contributions \$9,500
- Decrease Water Fund Appropriations – Health Insurance \$9,500
- Decrease Sewer Fund Estimated Revenues – Employee Contributions \$5,500
- Decrease Sewer Fund Appropriations – Health Insurance \$5,500; and
  - Decrease General Fund Estimated Revenues – Employee Contributions \$194,000
  - Decrease General Fund Appropriations – Health Insurance \$194,000
  - Decrease Water Fund Estimated Revenues – Employee Contributions \$9,500
  - Decrease Water Fund Appropriations – Health Insurance \$9,500
  - Decrease Sewer Fund Estimated Revenues – Employee Contributions \$5,500
  - Decrease Sewer Fund Appropriations – Health Insurance \$5,500

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

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 244 OF 2022**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ACCU DATA CORP. FOR EMPLOYEE MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Suffern’s current provider of payroll services is not compliant with the New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS) enhanced reporting requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the NYSLRS currently certifies only two payroll services providers who are compliant with the enhanced reporting standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Treasurer and his staff have researched each of the two payroll services providers certified by NYSLRS, including but not limited to, discussions with company representatives, demonstrations of services offered, checking references currently utilizing the services, and the receipt of proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, Accu Data Corp., a New York corporation with its principal place of business located at 95 West Old Country Road, Hicksville, New York 11801 (Accu Data) submitted the lowest cost proposal for the same or similar services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Accu Data for comprehensive employee management services, including but not limited to, payroll processing, time and attendance systems, and benefit administration, subject to approval as to form by the Village Attorney.

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

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 245 OF 2022**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ACCESS SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE REVIEW OF CURRENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND RECORDS INVENTORY, FOR PREPARATION OF AN RFP AND EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Village is desirous of retaining Access Systems, Inc. to review current records management practices and records inventory, to prepare an RFP for records storage and management and to evaluate submitted proposals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that the Mayor is authorized to execute an amendment with Access Management Inc. to review current records management practices and records inventory, to prepare an RFP for records storage and management and to evaluate submitted proposals in accordance with the proposal submitted by Access Management Inc., at a sum not to exceed \$10,000, subject to approval of the contract as to form by the Village Attorney.

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

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 246 OF 2022**

**AUTHORIZING NELSON POPE VOORHIS TO PREPARE PLANNING STUDIES, ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND REVISIONS TO THE ZONING LAW AND STANDARD SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREA OVERLAY DISTRICT REGULATIONS AND THE MONEY-IN-LIEU OF RECREATION REQUIREMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Critical Environmental Area Overlay District regulations primarily relate to residential development in Critical Environmental Areas in the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned regulations require revision and updating for various reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, the payment for money-in-lieu of recreation land has not been reviewed or revised in a significant period of time and requires review and revision; and

**WHEREAS**, Nelson Pope and Voorhis has submitted a proposal for revisions of the foregoing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees is desirous of revising the foregoing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees that Mayor Curley is authorized to retain Nelson Pope and Voorhis a) to prepare all necessary documents and studies for amendment of the CEA zoning regulations, including but not limited to discussions with Village officials with respect to the revisions, preparing a local law with up to two edits, attendance at a public hearing; preparation of an EAF and determination of significance and preparation of a resolution of approval and SEQRA findings, for a sum not to exceed \$7,500 and b) preparation of a revised money-in-lieu of recreation fee law, including but not limited to a survey of the public regarding recreation preferences, survey of existing facilities, assessment of deficiencies and need for additional facilities, assessment of costs for land acquisition and improvements, survey of such fees in comparable municipalities, preparation of a recreation plan, preparation of an EAF and determination of significance, and preparation of a resolution of approval and SEQRA findings, for a sum not to exceed \$6,000.

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

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 247 OF 2022**

**APPOINTING LOUIS CIACCIO AS A SEWER RENT APPEALS BOARD MEMBER FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

**RESOLVED**, that Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Louis Ciaccio as a Sewer Rent Appeals Board member, effective November 14, 2022, for the balance of the term to expire at 12:00 noon, on December 5, 2024.

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

**Adopted:** November 14, 2022

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Loughlin presented the Police Department statistics for the month of October 2022. He also explained that there are several events for the Police Department forthcoming. These events include DARE Hockey Championships, a DARE Dance, as well as the PBA and DARE Toy Drives.

Chief Loughlin then introduced Judge Apotheker, First Assistant District Attorney of the Rockland County District Attorney's Office to give a presentation regarding Project Connect.

Judge Apotheker spoke about his history in the County of Rockland and that of the Village of Suffern. He then said that he works with District Attorney Walsh on alternative incarceration programs. Judge Apotheker admitted that he was opposed to "Drug Court" in the very beginning, but when he learned more about it, he was a believer in the progress it made with the people it serviced. He said that the program worked.

He said that as a Drug Court Judge, the programs they run are difficult programs. They have benchmarks, sanctions for misbehavior, and incarceration for those who do not complete their end of the deal. He stated that he sent more people to prison as a Drug Court Judge than any other type of Judge. He stated that was because the person had failed the program. There must be consequences for bad behavior.

Judge Apotheker asked for the Village to join other Towns around the County and adopt the Project Connect program. Hopefully, he stated, that every Town and Village Police Department will have this true diversion program. It is in communities all over the United States.

Judge Apotheker explained that Rockland County received a \$900k Federal grant two years ago for this program. It has been running for about a year. There have been 60 referrals, 40 people in the program, and 25 people have successfully completed it. Project Connect is a pre-prosecution program, for low-level non-violent offenders who have a substance abuse/mental health issue.

The program starts with the police officer asking a short series of questions, but asked in a certain way. That will indicate to the police officer if the person may have a substance abuse or mental health issue. Once the office determines that, he/she will get in touch with someone from the Project Connect. The Project Connect "Peer" will explain how the program works to the person who has been arrested. If the person agrees to be evaluated, the process begins.

The Village Police will need to be trained. Training will be given from the Town of Clarkstown Police Department. The Village of Suffern will receive \$5,000 for the overtime costs from the County of Rockland to offset the training costs. If officers work overtime due to arrests and associated Project Connect program, the Village will likely be reimbursed for those costs as well.

There is no mandate to refer to the program. It is up to the discretion of the officer.

The offenders only have one chance for this program. If they commit a crime again, they are charged with a crime. This is not an easy program. The program is trying to intervene before the problems get worse.

Chief Loughlin commented that he was in favor of the program. He said that he was comfortable that it was a one-time opportunity for people. This was not a recurring process.

## **GRANTS**

Mr. Fred Rella congratulated Trustee Alpert and Trustee Sauberman on winning their election.

Mr. Rella commented on the parking lot "B." He congratulated the Mayor, Mr. Sawicki, and Joe Hunt for the paving of that lot. He stated that it looked great and just reminded the Board that the Village of Suffern received a partial grant for \$170k for that parking lot re-paving.

Mayor Curley mentioned that there is a water puddle in parking lot B that is going to be corrected. It will be taken care of with infrared by the vendor, with no cost to the Village. Also, the Village will not be paying any bills until the lot is fixed.

Mr. Rella mentioned two grants for sidewalks for West Maple Avenue in the West Ward. These grants total \$300k, which we received the paperwork from the County of Rockland. We will be replacing the sidewalk on West Maple Avenue in the Springtime 2023.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Ms. Jeremy Kaufer congratulated Trustees Alpert and Sauberman on their election win.

## **RECREATION**

Ms. Cathy Mills congratulated both Board of Trustees for winning their election bid. She then explained the calendar of events for December 2022.

Mayor Curley congratulated Ms. Mills, DPW, and everyone on a job well done for Veteran's Day.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT** (limited to 4 minutes per speaker)

A motion to open the public comment was made by Trustee Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Alpert, with all in favor.

Mr. Giannettino asked about the flooding in the B-lot that the Mayor mentioned. Mayor Curley explained it was just how it was paved, and it will be corrected. Mr. Giannettino also asked about the Florida fundraiser.

A motion to close the public comment was made by Trustee Sauberman and seconded by Trustee Hagen, with all in favor.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Charles Sawicki explained the paving, milling, and resurfacing with ADA ramps around the Village of Suffern, fire stations, as well as parking lots.

## **TREASURER**

Mr. Michael Genito explained the resolutions for the Treasury Department.

## **TRUSTEES**

Trustee Sauberman said that the paving of Parkside Drive looks beautiful.

## **MAYOR**

Mayor Curley will appoint a committee to work together with Nelson Pope Voorhis in reference to the Master Plan. Nelson Pope has been working on the Plan and will be making a presentation to the Village Board next meeting. The adoption of the Master Plan is a long process with many public hearings.

Mayor Curley stated that he is not as fearful as it may seem about the loss of Avon. He stated that this is not the “Big Avon” that it once was. He stated that there are only 136 employees and some work from remote locations.

The Village of Suffern is only receiving \$166,000 in taxes. If there was no Payment in Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) agreement, the Village would be receiving at least \$620,000 a year. He feels that there is hope for the Avon location for the Village of Suffern. He also stated that he was not surprised that Avon was leaving. The Mayor is sure that they will be giving it to a realtor soon and he believes the sooner the better for the Village.

The Mayor explained that Avon is zoned for manufacturing and research. Mayor Curley wants to incorporate it into the Master Plan as well as change the zoning, if necessary.

The Mayor presented the motion/resolutions for vote.

- a. A motion to grant a permit for the Sacred Heart Church to hold Parade on December 5, 2022, from 5:15 P.M. to 6:15 P.M. to utilize the left lane of Lafayette Avenue from the corner of Orange Avenue to Sacred Heart Church was moved by Trustee Alpert, seconded by Trustee Corrigan, with all in favor.
- b. Mayor Curley explained the resolution regarding Nelson Pope Voorhis. The Mayor explained that there are environmental sensitive areas in the Village (about five or six). These pieces of property must be protected.

In addition, Recreation Fees were lowered years ago in connection with building fees. In order to increase or reinstate them, the Village must do a study. The Mayor explained that the Board is hiring Nelson Pope Voorhis to perform this study.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 P.M. was made by Trustee Alpert, seconded by Trustee Sauberman, with all in favor.

Respectfully,

Melissa B. Reimer, CPA  
Village Clerk