



**VILLAGE OF SUFFERN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024  
7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Michael F. Curley, Mayor  
Jo Meegan-Corrigan, Deputy Mayor  
Steven Alpert, Trustee  
Clarke Osborn, Trustee  
Angela Hogue, Trustee  
Robert Magrino, Assistant Village Attorney  
Melissa B. Reimer, Village Clerk  
Gregg Smith, Village Treasurer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Curley called the meeting to order at 7:36 P.M.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

A Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

A Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** To Approve November 4, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes was moved by Trustee Osborn, seconded by Trustee Hogue, with all in favor.

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Curley explained to the Board that we will open the public hearing and keep it open. The Mayor told the Board that there is a planner looking at the amendment to the local law which has to do with cars and car covers. He explained that every homeowner or resident is allowed one vehicle for commercial use and must be parked behind a certain line of their property.

People are starting to run businesses out of their house, which is not legal in Suffern with multiple taxis and other vehicles too. People are putting car covers on the cars and that was not the spirit of the law. The Village must adjust the law, to adjust with the times.

**MOTION** - To Open the Public Hearing to Consider a Local Law Amending § 205-3(6) of the code of the Village of Suffern regarding vehicle parking in the Village of Suffern, was moved by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Alpert, with all in favor.

No comments were made.

**MOTION** – To continue for our next meeting on January 6, 2025, Public Hearing to Consider a Local Law Amending § 205-3(6) of the code of the Village of Suffern regarding vehicle parking

in the Village of Suffern, was moved by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Osborn, with all in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 203 OF 2024**

**CHANGING THE NAME OF AVON PLACE TO DIVISION STREET**

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

**WHEREAS**, Avon Place previously was known and designated as Division Street; and

**WHEREAS**, at some time in the past, Avon Products requested that Division Street be renamed Avon Place, and the Board of Trustees renamed the street Avon Place; and

**WHEREAS**, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals has purchased the property formerly owned and occupied by Avon Products intends to utilize the property as a medical research lab, office and cold storage space; and

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated November 12, 2024, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals requested that the name of Avon Place be changed to Division Street; and

**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 Avon Place is hereby changed to Division Street, 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 Alpert, seconded by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan, with all in favor.

**Adopted:** December 2, 2024

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief Vinny Mastrullo addressed the Board and presented the board resolutions. Thanked the Board and the public for supporting the Fire Department in the passing of the LOSAP referendum.

Fire Chief Mastrullo spoke about the preconstruction of the new aerial scope. The committee will be going to Wisconsin to the Seagrave Factory to ensure that the apparatus will be built to the specs.

Santa will be visiting all of Suffern on the firetruck on December 21, 2024.

**RESOLUTION NO. 204 OF 2024**

**ACCEPTING MIGUEL MUNOZ PEREZ AS A NEW MEMBER IN VOLUNTEER HOSE, CO. 1**

**RESOLVED**, the Village Board of Trustees accepts Miguel Munoz Perez, 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 Meegan-Corrigan, seconded by Trustee Hogue, with all in favor.

**Adopted:** December 2, 2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 205 OF 2024**

**ACCEPTING RENEL ROSENE AS A NEW MEMBER IN VOLUNTEER HOSE, CO. 1**

**RESOLVED**, the Village Board of Trustees accepts Renel Rosene, 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 Alpert, with all in favor.

**Adopted:** December 2, 2024

Mayor Curley thanked the Fire Department for answering calls at all hours and protecting residents.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Andrew Loughlin presented the Police Department statistics for November 2024. The Chief presented the following resolution.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 206 OF 2024**

### **ACCEPTING \$7,000 FROM THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND (STOP DWI) TO BE UTILIZED FOR DWI PATROLS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the County of Rockland has offered the Village the sum of \$7,000 from the STOP DWI program to be utilized for DWI patrols; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is desirous of accepting such funding for the foregoing purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Suffern that the Village accepts \$7,000 from the County of Rockland (STOP DWI) to be utilized for DWI patrols.

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

**Adopted:** December 2, 2024

### **RECREATION**

Ms. Cathy Mills reported the following:

- Friday, December 6 – Tree Lighting at the Gazebo – 6pm
- Saturday, December 7 – Holiday Parade – Lafayette Avenue- 6:30pm
- Thursday, December 26 - Menorah Lighting - Village Hall – 6:30pm

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

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

Wendy Frankel, 19 Riverside Drive and Margaret Ghosio, 17 Riverside Drive – Came to complain about the across the street neighbor at 22 Riverside Drive. Ms. Frankel said that she does not believe that they are residential living there. There are taxi cabs with emblems on the cars. It is a business.

They park on the wrong side of the street. They park on the lawn. There is flashing of strobe lights for over an hour at a time. There is light that shines into her house at 1:00 am in the morning.

She said that if you pass their car and they have the door open, you can feel the ground shaking from the sound of the music. It has become untenable since the time they got there. If she had a place to go, she'd leave in a minute. They block her driveway, and she can't get in or out. She calls the police.

She then said that too many people are living there. She said that it is exactly the same house as her house and according to the Building Department, they are only allowed seven people on the first floor and seven on the second floor. No children are living in the house. It seems like business is going on.

Ms. Frankel said that she is becoming a nuisance to the police department. Why are they allowed to get away parking on the grass?

Mayor Curley said to finish your comments and then he will answer, but he did say, "Just to put it on the record, I have talked to you in my office before, correct?"

Ms. Frankel answered, "Yes."

Ms. Ghosio said that she agreed with everything that Ms. Frankel stated.

The Mayor said that he had never spoken to Ms. Ghosio, and she said that no she had not spoken to him about this issue.

Ms. Ghosio said that she tries to stay quiet, but she has spoken to the Building Inspector and there should be no parking on the other side of the street completely because it is simply not wide enough. There was a car there at 5:30pm and it was still there the next morning. The school buses had to drive around the car. She had called the police that morning, but the police did not come.

Ms. Ghosio spoke about a two-family home that is being built across the street and there will be more cars coming from across the street. She would like the "NO PARKING" expanded further down the street.

She said that she has pictures of people from 22 Riverside parking in front of the No Parking sign all night. Ms. Ghosio said maybe there was no patrol down our street, or they let it go. She said that she did not call the Police Department.

Mayor Curley told them to please call the Suffern Police. The Police Chief is sitting in the audience, and he would love to speak to you. You are not bothering the police department; the mayor told them that as a Board they need them to do that. Call the police as many times as you see someone breaking the law as necessary.

Mayor Curley said, "As I explained to you Ms. Frankel, we have issued violations on that property already. Once violations are issued, this Boards' hands are tied. It is up to the court system. I cannot nor will I interfere with the court system. They will continue to issue violations, and they did not find overcrowding as you claim. They did not find it when they went there." The mayor explained that there could be overcrowding at a different time, but there wasn't at the time that they were there. The Code Enforcers have gone there numerous times and they are doing their jobs.

Call the police. The mayor said that it could be that they did not come when you called because something more pressing was happening in the Village. Make sure you keep calling.

Mayor Curley went over somethings that the Village was thinking about changing, but it would disrupt too much. We will address your concerns, and we appreciate you coming here.

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

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Charles Sawicki presented the board resolutions.

**RESOLUTION NO. 207 OF 2024  
AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO D.S. MEYER ENTERPRISES FOR THE  
ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 14 PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,026.19**

**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 Change Order No. 1 to D.S. Meyer Enterprises LLC for the Road Improvements Phase 14 Project in the amount of \$115,026.19, is hereby authorized.

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

**Adopted:** December 2, 2024

Mr. Sawicki mentioned that H2O Innovation, Inc. acquired JCO, Inc.

**RESOLUTION NO. 208 OF 2024  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
CONTRACT WITH H2O INNOVATION, INC., EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE  
CONTRACT TO AND INCLUDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

**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 H2O Innovation, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is desirous of extending the contract for a period of two years, to and including September 30, 2026, in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of the original contract.

**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 H2O Innovation, Inc. providing for an extension of the existing contract to and including September 30, 2026, with annual compensation for its services in the amount of \$218,167.44, subject to approval of the contract by the Village Attorney.

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

**Adopted:** December 2, 2024

**TREASURER**

Treasurer Gregg Smith addressed the Board and presented the following board resolutions.

**RESOLUTION NO. 209 OF 2024  
TRANSFER FUNDS FROM CONTINGENT ACCOUNT TO ED FAGAN DRIVE  
REPAVING CAPITAL PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Suffern was awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds of \$140,000 for Project 2025-006 Ed Fagan Drive Repaving (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the CBDG recipient agreement requires the Village of Suffern to contribute \$10,000 to the cost of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024-2025 General Fund Contingent Account (A.1990.4) has an available balance of \$241,200.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees authorizes the transfer of \$10,000 from General Fund Contingent Account to Project 2025-006 Ed Fagan Drive Repaving.

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

**Adopted:** December 2, 2024

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 210 OF 2024**

#### **ESTABLISH PROJECT 2025-005 MEMORIAL DRIVE REHABILITATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Village anticipates receipt of FEMA Disaster Recovery funds for damages to Memorial Drive related to past storms and other declared disasters ; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the amounts to be received are currently estimated to be \$270,362.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board establishes Project 2025-005 Memorial Drive Rehabilitation and authorizes the Village Treasurer to establish and amend the project budget when disaster recovery funds are received.

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

**Adopted:** December 2, 2024

#### **TRUSTEES**

Trustee Meegan-Corrigan thanked Mayor Curley for the appointment to Deputy Mayor. She said that she was looking forward to another wonderful year with the rest of the Board. They get a lot of great things done, they talk a lot and make sure that they are all educated to keep the Village running. She said that Mayor Curley is doing a fantastic job, and she thanked him for being Mayor. It is a pleasure and an honor to be his Deputy Mayor.

#### **MAYOR**

Mayor Curley thanked Deputy Mayor Meegan-Corrigan and thanked the entire Board.

Mayor Curley mentioned that the veterans in this country are in a tough situation in this country. Unfortunately, there are about 20 veterans a day who are committing suicide. There are also a number of homeless veterans. The Village of Suffern, on December 15, 2024, is going to put a breakfast together at the Community Center, free of charge – donations accepted (if you have it). All funds will go to those homeless veterans and suicide hotlines for veterans. We are looking for volunteers. Mayor Markunas, Mayor LaCorte, and Mayor Keegan will be there doing specific duties. Mayor Curley stated that if you see one of the Mayors, please let them know that they have a job at breakfast, because he has not spoken to any of the past mayors.

He asked for volunteers and said that the Board of Trustees will be working on the breakfast. So please come and enjoy.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 P.M. was made by Trustee Meegan-Corrigan seconded by Trustee Alpert, with all in favor.

Respectfully,

Melissa B. Reimer, CPA  
Village Clerk