



VILLAGE OF SUFFERN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024
7:00 P.M.

Present: Michael F. Curley, Mayor
Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Deputy Mayor
Steven Alpert, Trustee
Clarke Osborn, Trustee
Angela Denis-Hogue, 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 7:09 P.M. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked for everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for all of our veterans throughout the world, who are there protecting our freedoms every day.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

A Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.
A Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Fred Rella, Village Grant Writer, explained Parking Lot A – Orange Avenue and Lafayette Avenue. The Village received a \$200 thousand Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) for that project. It is for re-paving of that parking lot. It is a two-phase project. The first phase has started and complete. That was to improve the drainage within the parking lot. Now that it has been done, we have to wait a month for it to settle. They will start paving in September and then they will do the striping.

Mayor Curley asked how Lot A was picked for the Community Development Block Grant.

Mr. Rella explained how that area met the criteria based on US Census Data on income for CDBG.

Mayor Curley thanked the Fire Apparatus Committee for all their hard work. He thanked them for coming to the meeting tonight. Many hundreds of hours were spent by the Chiefs and the Fire Apparatus Committee looking at different types of rigs and ladders. After a lot of research, they concluded the one that we will be voting on tonight. We have to vote on a bond first for that. Mayor Curley said that he gave the public time to make comments and send emails, phone him, but there has not been any comments. The Fire Department opened their doors to the public to show the equipment to the residents. The residents came and were very supportive of our Fire

Department. We have higher buildings coming, residential buildings, etc. and he believes it's a good and needed thing for the community. Mayor Curley stated that he is full support of the new Fire Truck.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:15 P.M., a public hearing on the request of the Knolls at Ramapough Homeowners Association to change the name of Ramapough Cirque Boulevard within the confines of the Knolls at Ramapough to Knolls Boulevard.

Mayor Curley said that he had sent this request of the Knolls at Ramapough to the Building Department, our Fire Inspector, and Fire Department. They all agreed and recommended that the name should be changed. There is confusion about the roads over there.

Mr. Frank Phillips from Phillips & Millman LLP, Stony Point, NY addressed the Board. He explained the reason for the name change and told the Board that his firm has been representing the Knolls for over 10 years as well as Ramapo Cirque for two years. He stated that there has been confusion on both sides when someone is trying to find Ramapo Cirque Boulevard. The condominiums are separated by a fence and cannot be traversed. There has been complaints on both sides of the Boulevard.

He said that they reached out to Rockland County Fire and Emergency Services, and they thought it would be a good idea to change the name as well. He asked for the resolution in front of the Board be adopted where the name of the road in the confines of the Ramapough Knolls be changed to Knolls Boulevard.

MOTION – To Open the Public Hearing to Consider request of the Knolls at Ramapough Homeowners Association to change the name of Ramapough Cirque Boulevard within the confines of the Knolls at Ramapough, was moved by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Osborn, with all in favor.

Trustee Alpert said that he feels that there should be a gate as opposed to a fence between the two neighborhoods. He suggested that it should be operated by the security guard on the other side by camera. He does not see why the two developments are separated by a fence, when there might be a reason to get from one to another quickly. He asked why there was a fence that was not traversable.

Mr. Philips did not have an answer. Two separate site plans.

Mr. Rice commented that we don't have the ability as the Board of Trustees to mandate that.

Mayor Curley added that it was a good question, but it is not relevant to the matter at hand.

Mr. Rice added that we could have someone ask the two associations to consider doing that, but that is the extent of what you could do.

Trustee Osborn added that they have opened the fence at certain times in the past, but it became a speedway due to a long straight road.

Trustee Alpert added that there are speedbumps on the Knolls side.

No comments from the public.

MOTION – To Close the Public Hearing to Consider request of the Knolls at Ramapough Homeowners Association to change the name of Ramapough Cirque Boulevard within the confines of the Knolls at Ramapough, was moved by Trustee Osborn, seconded by Trustee Hogue, with all in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 125 OF 2024
CHANGING THE NAME OF RAMAPOUGH CIRQUE BOULEVARD WITHIN THE
CONFINES OF THE KNOLLS AT RAMAPOUGH TO KNOLLS BOULEVARD**

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

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 1, 2024, The Knolls at Ramapough Homeowners Association requested that the name of Ramapough Cirque Boulevard be changed for the portion of Ramapough Cirque Boulevard that is located within the confines of The Knolls at Ramapough; and

WHEREAS a portion Ramapough Cirque Boulevard is located within The Knolls at Ramapough, and a portion of Ramapough Cirque Boulevard is located within a separate development, Ramapough Cirque, and the two portions of the road are separated by a fence and cannot be transversed; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing situation has led to confusion and potential delay in the provision of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the request was duly notice for August 5, 2024, at 7:15 P.M; and

WHEREAS, the public had an opportunity to express its opinions at said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was closed on August 5, 2024, after the public had an opportunity to be heard;

WHEREAS, the action is a Type II action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that the name of Ramapough Cirque Boulevard is hereby changed for the portion of Ramapough Cirque Boulevard that is located within the confines of The Knolls at Ramapough, to Knolls Boulevard subject to and contingent upon approval of the name change by the United States Postal service and the County of Rockland 911 service.

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

Adopted: August 5, 2024

ATTORNEY

Mr. Terry Rice presented the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 126 of 2024
IV2 LOGISTICS – STORMWATER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AND
PROFORMANCE BOND**

WHEREAS, IV2 Logistics Center, LLC, as successor in title to Orange Avenue Associates, LLC is the owner of certain property within the Village of Suffern located at 25 Old Mill Road, Suffern, NY and identified on the Town of Ramapo tax map as Section 55.37, Block 1, Lot 31 and

WHEREAS, the owner has received approval to develop the property in accordance with a site plan approval granted by the Village of Suffern Planning Board and the owner is required pursuant to said site plan approval to provide a performance bond with respect to the installation of a sanitary sewer force main, Woodland Drive, and Route 59 Concrete Sidewalks and Curbs in the amount of \$290,000.00 (Two Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars) and for a Declaration of Covenant for the Annual Inspection of Storm Water Maintenance Facilities at the property, and

WHEREAS, the owner has provided to the Village a Performance Bond in the amount of \$290,000.00 (Two Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars) from Everest Reinsurance Company, which has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works and the Village Attorney’s Office, and

WHEREAS, the owner has provided a Storm Water Maintenance Covenant to the Village, which has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works and the Village Attorney’s Office,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Village of Suffern hereby accepts, receives and files a performance bond from IV2 Suffern Logistics, as principal, and Everest Reinsurance Company, as surety, and same shall be filed in the Village Clerks Office and

BE IT FURTHERE RESOLVED, the Village of Suffern hereby accepts receives and files a Declaration of Covenant for the Annual Inspection of Storm Water Maintenance Facilities from IV2 Logistics Center, LLC for the property located at 25 Old Mill Road, Suffern NY and identified on the Town of Ramapo tax map as Section 55.37, Block 1, Lot 31, which covenant has been recorded in the Rockland County Clerk’s Office at the expense of the owner of the property, with the original Covenant having been returned to the Village Clerk for filing.

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

Adopted: August 5, 2024

TREASURER

Treasurer Genito addressed the Board and presented the following board resolutions.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Trustees
of the Village of Suffern,
in the County of Rockland, New York
August 5, 2024

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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern, in the County of Rockland, New York, was held at the Village Hall, 61 Washington Avenue, Suffern, New York, on August 5, 2024.

There were present: Hon. Michael F. Curley, Mayor; and

Trustees: Jo Meegan-Corrigan
Steven Alpert
Angela Hogue
Clarke Osborn

There were absent: None

Also present: Melissa B. Reimer, Village Clerk
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Mayor Michael F. Curley offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 127 OF 2024

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN, NEW YORK, ADOPTED AUGUST 5, 2024, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,100,000 TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE TRUCK, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$3,100,000 AND APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN, IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Trustees) **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Village of Suffern, in the County of Rockland, New York (herein called the “Village”), is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$3,100,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the “Law”), to finance the acquisition of a fire truck.

Section 2. The estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$3,100,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$3,100,000 to finance said appropriation, the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 27 of the Law, is twenty (20) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of

the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to the execution of agreements for credit enhancements, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, within ten (10) days after the adoption of this resolution, to publish or cause to be published, in full, in the official newspaper of the Village, having a general circulation within said Village, and posted in at least six (6) public places and in each polling place in the Village, a Notice in substantially the form appearing in Exhibit A hereto.

Section 8. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, after said bond resolution shall take effect, to cause said bond resolution to be published, in summary, in the official newspaper of the Village, having a general circulation within said Village, together with a Notice in substantially the form as provided by Section 81.00 of the Law.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT
Trustee Meegan-Corrigan	X		
Trustee Alpert	X		
Trustee Hogue	X		
Trustee Osborn	X		
Mayor Curley	X		

The resolution was declared adopted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Mastrullo presented the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 128 OF 2024

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A SEAGRAVE MARAUDER CUSTOM 95 FOOT AERIALSCOPE QUINT FIRE TRUCK FOR \$2,994,861.00

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

WHEREAS, by Local law No. 1 of 2024, the Board of Trustees authorized the Village to award bids of purchases by the “best value” as defined in New York State Finance Law §163; and

WHEREAS, the Village is desirous of purchasing a Seagrave Marauder Custom 95 Foot Aerialscope Quint Fire Truck; and

WHEREAS, section 103 of the General Municipal Law authorizes municipalities to purchase equipment from or through other municipal entities so long as the provisions of the General Municipal Law are substantially complied with ; and

WHEREAS, HGAVCBuy is a Texas municipal entity through which purchases may be made; and

WHEREAS, HGAVCBuy has publicly bid a contract of the purchase of a Seagrave Marauder Custom 95 Foot Aerialscope Quint Fire Truck utilizing the “best value” bidding criteria; and

WHEREAS, a bid was revied by HGAVCBuy for a Seagrave Marauder Custom 95 Foot Aerialscope Quint Fire Truck from Hudson Valley Fire Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$2,994,861.00; and

WHEREAS, the proposal and bid have been reviewed for completeness and price and the proposed contractor has been found to be qualified; and

WHEREAS, the financing for the purchase of the same has been approved; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is desirous of entering into a contract for the purchase of a Seagrave Marauder Custom 95 Foot Aerialscope Quint Fire Truck from Hudson Valley Fire Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$2,994,861.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Hudson Valley Fire Equipment, LLC for the purchase of a Seagrave Marauder Custom 95 Foot Aerialscope Quint Fire Truck in the amount of \$2,994,861.00, in accordance with the proposal dated August 5, 2024, subject to approval of a contract with respect to form and substance by the Village Attorney.

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

Adopted: August 5, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 129 OF 2024

ACCEPTING LUKE CARO AS NEW MEMBER IN VOLUNTEER HOSE, CO. 1

RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees accepts Luke Caro, as a new member in the Volunteer Hose, Co. 1.

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

Adopted: August 5, 2024

MOTION – Allow Suffern Fire Department 19-Tanker and 19-99 take photos in Jersey City, NJ on September 11, 2024, was moved by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hogue, with all in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Andrew Loughlin presented the Police Department statistics for July and spoke about the accreditation process. The Suffern Police Department has always maintained and achieved their accreditation standards.

Trustee Alpert asked how many departments were accredited and the Chief answered 29% of about 540 police departments.

RECREATION

Ms. Cathy Mills reported the following:

- **Clifford Theater** –
Addams Family Performances were on Friday and Saturday
- **Summer Concerts in the Park finished with Reflections**
- **Suffern Seniors Picnic- Thursday, August 22nd – Community Center – 12 Noon-2pm**
- **Robs School of Music – Concert at the Gazebo, Wednesday, August 28th – 6pm**
- **Pool Closes – Labor Day – Monday, September 2nd**
- **Mavors Pool Party – Saturday, September 7th**

PUBLIC COMMENT (limited to 4 minutes per speaker)

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

No comments were made.

A MOTION to close the public comment was made by Trustee Osborn and seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, with all in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Charles Sawicki presented the board resolutions.

RESOLUTION NO. 130 OF 2024

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT TO INTERSTATE WASTE SERVICES, INC. FROM DONATO MARANGI INC. FOR THE REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CONTAINER SERVICE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, following a public bid, a contract was awarded to Donato Marangi Inc. for the Refuse and Recycling Collection Container Service Contract in the Village of Suffern; and

WHEREAS, the contract, entered into between the Village of Suffern and Donato Marangi Inc., for the period commencing June 1, 2024, provided for a term of two years, with an option to renew for an additional two years; and

WHEREAS, the contract also provided that it may not be transferred without the prior written consent of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Donato Marangi Inc. has entered into a contract to sell its assets to Interstate Waste Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Donato Marangi Inc. has requested that the Board of Trustees consent to the assignment of the contract for the Refuse and Recycling Collection Container Service Contract in the Village of Suffern to Interstate Waste Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works has investigated the qualifications and ability of Interstate Waste Services, Inc. to perform the contract and is satisfied with its ability to do so.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Curley is hereby authorized to sign a consent to the assignment of the contract for the Refuse and Recycling Collection Container Service Contract in the Village of Suffern to Interstate Waste Services, Inc., for the balance of the current contract with an option on the part of the Village for renewal for an additional two years.

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

Adopted: August 5, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 131 OF 2024

APPOINTING TODD STRASSBURG TO THE MAINTENANCE MECHANIC I POSITION AND CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Todd Strassburg to the vacant position of Maintenance Mechanic I, effective August 6, 2024, with a salary of \$38.78 per hour, which includes current longevity, and said appointment is hereby confirmed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern subject to an amendment to the CSEA 2022-2027 collective bargaining agreement as agreed to by the Village and CSEA.

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

Adopted: August 5, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 132 OF 2024

APPOINTING AL CHAMBERLAIN TO THE MAINTENANCE MECHANIC I POSITION AND CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Al Chamberlain to the vacant position of Maintenance Mechanic I, effective August 6, 2024, with a salary of \$39.74 per hour, which includes current longevity, and said appointment is hereby confirmed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern subject to an amendment to the CSEA 2022-2027 collective bargaining agreement, as agreed to by the Village and CSEA, and subject to and contingent upon approval by the Rockland County Department of Personnel.

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

Adopted: August 5, 2024

TREASURER

Treasurer Genito addressed the Board and presented the following board resolutions.

**RESOLUTION NO. 133 OF 2024
AMEND 2024-2025 SEWER FUND BUDGET FOR WASTEWATER PUMP STATION
REPAIRS**

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2024, the Superintendent of Public Works advised that the Ramapo Avenue sanitary pump station located on Dunnery Court required immediate emergency repairs at the estimated cost of \$30,000 for materials and labor; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 Sewer Fund Contractual account had an available balance of \$27,665; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 Sewer Fund Contractual account had an available balance of \$107,908.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$30,000 from Sewer Fund Contingent account to Sewer Fund Contractual, nunc pro tunc.

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

Adopted: August 5, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 134 OF 2024
AUTHORIZING FREDERICK J. RELLA TO PROVIDE GRANT APPLICATION SERVICES
TO THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN**

RESOLVED, Mayor Curley is hereby authorized to sign a consulting agreement, subject to review and approval of the Village Attorney, with Frederick J. Rella (F.J. Rella & Co., LLC), Suffern, New York, to provide grant application services to the Village of Suffern from June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025, Nunc Pro Tunc.

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

Adopted: August 5, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 135 OF 2024
APPROVING LOSAP INVESTMENT POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Village of Suffern relies on the Village of Suffern Fire Department for fire and rescue services; and

WHEREAS, the Village funds and maintains a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for the volunteers of the Village of Suffern Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent and appropriate to review and update the Investment Policy for the funds dedicated to maintaining the LOSAP program; and

WHEREAS, an updated Investment Policy prepared by RBC Wealth Management has been presented to the Village Board for review and approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Length of Service Award Program Investment Policy presented to the Village Board is approved.

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

Adopted: August 5, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 136 OF 2024
ESTABLISH PROJECT 2024-008 FEMA DISASTER RECOVERY**

WHEREAS, the Village has received and anticipates further receipt of FEMA Disaster Recovery funds for past storms and other declared disasters; and

WHEREAS, some of the funds received or to be received reflect reimbursements of costs already incurred by the Village, while others reflect amounts provided to finance the cost of repairs not yet undertaken by the Village; and

WHEREAS, the amounts to be received are not known until the Village is actually in receipt of the funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board establishes Project 2024-008 FEMA Disaster Recovery and authorizes the Village Treasurer to establish and amend the project budget when disaster recovery funds are received; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2024, nunc pro tunc.

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

Adopted: August 5, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 137 OF 2024

TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENT ACCOUNT TO MAYOR CONTRACTUAL FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Suffern desires to hold several events that will celebrate the benefits of living and working in the Village for all residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 6 of 2024 authorizes the expenditure of funds for such purposes and;

WHEREAS, there is an available balance of \$401,200 in the General Fund Contingent Account; and

WHEREAS, the adopted 2024-2025 budgets did not appropriate funds for costs associated with the aforesaid celebrations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$100,000 from the General Fund Contingent Account to the Mayor Contractual account.

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

Adopted: August 5, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 138 OF 2024

ESTABLISH PROJECT 2025-003 FIRE LADDER TRUCK

WHEREAS, the Village Board has authorized the purchase of a fire ladder truck; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the fire ladder truck, including but not limited to financing costs and contingency is \$3,100,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board establishes Project 2025-003 Fire Ladder Truck in the amount of \$3,100,000 to be financed by debt.

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

Adopted: August 5, 2024

MAYOR

RESOLUTION NO. 139 of 2024

APPOINTING LAURA FLAHERTY TO THE CLERK POSITION AND CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED Mayor Michael F. Curley hereby appoints Laura Flaherty to the vacant position of Clerk effective August 6, 2024, with a salary of \$33.97 per hour, which includes current longevity, and the Board of Trustees confirms the appointment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$17,000 from the General Fund A1990.4 Contingent Account to A1410.1 Village Clerk Personal Services.

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

Adopted: August 5, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 140 OF 2024
APPOINTING RANDY ORTIZ TEMPORARY, PART-TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR AND CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Curley hereby appoints Randy Ortiz temporary, part-time Building Inspector 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 Meegan-Corrigan and seconded by Trustee Hogue, with all in favor.

Adopted: August 5, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 141 OF 2024
INCREASING THE SALARY OF ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR ADAM GORDON BY FIVE DOLLARS**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the salary of Assistant Building Inspector Adam Gordon is increased by five dollars, effective August 6, 2024, to an hourly salary of \$43.08.

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

Adopted: August 5, 2024

Mayor Curley discussed the importance of the Building Department and the need for another clerk in the Building Department. We need to make sure that nothing backs up in the Building Department and the Board has been very supportive. We are also looking for an Assistant Fire Inspector. We want to keep everyone in the Village safe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION To Approve July 8, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes was moved by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hogue, with all in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 142 OF 2024
REGARDING SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR POLICE CHIEF ANDREW LOUGHLIN**

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 169 of 2020, promoting Andrew Loughlin to the position of Police Chief/Provisional, with a base salary rate to be ten percent (10%) above the base pay of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2021, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 173 of 2021, appointing Andrew Loughlin to the position of Police Chief/Permanent, with a base salary to continue at a rate to be ten percent (10%) above the base pay of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, the annual base pay for Chief Loughlin, not including longevity or any other stipends on May 31, 2021, was \$212,936; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to establish the salary for Chief Loughlin for the period June 1, 2021, to May 31, 2025, by providing a three percent (3%) increase on base pay and specified benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to establish the longevity for Chief Loughlin for the period June 1, 2021, to May 31, 2024, by providing a longevity amount of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) for each three-year period of service to the Village of Suffern; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to establish the longevity for Chief Loughlin for the period June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025, by providing a longevity amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for each three-year period of service to the Village of Suffern; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to allow Chief Loughlin, for the period June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025, to sell back to the Village fifteen (15) days of vacation time, provided that he has already taken at least five (5) days of vacation time in the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees establishes the salary for Chief Loughlin for the period June 1, 2021, to May 31, 2025, as follows:

June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022, \$219,324

June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023, \$225,904

June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024, \$232,681

June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025, \$239,661; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that effective June 1, 2021, Chief Loughlin shall be credited with longevity in the amount of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) for each three-year period of service with the Village of Suffern; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that effective June 1, 2024, Chief Loughlin shall be credited with longevity in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for each three-year period of service with the Village of Suffern; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that effective June 1, 2024, Chief Loughlin shall be allowed to sell back to the Village fifteen (15) days of accrued and unused time, provided that he has already taken at least five (5) days of vacation time in the 2024-2025 fiscal year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Treasurer is authorized to appropriate \$39,000 of General Fund unassigned fund balance to finance the retroactive cost of the aforesaid salary increases from June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2024, and to transfer \$27,000 from the General Fund Contingent Account to finance the June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025 fiscal year cost of the aforesaid salary increase, both of which will increase the 2024-2025 Police Department Personal Services budget in the amount of \$66,000.

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

Adopted: August 5, 2024

TRUSTEES

Trustee Meegan-Corrigan it's been a great summer; there has been so much going on. Thank you to everyone in the Village, she said that she appreciates it. She thanked Cathy Mills.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 P.M. was made by Trustee Alpert, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, with all in favor.

Respectfully,

Melissa B. Reimer, CPA
Village Clerk