

**Village Board Meeting  
Monday, August 11, 2008**

A regular Village Board meeting was held on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte, Trustee Andrew Haggerty  
Trustee Patricia Abato

ALSO PRESENT: Virginia Menschner, Village Clerk  
Terry Rice, Village Attorney

ABSENT: Mayor John B. Keegan  
Trustee John Meehan

**SET DATES FOR SEPTEMBER MEETINGS:**

The September workshop will be held Tuesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. and the Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**A) Report:**

Deputy Mayor LaCorte said the Chief has told them that there is nothing to report this month.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

Deputy Mayor LaCorte said the Building Department had nothing to report.

**CULTURE & RECREATION:**

**A) Department Update:**

Mrs. Gail Curtin said that since the last Village Board meeting they had a concert on July 10, Family Day on July 13, another concert on July 17, a kiddie pool party on July 22, the Clifford Theater cast went into New York City on July 24 to see *The Little Mermaid*, they had another concert on July 24, the Clifford Theater cast went to two nursing homes - Tappan Zee Manor and Ramapo Manor - on July 29, they had a swim meet on July 29, senior movie afternoon on July 31, children's concert on August 4 and it doesn't do it enough justice to just say that this past weekend we had the Clifford Theater production. Mrs. Curtin said that she hoped that she doesn't embarrass Trustee Abato when she says that her son did an outstanding job as did Jillian as Director and Assistant Director of the 2008 Clifford Theater production. Mrs. Curtin said

that in her experience, and this program has been in effect since 1990, we have never packed the house both nights. We did this year. She said that they in Recreation do sort of a cluster kind of counting and she stopped at way over 200 Friday night and it was equaled on Saturday night. She said congratulations to everyone involved in that program. She said that she knows that the Mayor was here on Saturday night and even though he wasn't feeling well, he did stay for the whole program. She said that she knows that Trustee Haggerty was here and of course you were here both nights. She said that anyone who was here would agree with her that it was a huge success.

She said that in addition to that, around 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, the night before the Friday night production, our office received a phone call from Supervisor St. Lawrence's office asking if any of the actors and actresses, along with Chris and Jillian, might be willing to come on his show that night. And they relayed that message to Jillian and within hours, she said she thinks about 7 or 8 of the students and Jillian and Chris and Trustee Abato were all on that show. And Mrs. Curtin said that she knows from the parents of the students who were it was accepted as such a wonderful opportunity. So all and all, she and Tom are working out the numbers. They look pretty good too and she thinks it was a huge success.

**B) Resolution No. 7, 2008 - Rockland County Youth Bureau Matching Funds - \$2,598.00:**

Mrs. Curtin said that the Board has before them tonight a request for matching funds from the Division of Youth for a recreation program and she thinks they do need to vote on that.

RESOLUTION NO. 7, 2008

RESOLVED, that the Village of Suffern approves the submission of funding from the Rockland County Youth Bureau and intends to follow through with the matching funds for such programs. It is understood that the funds in question are for the recreation purpose with the Village of Suffern (\$2,598.00).

AYES: Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor John Keegan  
Trustee John Meehan

Mrs. Curtin said that they sent the grant paperwork last week and told them that after the meeting tonight, they would send them the official adopted resolution.

She said the next thing they have is a request from the Suffern Fire Department for use of the Suffern Memorial Pool on Wednesday,

September 3. That would be two days after we officially close for the season. The Suffern Fire Department has been doing practice water survival techniques at our pool for probably the last three or four years, as she recalls, and they are asking for permission to do that again. And the one difference in this year's letter, as she understands it, is that they are asking for members of Mahwah's Water Rescue team to join them as well. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Mrs. Curtin said that she would like to mention to them that they were very proud that one of their lifeguards, Molly Kauders, participated recently in the swimming event at the Empire State Games. She thanked us for the opportunity for her to have the time off to do that and she did very well. Mrs. Curtin said that tomorrow night they will have a teen pool party and the final summer concert will be this Thursday night, August 14, featuring *Special Blend*. Beginning this Saturday, August 16, the pool will close daily at 7:00 p.m. She said that she reminds them that the Suffern Midget Mounties have asked them, and they granted permission, for them to have a parade and bonfire on Thursday, August 28. And at the Board's request, all information was passed on to both the police chief, the fire chief, Mr. Haglund and Virginia. So all orders of business should be taken care of. She said that she is also reminding the Board that the senior citizen picnic is Wednesday, September 10. And as agreed to with Mayor Keegan, the Village will once again have a 9/11 Memorial service on Thursday evening, September 11. She said they have also set the date for the Pearl Harbor Commemoration. It is a very special date this year - we are able to do it on the commemoration date itself which is Sunday, December 7. And not on their list, unfortunately about an hour ago she did receive a call from U.S. Sports Institute and unfortunately the numbers are too low this year so we will not be sponsoring that camp here in Suffern this year.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**A) Retirement Letter - Lt. Brian Nugent:**

Chief Clarke Osborn said that the first thing that he would like to bring up to the Board is to accept a retirement letter from Lt. Brian Nugent. He said that Lt. Nugent has served this department very well for 18 years and he came here with prior time with the NYC police department. Chief said he will be on terminal leave until September 12 and the Chief would like to bring him to the September meeting to give him a plaque of appreciation. So he is asking that the Board accept his retirement letter. A motion to accept the retirement letter was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said that they wish Brian the best of luck. We will miss him and he knows that he will make an excellent lawyer here in the County.

**B) Resolution No. 8, 2008 - Rockland County Youth Bureau Matching**

**Funds - \$2326.00:**

Chief Osborne said that he was asking the Board to accept a matching grant from the Rockland County Youth Bureau for \$2326.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 8, 2008

RESOLVED, that the Village of Suffern approves the submission of funding from the Rockland County Youth Bureau and intends to follow through with matching funds for such programs. Funds are for Juvenile Aid Bureau-Youth Officer, \$2326.00.

A motion approving the resolution was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor John Keegan  
Trustee John Meehan

Chief Osborne said that one other thing he would like to bring up and he has asked the Board if they could vote on it and they have spoken about it for several months and this is the speed bumps in Squires Gate. He said it has been about five months. He said he has actually been working with Roy Tschudy and the residents of Squires Gate consistently and he thinks they have some locations based on problems that they have been having in the Squires Gate development on what would solve some of those problems. Chief Osborn said he would ask the Board to consider the locations of the speed bumps. He said he has given the dimensions to Terry on the height and road width and everything possible that he has been asked. So he is asking the Board to consider taking a vote on it. Trustee Abato asked Attorney Rice if we were okay with all of those specifications. She said that she would like to get this pushed through tonight. Attorney Rice asked the Chief what he thought the anticipated speed would be reduced to. Chief Osborn said that the speed limit is reduced to 25, which is even fast for Lonergan Drive right now because we know that is the lowest we can go legally. He said that you would have to drop down at least 10 miles per hour to go over them. They are similar to the ones in the Cirque, the Knolls and Bon Aire has some of them in the parking lots. Attorney Rice asked if he thought the people would be traveling how fast - 10 when they go over. Chief Osborne said yes - if they go faster than 10. He said that it wouldn't do them the best to go faster than 10 mph over them. Attorney Rice said he sent the Board a thing on them. Trustee Abato said that she would probably agree more. First of all, she thinks it is open for interpretation. That is her first comment. The second comment would be that these are not permanent speed bumps. These are temporary speed bumps. They are going to be taken out. They are seasonal. So the way that she interprets the law and the way she thinks that these are going to

be used, she would move that we go forward with it. Chief Osborn said that Trustee Abato is correct. He said that he just wanted to clarify for the Board and the public that the speed bumps will be out in November before any kind of snow hits. That was one of the concerns originally - snow plows taking them up. They will be drilled into the ground similar to the Cirque. He said he and Roy took a ride up there today to take a look. Trustee Abato said that she did go out and take a look at the locations that he had proposed and she thinks they are excellent locations. She said that she thinks it really makes sense where they are in regards to when she sat there and watched the traffic go through and the kids are playing. She said that she thinks it really makes sense where he proposes them. Chief Osborn said that he has the locations and he will work with Danny on the exact location and what house they go in front of. A motion authorizing the speed bumps was made by Trustee Abato. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said he doesn't think they even have to vote on this. Chief Osborn said he just brought it up to the Board because it has been going on for months. He just wants to officially get it through. Trustee Abato said that we have to move it because we have to go out and purchase them. The motion was made by Trustee Abato to purchase speed bumps for Lonergan Drive, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor John Keegan  
Trustee John Meehan

Chief Osborn said he wanted to thank them and he wanted to thank them for reinforcing on this. He said that the worst case scenario and they don't work out, and he thinks they are going to, the residents of Squires Gate are aware of it. If it doesn't work out and we are not happy with the results, we can take them out. He said he would like to try it for a while to see how they work out. Attorney Rice said that he thinks, as he said in the memo, you should have signage warning people before they get there. Chief Osborn said he spoke to AAA and they suggest that due to the location like Squires Gate with the narrow road that we put the wording on the roadway in yellow - speed bump ahead - just so they know that they are not going to miss it if they are looking off to the right. Attorney Rice said he is suggesting something you see before the speed bump. Chief Osborn said absolutely. We are working on all that. Trustee Abato said to Chief Osborn that this was part of his proposal. Chief Osborn said it was.

Trustee Abato said quickly, Roy Tschudy is here tonight, and she just wanted to thank him because they depend on residents like him to bring situations like this to the Board and to get together with the community and she thinks that is what makes Suffern so great. So she thanked him for all his efforts.

Mr. Tschudy thanked the Board and Chief Osborn.

Chief Osborn said the last thing is that he participated with the Fire Department at a simulated disaster drill last Wednesday night for four hours at the Police and Fire Academy and they actually give you a scenario with 35 other police and fire officials. It was a professional company from Florida who came in and put a disaster drill together for a simulated train derailment and haz-mat spill in Suffern and he was with the Fire Department for four hours and the Fire Department did a great job as well.

**7:45 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - REGARDING COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE BILLS:**

Deputy Mayor LaCorte said that we will start the first of three public hearings this evening. The first one is regarding collection of solid waste bills. Attorney Rice said that very simply the local law provides that if a solid waste bill is not paid before February 1, there is a late charge of 5% of the gross amount of the bill and an additional charge of 1% per month thereafter.

Deputy Mayor LaCorte said we would open this public hearing up for any comment and if anybody does come up to please come up to the microphone and state their name and address clearly so that we can have a record of it.

Since nobody spoke, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

LOCAL LAW NO. 9 Of 2008

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 150  
OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN  
REGARDING COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE BILLS

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

Section 1. Section 150-16(F) of the Code of the Village of Suffern is hereby amended as follows:

All solid waste bills not paid before February 1 shall be assessed a late charge of 5% of the gross amount of the bill and an additional charge of 1% of the solid waste bill for each month thereafter.

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

A motion adopting Local Law No. 9, 2008 was made by Trustee Abato,

seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor John Keegan  
Trustee John Meehan

**7:50 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - ESTABLISHING A THREE HOUR MAXIMUM  
PARKING LIMIT ON CEDAR LANE:**

Deputy Mayor LaCorte said this second public hearing of the evening is establishing a three hour maximum parking limit on Cedar Lane. Chief Osborn said that Mayor Keegan had asked him if we could look into this law. Chief Osborn said that he hasn't received any complaints but the Mayor has been receiving complaints that residents in the area of Oakdale Manor have been parking their cars for long periods of time on Cedar Lane, which is a dead end street with approximately three or four houses and a business on there. And he guesses what happens is that they leave them for days on end so this would basically eliminate that and it would enable the business that is there to have people come in. It is a realty business. And they would come in for a short period of time and move the vehicles. And that is pretty much what the law is.

Deputy Mayor LaCorte asked if anybody had any comments to come up to the microphone and state their name and address for the record. Since nobody spoke, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN, NEW YORK

LOCAL LAW NO. 10 OF 2008

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 254-65 OF THE  
CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN,  
ESTABLISHING A THREE HOUR  
PARKING MAXIMUM ON CEDAR LANE

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

Section 1. Section 254-65 of the Code of the Village of Suffern is hereby amended by adding after

[Name of Street]	[Side]	[Time Limit; Hours/Days]	[Location]
Antrim Avenue	West	3 hrs.; anytime	F r o m C l i n t o n P l a c e

south to  
its end

the following:

[Name of Street]	[Side]	[Time Limit, Hours/Days]	[Location]
Cedar Lane	Both	3 hrs.; anytime	Entire Length

Section 2. This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

A motion adopting Local Law No. 10, 2008 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor John Keegan  
Trustee John Meehan

Deputy Mayor LaCorte said that before we move onto the next public hearing, since we have a little bit of time, we will open it up for public participation. Once again, if anyone wants to come up, please state your name and address for the record.

Marie Weiner of 5 Ridge Avenue said that the reason she was here is that she has a difficult problem underneath the train station in Suffern when she leaves her house everyday and in the evening when she comes home. She said that she guesses we do not monitor the area because it is an MTA stop but when you come underneath the train trestle either way people park underneath the train trestle to pick up their passengers or drop off and, unfortunately, when you come around the corner you could hurt someone with your car as well as her children. She said they drive underneath the tunnel. Her neighbors drive underneath the tunnel but everyday when you drive underneath the tunnel at different times of the days, including the 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. hours, there are people parked. There has to be a resolution other than the yellow line that you paint underneath there. She said that she would suggest something like the barriers that they use for crowd control or the removable barriers or the traffic barriers that are rubber so that the people cannot walk between the sidewalk and the road. There is no crosswalk from the train station to any of the parking in Suffern underneath the tunnel. And unfortunately if a pedestrian gets hit it is going to be the fault of the person who is driving unfortunately. She is just a public person and she just feels that this needs to be addressed.

Deputy Mayor LaCorte asked Clarke if we could look into this. Chief

Osborn said that they would be happy to. He said that the Parking Authority at one point was having one of their vehicles check there every night. He thought they were still doing it. He said it is not a problem. We can step it up. It is not a problem. He said that as far as the barriers, we can take a look at them. Ms. Weiner said they are removable. Chief Osborn said he agrees with her. Sometimes the Parking Authority is there. But we can definitely monitor it.

Jack H. Rosenberg of 13 Somerset Drive said that more than a generation ago, he was the attorney that helped formulate an Urban Renewal Agency. For about a year and a half he worked as an administrative aid for that agency and he had occasion with anyone of those stints to read the rules and regulations that accompany any federal monies that were being used in that program and one of the things that he remembers is that if you accept money from the federal government that if you built something with it, you must maintain it. And he would suggest that somebody, probably in the department of buildings, should inspect the sidewalks on Lafayette Avenue because there are some things that need attention. Specifically two things at the junction of Lafayette and Chestnut. He said that obviously they haven't been maintained and he would hate to see somebody from the federal government come around and say that you didn't live up to your terms of the grant. So he would suggest that somebody look at it and if there is need for repair that it be taken care of.

He said that for many years, because of an accident that he was involved in and Frank Evans was involved in and a woman in this Village had been involved in, he has been conscious of the fact that some safety stanchions have not been on display and they should be. He said that every year they are taken down as winter arrives and each spring they are put back, except this year. So he would suggest that if there are things that would be beneficial to remind motorists on a hill like from Park down to Chestnut that they have to slow down. So he would suggest that this thing be attended to. He said he knows that there are only three more months but three months are better than none especially if somebody unfortunately should get hit by a car. He said he remembers when he was hit, the guy that hit him drove him to the hospital and shortly thereafter the Mayor came to visit him which he always thought was very nice of Andy to come. But if the guy had moved a few feet he wouldn't be here now because he hit him and he fell and if he hadn't stopped on a dime, he would have been killed. So he thinks that these are important things and that somebody here should see to it that these things are taken care of.

Bruce Simon of 31 Utopian Avenue said that he was here on behalf of one of his neighbors who couldn't come tonight, Charlie Killelea. He asked him to come and ask a couple of questions. So if the Board wouldn't mind indulging both of them. He said that regarding the Quarry Ridge project. He said that he and Charlie were talking today and he said that there are both federal and state statutes regarding the development of mines, pits and such things. That if they are to be developed, first of all they have to be filled, they

have to be returned to as near to their natural state as possible. He said that he is just relaying his points. And as regards the flood abatement part of that situation, he was also wondering whether the DEC would actually allow the pumping out of water back into the tributaries in the other bodies of water here and he was wondering if anybody on the Village Board had thought about this or had even addressed these ideas.

Deputy Mayor LaCorte said that just in terms of where we are, we don't even have an application. The development of the quarry was not something that the Village Board sought out. The property was taken by the Town of Ramapo with the promise of flood mitigation. Fast forward two years later and now there is, not even again a proposal, but you have read in the newspaper that a developer is interested in putting up a minimum of 440 units and at the workshop on Tuesday it was actually up to, he thinks, just under 500 units. There is a reclamation plan in place. Tilcon had one with the DEC. And again we were just presented with generally what their plan is. There hasn't been any review. There hasn't been anything. We haven't gotten any paperwork. He said he believes Mr. Brooker, who is engineering the flood mitigation component of the plan, they said he was halfway through his engineering. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said that we have requested those plans to see them. Just as a preliminary review just to see if what he says is even feasible. Feasible in terms of engineering and feasible, as you are bringing up here, legally. Trustee Abato said that both of those points did come up during the workshop. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said they did come up. Again, people read things in the newspaper and this is not something that is even close to a done deal. There is a lot of concern. He said he knows he has. He is very skeptical of the plan. He said he personally wants the flooding taken care of but don't know if we want it at the expense of 500 units. So we are just going through the process. All the information as we get it will be made public. We are going to review it. There are going to be public hearings and we really don't know much which is unfortunate. Trustee Abato said that nothing really formally has come to us - no plans, no permits, no nothing - no applications whatsoever. Mr. Simon said he thanks them and on behalf of Charlie, he thanks them as well.

Dave Columbia of 17 Lexington Avenue said he was wondering if Good Samaritan got their C.O. Attorney Rice said not a permanent C.O. Mr. Columbia said it is starting to bother him. He hears of all these projects that want to be done in Suffern. There is a nightmare around the corner here with the condos. Good Samaritan put up nice sidewalks and black top but they left two telephone poles in the middle of the road. He said he thinks the poles should have been done first and then whatever. There is a wall down on 59 that has been down almost a year now. That hasn't been maintained. And as far as the quarry is concerned, he is pretty sure it was donated to the Town of Ramapo. He said he thought under the reason that it cost too much to do what Mr. Killelea said needed to be done. It was donated to the Town. The Town didn't take it. It was donated. Because it would have cost them too much to fill it in.

And not only that. He is in the construction business. On the condo units that are being done now, he sees a lot of things being done there and he doesn't know if the building inspector is up on it. There is electric that has been run and the roof was never on it. He said he is talking behind Avon. He said that he sees a lot of things being done that just doesn't seem like. He said it hasn't been never stopped. He said that he knows that walls have come down. He knows that they put walls in the wrong spot. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said they were just up there. Mr. Columbia said that he is pretty sure that you can't run electric if there is no roof on it. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said there was something. He said he knows recently that the Building Inspector and he believes the Code Enforcer were there regarding trenches and that they were going to be shut down if they didn't take care of it. So he knows. Mr. Columbia said he knows they are doing the trenches because he hits it every day going to work. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said they are constantly over there, they are constantly over there, he knows that. He said there have been a number of problems but it is something that we are on top of. Mr. Columbia said that the reason he is saying that is that he thinks you need more help keeping on top of it if you want to do all these other projects. You are talking 500 or some odd units, over here you are talking another 400 units. Deputy Mayor LaCorte asked where is 400. Mr. Columbia said Lafayette or that other plan that you made. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said that again with the quarry and he knows that people read in the paper but anyone can come forward and say they want to build anything. Mr. Columbia said he understands. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said they can say they want to build 10,000 units. There is nothing here that even says that this is even close. And one thing that we can tell him is that there is different situations. For example, if something is zoned residential or zoned for multi-family housing then if a person purchases the property then as of right as long as they make an application. Mr. Columbia said that is not the reason that he is here. He said you can build another 20 million if you like. He said it is who is keeping track of what is being done now. Good Samaritan has been going on for 2 ½ years now. Trustee Abato said that she has to tell him that she thinks they are doing a great job in keeping on top of this because everything that you are telling us we are very much aware of. Mr. Columbia said that how come a pothole still has not been filled in going past Avon in a week and he hits it everyday and it is four or five inches deep. It is still not filled in yet. And that is main traffic. The poor people that live on that side road, God Bless them. Because they are not even keeping up to date for a four foot pothole. His point is keeping up to date. If they are on top of it, why is it still there. He told Trustee Abato that she could finish. She said no, that is okay, they are going to listen. Mr. Columbia said it is still there.

Adam DiStefano of 19 Prairie Avenue said that he had two quick things to say. One is thank you for looking into the speed bumps at Lonergan. He said he goes down there all the time and he has noticed the same problems that go on around there and he is grateful that the Board is doing something about it. The other

thing, whether there is going to be development or not in the rock quarry, he would just ask that the Board look into safety issues because he knows that a rock quarry is an especially dangerous place for an adult not to mention if someone is going to build 100 units. There is definitely going to be kids there. So look into for safety features so that kids can't get into the more dangerous parts that easily. That is all he has to say.

**8:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - REGARDING PARKS LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE:**

Attorney Rice said that we have had a law on the books for many years dealing with regulating the parks and closing them at 9:00 p.m. and not allowing certain other things to occur in the parks, in various parks in the Village. Previously, a park was defined as a Village park because every park in the Village was in fact a Village-owned park. We now have at least one park in the Village that is owned by the town. So all this local law does is redefine the term park to include the town parks. We have defined parking for the Village park as a public park so that we can apply these regulations to the park in Stonegate as well. Chief Osborn said that he would like to explain it a little bit further. He said that he notices some people from Stonegate that he has been working with and speaking to. There are two parks. There is one in Bon Aire also. He said we don't get as many complaints from the Bon Aire one but where the tennis courts are that is town owned also now. As well as Stonegate park where the old pool was. He said that one of the issues that we have been finding is that we have had youths and we have had people hanging out in the parks after 9:00 p.m. whereas our Village ordinance states up to 9:00 p.m. that they are allowed to do so. He said that we want the law changed because of the simple fact that we want to be able to enforce a Village law in the Village even if it is town owned property. He said it doesn't really matter who owns it. Ramapo does not patrol it. Ramapo does not do anything except probably cut the grass there. It comes back to the Village. And he thinks that is the way we have to go. He said he wants to thank the residents from Stonegate who are sitting over there and who he has been talking to for the last several months for supporting it and for reporting problems that we have had up there. We have tried to work with them. He said he wants to thank them. And this is pretty much the law so that we can enforce a Village law in the Village. That is pretty much all it is. Trustee Haggerty asked about the quarry. Attorney Rice said this only applies to parks. Trustee Haggerty said there is no restriction on our police department to go to the quarry. Attorney Rice said that it is like any other private property. If somebody is trespassing, the police have the authority to do something on the trespass.

Since nobody spoke, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Haggerty, seconded by Trustee Abato. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

LOCAL LAW NO. 11 Of 2008

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 193  
OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN  
REGARDING PARKS LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN

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

Section 1. Section 193-2A, definition of "Park" is hereby amended to provide as follows:

PARK - A park, reservation, ball or sports field, playground, swimming pool, recreation area, lake or any other area in the Village devoted to active or passive recreation and open to one or more segments of the public.

Section 2. Section 193-6(B) is hereby amended to provide as follows:

B. No person shall be allowed on the premises of any park after 9:00 p.m., unless permission has specifically been granted by the Recreation Director.

Section 3. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

A motion to adopt Local Law No. 11, 2008 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor John Keegan  
Trustee John Meehan

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**

**A) E-Verified:**

Attorney Terry Rice said that the Mayor had explored something called e-verify and we talked about it at the workshop meeting the other night. Basically it is a program through the Department of Homeland Security that enables a municipality to verify through their system by use of social security numbers that employees and employees of contractors in fact are legally employed. It is pretty

important in one respect because the federal law requires that employers actually verify the status of their workers. This is a program that the Mayor suggested that the Board should adopt. It works very simply through the Department of Homeland Security and he felt very strongly that it would be a benefit.

Trustee Abato said that she thinks her only comment was that she thinks that it is a great program but no one else in the County we were able to - she said she tried to get some feedback on it and she wasn't able to get any feedback from anybody else that is using it. That is her only concern. She doesn't know if there is a reason for that. Or just that we are going to be first and we have done that before and she kind of likes that because we find good things. She said she doesn't know if anyone else has looked into it or has any more information on it. The information she was given and what she has looked into it looks like a great opportunity for us to make sure that anyone that we contract out has all legal employees. She asked if anybody else has any comments on it. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said he thinks it is a great program. There is pretty much no cost to it. There is a \$35 fee one time to do this. But it really basically is no cost and a way of verifying employees. Deputy Mayor LaCorte asked Chief Osborn if he had any comments on it. Chief Osborn said that he thinks it is a good idea. Trustee Abato said that her understanding is that it is the person that would like to be one of the applicants to the Village as a contractor that they would have to pay the fee then. Is that correct? Chief Osborn said he believes so. Trustee Abato said it is a nominal fee. Attorney Rice said \$35. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said that he would make the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary paperwork so that we can join the e-verify program, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor John Keegan  
Trustee John Meehan

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

**A) Request to Bid for Street Sweeper - Return Date September 26, 2008 - 11:00 a.m.:**

Supervisor Dan Haglund said that he only had a few items on the agenda for tonight. The first thing is to request to bid out a new street sweeper. He said that he would have to hold off until the next Board meeting. He is still waiting for some literature on another sweeper. Trustee Abato asked if we are going to table it? Mr. Haglund said yes.

**B) Award Huber Grader & Roller to Russell Bergen - \$600.00:**

Mr. Haglund said that we have surplus equipment - an old grader and an old roller. He said we had several bids on it and everybody backed out. The last bid was for \$600 to Russell Bergen. A motion to award the grader and roller to Russell Bergen for \$600 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**C) WJL Equities - Payment No. 6 - \$297,672.24:**

Mr. Haglund said this is for payment no. 6 to WJL Equities for the sum of \$297,672.24. Trustee Abato asked how many more payments we had on that. And then she said she sees it. Attorney Rice said the only question he had was if we had any retainages at this point. Mr. Haglund said yes. A motion to pay WJL Equities in the amount of \$297,672.24 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor John Keegan  
Trustee John Meehan

Mr. Haglund said the next thing is that he gave the Board a proposal for new radios for our trucks. He said we have several trucks without radios and we have new trucks coming. He said that he gave them two proposals. One is from Shepard Radio, the contractor we have now. That bill was over \$5000. That was just for the radios plus the installation. Whereas if we are on the County contract, we can get better radios with a higher wattage for a lot less money for \$3600. And that is with installation. Trustee Abato asked if he wanted us to move to go to the County. Mr. Haglund said this is the County bid. Trustee Abato asked if that was what he wanted us to do tonight. Attorney Rice said you have to name the contractor and the price. Trustee Abato said it is Rockland County. Attorney Rice said you are contracting with the contractor not the County. Trustee Abato asked what the contractor's name is. Mr. Haglund said the contract is for \$3687.52 and that is for the radios and installation. Trustee Abato asked the name of the contractor. Mr. Haglund said Pinnacle. A motion to purchase radios for our trucks from Pinnacle in the amount of \$3687.52 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor John Keegan  
Trustee John Meehan

Mr. Haglund said the next item he has is that we got a grant for a

salt truck/plow truck. It is being built. It is in the paint shop right now and by next week we should have it. He said he will go and inspect it early next week and make sure everything is up to par. And that is all that he has tonight.

Deputy Mayor LaCorte asked Mr. Haglund if he got a copy from the Mayor. He said they all got one in their boxes from Auctions International. They do online auctions of surplus equipment. Mr. Haglund said no, he didn't. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said he would give him a copy.

**VILLAGE CLERK:**

**A) Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of May 7, 2008:**

Village Clerk Virginia Menschner said that we have quite a few sets of minutes and the first set is for May 7, 2008. A motion approving the minutes of the regular Board meeting of May 7, 2008 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**B) Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of June 2, 2008:**

A motion approving the minutes of the regular Board meeting of June 2, 2008 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**C) Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting of July 14, 2008:**

Ms. Menschner said this is for approval of the special Board meeting of July 14, 2008. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said that Trustee Abato and Trustee Haggerty were not at that meeting. It was just the Mayor, Trustee Meehan and himself so they will hold off on this.

**D) Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of July 7, 2008:**

A motion approving the minutes of the regular Board meeting of July 7, 2008 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Trustee Abato said it is worth noting that our minutes are up to date and she thanked Kathy for her hard work.

**E) Robert Kelly - Request for Block Party - September 13, 2008 - Raindate September 20, 2008 - To Close Off Crestwood Drive:**

Ms. Menschner said that we have a request here from Robert Kelly of 7 Crestwood Drive. They want to hold a block party on September 13, 2008. A motion granting the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**F) Resolution No. 6, 2008 - Village Board to Acknowledge that an Audit of the Justice Court was Conducted for the Year 2006-2007:**

This is for Resolution No. 6, 2008 that the Village Board acknowledges that an audit of the Justice Court was conducted for the year 2006-2007.

RESOLUTION NO. 6, 2008

RESOLVED, that the Village Board acknowledges that an audit of the Justice Court was conducted for the year 2006-2007.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 6, 2008 was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor John Keegan  
Trustee John Meehan

**G) Request to Bid for Masonry Wall Repair at the Water Operation Center - August 29, 2008 - 11:00 a.m.:**

The Village Clerk said this is a request to go out to bid for the repair at the water operation center. They would like the bid back on August 29, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. A motion authorizing the bid was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

**H) Chamber of Commerce - Requesting Permission to Have Tables and Chairs on Sidewalk September 6, 2008 (Firemen's Parade):**

The Village Clerk said we have a request from the Suffern Chamber of Commerce who is requesting the following: We would appreciate the opportunity to have tables set up outside for the Firemen's parade. This event will take place on Saturday, September 6, 2008. The firefighters and their families will be spending the day in our Village until the awards ceremony later that evening. The tables will be used for outside dining and sitting.

Deputy Mayor LaCorte said outside the restaurants? Chief Osborn said his concern was how many and what size tables. Trustee Abato said that did we not say at the workshop that John would have to work with the businesses and that beforehand would have to make sure that there is nothing that is going to impede the sidewalks. She said that is one of the things that she had asked for - that John work with them and if there is anything that is going to block the sidewalk or impede traffic on the sidewalk at all that it not be allowed. We can't close down part of the sidewalk. And she believes this is not going to be during parade hours. It is going to be after the parade is broken down and it is going to be in the evening. After the trophy ceremony. Those were the stipulations we imposed on them. Deputy Mayor LaCorte asked if we wanted to maybe approve it subject to a review by John Loniewski and the Fire

Chief. Trustee Abato said she thinks that is what they said. That they would approve it conditionally that John Loniewski went out there and looked at the different sites with the Chamber of Commerce to make sure that there wasn't anything that we weren't able to allow them to put tables on it and also that it was not until the parade had concluded. And she thinks all of this should be put into writing and a letter should be sent to the Chamber. Trustee Haggerty said that we should be very careful and where we put the tables and chairs we don't want to take anything away from the parade. Trustee Abato said it won't be during the parade. Trustee Haggerty said there will be a lot of people standing. Trustee Abato said that was one of the conditions - not during the parade. Trustee Haggerty said okay, so it is going to be after the parade? Trustee Abato said yes. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said he guesses that they feel that people are going to stay around in the Village and then they will go back to the restaurants. Trustee Haggerty said as long as it is not during the parade. Trustee Abato said the Chamber of Commerce is offering the firemen discounted, and she doesn't know what the particulars are, but she knows that they have offered the firemen and their families some kind of discount and some kind of special things for that evening. And she believes that is what the tables and chairs are for in conjunction with dinner hour. That was her understanding and she thinks that should also be included.

Deputy Mayor LaCorte said that so far we have to say that they can't set up until ½ hour after the parade ends subject to John Loniewski's review and approval by the Fire Department and we want this written down in a letter and Virginia can make sure that a letter gets sent to the Chamber and copies to John Loniewski and the Fire Chief and Police Chief that they sign off on it subject to that it is after the parade and with the approval by the Fire Department and Police Department and the Code Enforcer. The motion was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty, who said without question that it is going to be long after the parade and that it won't interfere with people trying to watch the parade, the firemen or anything else. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said yes, they cannot set up until after the parade is finished. Upon vote, the motion was carried.

Chief Osborn said that the Chamber of Commerce also wanted to use the A lot during the street fair to put antique cars in. Trustee Abato said it is not on the agenda but it did come up at the workshop. They wanted to use the A lot to put antique cars in instead of parking. Trustee Abato said it is not on the agenda for tonight. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said he thought they talked about them getting a letter from the Parking Authority. The Village Clerk said they got a letter from the Parking Authority saying they could use the A lot. Chief Osborn said they would close the whole lot. Trustee Abato said that she would think that they are not going to bring one or two and it is going to be a show of them. She said when she brought up that she didn't think it was a good idea to take the parking away, it sounded like they wanted the whole lot. Which would take away a lot of parking for handicap people and for

the street fair itself. She said she doesn't think we took a vote and it's not on the agenda. Deputy Mayor LaCorte asked when the date of the next street fair is. Chief Osborn said September. The Village Clerk said she does have a letter here. It says that the Parking Authority is giving the Chamber of Commerce permission to have a banner over the parking lot, which she said Danny has spoken to them that they can't do it because there is not enough room. And they will be using the B lot for the street fair. Trustee Abato said that is not the right one. The Village Clerk said that is the letter they gave her. Trustee Abato said that does not say that they can use it for antique cars. The Village Clerk said they have the wrong lot. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said that we want to accommodate the Chamber and have them have the best street fair that they can but unfortunately they have to give us a little more time because it is a September street fair. He said he knows we had discussed it at the workshop about having it on Chestnut because the last street fair they didn't have booths on either side of Lafayette and Chestnut. But then they said they were going to do an antique section there so it is not an option to be able to have the cars on either side of Chestnut or either side of Lafayette. Trustee Abato said that she had mentioned possibly up at Avon because years ago Avon had allowed it. She said she mentioned it as maybe a possibility and there was something else that was mentioned as a possibility and she doesn't remember what it was. Trustee Abato said that the two things that we have going is that we don't have a letter from Scott saying that it is okay for them to park antique cars in there, which he said we would have, and secondly we have the Chief who has a very good point which we brought up at the workshop that it does provide closer parking for handicapped people and elderly people to park closer to the street fair. So she would move that we either table this unless we can find good reason for a special meeting to approve this and maybe next year or the next street fair it could be revisited. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said that he didn't think we really needed to have a special meeting. He said he thinks this is something that we can call Vince and say Vince, we have concerns and if you are going to address them with the Mayor, the Parking Authority, and the Chief then you go ahead and do it. And if not, they won't. But he doesn't think we necessarily have to have a special meeting. Trustee Abato said however you want to handle it. She said she just doesn't think it should be approved tonight. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said that we don't have to approve it. We can just tell them that it is not approved unless they can work it out to the satisfaction of the Police Chief, the Mayor and the Parking Authority. But as of now we are not approving it. Trustee Abato said she wants to give them every opportunity to work with them. So whatever we can do to rectify the situation she is all for it. But at this point we don't have enough information and we don't have enough good conditions to approve it. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said fair enough. He said he doesn't think we need to call a special meeting. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said he would call Vince tomorrow and let him know. Trustee Abato said if you look at the memo from Aurie, it is in there.

**I) Award Bid for Remote Radio Read Water Meter (Rio Supply**

**\$274,550.00):**

Ms. Menscher said we sent out and we did receive three bids on this and she gave everybody a copy of it. And the reason why we are going with the high bidder is really not that he is the high bidder because when they tabulated Schmidt's their \$251,300 bid came up with \$324,800. Rio Supply is \$274,550. Attorney Rice said just for the record. You have the August 8<sup>th</sup> letter from Riddick Associates where he goes through the issues of non-compliance so that Schmidt and Vellano actually did not comply with the bid specs in particularly with respect to Schmidt when you include all the other items that are not included in the bid, it actually comes out higher. So their recommendation is that you award it to Rio Supply. A motion to award the bid to Rio Supply was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor John Keegan  
Trustee John Meehan

**J) Request Permission to Attend the Fall Training School - September 15-18, 2008:**

The Village Clerk said this is a request for her to attend the Fall Training School up in Lake Placid. She said she will only be going up for about three days. Trustee Abato asked if we had a number on that. The Village Clerk said about \$500. She said that she hasn't figured it all out but she is going up with another Village Clerk so they will be sharing the cost on it. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor John Keegan  
Trustee John Meehan

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

**A) Update:**

Treasurer Tom Zordan said that he had a couple of items. He said we paid down \$135,000 of bond debt in July. Our outstanding balance is now \$5,950,000. Our bonds outstanding total \$1,067,318. Our total outstanding debt as of July 31 is \$7,017,318. He said that he is requesting the following budget amendment to increase the budget for the Clifford Theater Program. As everyone knows, it was a great success. He would like to increase the expenditure account by

\$3,850 and the revenue account by the same amount - \$3,850. He said we will be funded. We received some unanticipated donations which are covering this cost so we should have no problem with the budget. A motion approving the request was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor John Keegan  
Trustee John Meehan

Mr. Zordan said that he had given the Board the audit engagement letter at the last workshop. He asked if anyone had any questions. If not, are we ready to approve it or not approve it. A motion to approve the audit engagement was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor John Keegan  
Trustee John Meehan

Mr. Zordan said the auditors will be here the week of October 13 to perform the remainder of their audit work. He said that lastly he had given the Board some information about an insurance program. Since the Mayor is not here and Mr. Meehan is not here, he was not sure if the rest of the Board has all of their input and he is not sure if they want to say yea or nay on it tonight. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said that he thought they had expressed concern about setting a precedent regarding payroll deductions. Then if somebody else requests it, he doesn't know if we are ready to move forward. He said he didn't know what everybody else's comment was. He said he is correct about that, right, the discount. Treasurer Zordan said yes. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said then if somebody else comes in and says - at what point are we going to allow payroll deductions for anything. Because you are doing this as a favor. Mr. Zordan said that is fine with him. Deputy Mayor LaCorte said he didn't know if anyone else had another opinion. Trustee Abato said she agrees.

Deputy Mayor LaCorte said he thought they had left it because no one seemed too enthused about it at the workshop. He said that five days could have made a big difference. He thought they would be psyched but he guesses not.

**MAYOR:**

**A) Mr. Lempert's Water Bill:**

Deputy Mayor LaCorte said that under the Mayor's agenda, there was one issue. He said we had discussed Mr. Lempert's water bill. Mr. Lempert who lives in Ramapo Cirque hadn't received a water bill for a number of years due to something that had happened when he moved into the house there. He asked Treasurer Zordan to update them.

Mr. Zordan said that they worked out something. He is going to pay the bill. It is going to go on his tax bill June 1.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Trustee Trish Abato - Doors at Leo P. Lydon Building:**

Trustee Abato said that Trustee Meehan was actually working on this and he is on vacation and he asked her if she could please continue the conversation that was started at the workshop with regards to the Leo Lydon building - the doors there needing replacement and Dan has been working with him on it and we received two different proposals on those doors. She said that she had hoped that we could have gotten someone more local, however, she is told by Dan that unfortunately this is a very specialized thing and there is nobody around. She asked Mr. Haglund if he wanted to talk about the doors and their need to be replaced. Mr. Haglund said that we got two bids on the doors. Trustee Abato said yes, and she should probably mention that the Suffern Community Foundation offered to pay half of whatever the cost of the doors are up to \$3,000 and the bids were \$5885 from North Jersey Door and \$5240 from Driscoll Lock and Key so the Suffern Community Foundation's half is right where we would need it to be if we purchase from either one of these people. But she doesn't know. She asked Mr. Haglund if he had any feelings on this. Mr. Haglund said that Driscoll did the doors at the Community Center. Trustee Abato asked if we were happy with those. Mr. Haglund said there are a few things we have to deal with - the weather stripping. No big deal. Trustee Abato said they open, they close, they lock and they unlock. She said that Jack had said whatever the recommendation was from Mr. Haglund that he would be happy. A motion to award the work to Driscoll Lock and Key in the amount of \$5,240 was made by Trustee Abato. Mr. Haglund asked what the date was on that. Trustee Abato said the date was April 9. Mr. Haglund said he can give him a call and see if that price is still good. Trustee Abato said okay. What do we have budget wise for this. Do we have it budgeted. She told the Treasurer that we are trying to find \$2500 for doors. Mr. Zordan said there is no problem. There is money left over in a capital project where we borrowed money and there was actually a line item for Leo Lydon and we still have some money left. Trustee Abato said okay. So she will move that we replace the doors through Driscoll for \$5240 and to accept the Suffern Community Foundation's half, seconded by Trustee Haggerty.

AYES: Deputy Mayor Dagan LaCorte  
Trustee Andrew Haggerty, Trustee Patricia Abato

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor John Keegan  
Trustee John Meehan

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. was made by Trustee Abato, seconded by Trustee Haggerty. Upon vote, the motion was carried.