

April 25, 2016
Adoption Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Called to Order at 8:00PM

The meeting opened with the salute to the flag and Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

TRUSTEE	Giordano
TRUSTEE	Luisi
TRUSTEE	Leo
TRUSTEE	Alfasi
MAYOR	Ecklond

APPOINTMENTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Trustee Leo made a motion to open a public hearing on a proposed local law amending the village of Tuckahoe Code Section 21-67 regarding parking violation fines; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

Trustee Leo made a motion to close a public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Trustee Leo made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of regular meeting of April 11, 2016; motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi; and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE- Mayor Ecklond said that he received approximately 100 copies of an e-mail regarding the Marbledale Quarry site. The email requested, "Do not respond." A copy is attached.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Adopting a proposed local law amending the village of Tuckahoe code section 21-67 regarding parking violation fines

Trustee Leo made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

- 2) Adopting the budget for Fiscal Year June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017

Mayor Ecklond read the following:

This year's budget process has been so much more efficient and streamlined due to the efforts of our Village Administrator.

Our Deputy Treasurer Ryan Rueda, and Jim LaPerche who has graciously helped our Treasury department get ahead of deadlines and is much more pro-active now, rather than being re-active.

This team and the Board was successful in bringing the tentative budget down from a 4.16% increase all the way down to where we are today which is below 2% at 1.88%

We were able to recognize some conservative increases in a few revenue lines and perform some sharper analysis on some insurance costs for a gain of approximately \$281, 000.

We decided to start the first ever budget line funding of the Tuckahoe Beautification Committee which exclusively serves to beautify our community.

We are making a modest increase in our contributions to our Seniors, our Volunteer Ambulance Corp., ECAP and our Veterans Parade Committee.

We're replacing a DPW Laborer who left our employment last year after a lengthy disability, and we're providing an across the Board raise to all of our non-collective bargaining employees rewarding them for their hard work and dedication to our residents.

All of these budget adjustments along with putting some money into our contingency line for emergencies and keeping a hands-off approach on our Fund Balance will continue our positive financial track, providing for better Bond Ratings, and maintaining the positive outlook we have seen from the State Comptroller's office fiscal stress monitoring program.

So I feel that this is a fair and balanced budget and I am happy to vote in favor of adopting it tonight.

Trustee Giordano said the process was efficient and effective. We moved from over 4% to under 2%. There was an increase in recognition for organizations that serve our community. The Tuckahoe Beautification has a line item now. We have increased ECAP, the veterans and EVAC. We have recognized our employees. It is a healthy and balanced budget. There are a lot of items that reflect smart policies.

Trustee Luisi read the following:

The budget before us is a reasonable and practical one. Albany believing this Village can operate with a tax cap of .12% was unsound and foolish.

I appreciate all the time, effort and energy that was put forth by our department heads with our Village Administrator in presenting their respective operating models for the upcoming year. Our Treasury Department has been outstanding in providing and maintaining accurate expenditure and revenue lines, which is information that is crucial to the Board when formulating the budget. The hard work put forth by our Village Administrator in the day to day operations of the Village cannot be understated. It was one of the many reasons that we have this reasonable and practical budget to work with.

I remain committed to the capital improvement programs where by we budget for projects that are necessary to achieve. I remain committed to ensuring fair and equitable compensation to our nonunion Village employees. I remain committed to the Village work force that sits at the collective bargaining table to negotiate balanced contracts.

With this budget we continue to maintain staffing levels in our Police and DPW departments and provide to them the funds that are needed to maintain quality services.

The Library continues to be able to provide to our community the many and varied programs that benefit people of all ages. The Library also continues to keep pace with current technology in providing research and reading material. The Court department will have a much needed security system installed for whenever court is in session. The paramount reason being the safety of our Village employees and ultimately the people who are in attendance in court. Our Building department continues to monitor the issuance of work permits and the integrity of the construction projects underway to ensure compliance with the approved site plans and local codes. Most importantly it provided the Board with a reasonable anticipation of building permit fees enabling for prudent financial expectations in the coming years. The Community Center continues to flourish as new activities are introduced to encourage more community involvement. Lastly, the front line of the Village, the staff of our Clerk's office who provide courteous and professional services to all who enter.

In closing, I'd like to thank everyone for helping to guide me thru this budget process. It was only thru mutual compromise that we were able to achieve the results we present to the residents of Tuckahoe tonight.

This has been done without surrendering the safety and security of our residents or without a reduction in the many services that are provided by the Village

Going forward, I will remain committed to preserving the integrity and financial health of the Village, so that all of our residents and business will continue to prosper and flourish.

Trustee Leo did not realize how extensive the process was to get to this budget. He thanked the administrator and the departments for their input.

Trustee Alfasi said that our budget reflects a rational and reasonable budget.

Trustee Leo made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

3) Amending the schedule of fines for Parking Violations in the village of Tuckahoe

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Tuckahoe, New York (the "Village") held at Village Hall, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe, New York on April 25, 2016.

WHEREAS, Section 21-67(a) of the Village Code of the Village of Tuckahoe authorizes that "the fines for various parking violations shall be designated by the Board of Trustees by resolution adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees. A list of such fines shall be maintained by the Village Clerk and Police Department. Notice of the amount of the fines established in accordance with this section shall be provided on all parking tickets, summonses and notices of violation;" and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees desires to amend the Schedule of Fines for parking violations in the Village of Tuckahoe; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

Section 1. The Village Board hereby amends the Schedule of Fines for parking violations in the Village of Tuckahoe as follows:

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Former Amount</u>	<u>Proposed & Amended Amount</u>
Meter	\$25	\$30 \$20 if paid same day
Overtime	\$30	\$35
No Standing	\$50	\$50
Prohibited	\$45	\$50
Improper	\$45	\$50
Blocked Drive	\$50	\$60
Uninspected	\$50	\$50
Unregistered	\$50	\$60
Handicap	\$75	\$75
No Permit	\$60	\$60
Fire Zone	\$60	\$60
Double Park	\$75	\$75
Snow Zone	\$75	\$75
Other	\$45	\$50

Section 2. To the extent that this Resolution conflicts with the Schedule of Fines currently maintained by the Office of the Village Clerk or the Department of Police, this Resolution shall be controlling.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect on May 16, 2016.
Trustee Leo made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

- 4) Amending the schedule of rates for all short term meters (4 hours or less) located in the Village of Tuckahoe as follows:

Nickel (\$.05):	3 minutes
Dime (\$.10):	6 minutes
Quarter (\$.25):	15 minutes
Dollar (\$1.00):	60 minutes

Trustee Leo made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor Ecklund announced:

- 1) Residents Community Meeting- Tuckahoe Housing Authority- May 4th
- 2) Next Village Board meeting –May 9th

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:20P.M.

Camille DiSalvo, Village

Dear Elected Officials,

I am a concerned resident of the Town of Eastchester, and a parent with children attending school within the town. I recently learned about the proposed "brownfield" development project to put a hotel on top of highly contaminated property located on the site of the former Marbledale Avenue quarry landfill, DEC Site Code: C360143.

The contaminants on the property include extraordinarily high levels of toxic and carcinogenic substances that pose a serious risk to the health and well being of the residents of our community. (These include many known serious toxins such as lead, mercury, chromium, chloroform, benzene, and many other chemicals).

As I understand it, the toxins and other chemicals found on Marbledale Avenue can leech into groundwater and vaporize into the air, potentially coming up through the soil into the surrounding area. Waverly School, where many of our youngest children (Kindergarten and Grade 1) attend school is located just two blocks away from this contaminated property. The contaminated groundwater also travels directly under the Bronxville School.

The remediation plan suggested by the hotel developer does not adequately protect the health and safety of the community. We ask that the remediation plan be changed as follows:

1. DEC conducts a complete examination and testing of the entire former Marbledale Avenue quarry, including the area proposed for development. Such testing should include testing for dioxins, pharmaceutical waste, and radioactivity.
2. Include groundwater testing at various levels, on and off-site, to verify possible off-site groundwater contamination
3. Implement comprehensive remediation of vapor, soil, and groundwater contamination for the entire landfill area.

Thank you for your commitment to the health, safety and well-being of our community.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 21 OF THE VILLAGE OF TUCKAHOE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING PARKING VIOLATION FINES

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

§ 21-67 Parking violation fines.

- (a) The fines for various parking and meter violations and penalties for late payments shall be designated by the Board of Trustees by resolution adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees. A list of such fines shall be maintained by the Village Clerk and Police Department. Notice of the amount of the fines established in accordance with this section shall be provided on all parking tickets, summonses and notices of violation.
- ~~(b) Notwithstanding § 21-67(a) above, the amount of the fine for parking meter violations shall be \$25. The amount of the fine for parking meter violations only shall be reduced by \$15 per violation if the fine is paid in person at the office of the Court Clerk of the Village of Tuckahoe Justice Court on the day of the violation or, if the violation is issued on a day or a time that the Court Clerk's office is not open, on the next business day.~~
- ~~(c) If the owner, operator or other party that may be responsible for a vehicle in accordance with the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law fails to appear or pay the fine on or before the appearance date set forth on a parking ticket summons, in addition to the fines established pursuant to this § 21-67, such person or party shall be charged and be liable for the following penalties and administrative fees:
 - ~~(1) The amount of the fine established pursuant to this § 21-67 for all parking violations shall be doubled if the fine is not paid or an appearance is not made before the 30th day after the original appearance date or any adjournment thereof; and~~
 - ~~(2) The amount of the fine established pursuant to this § 21-67 for all parking violations shall be tripled if the fine is not paid or an appearance is not made before the 45th day after the original appearance date or any adjournment thereof; and~~
 - ~~(3) An administrative fee of \$10 shall be charged if the fine is not paid or an appearance is not made before the 21st day after the original appearance date or any adjournment thereof.~~~~