

December 5, 2022
Board of Trustees
7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustee Meeting will take place live at Village Hall

Limited space is available and members of the public are encouraged to join via Zoom

The public will be able to participate in the live meeting and provide comment through Zoom

<https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID and Password to be posted on Village Website prior to meeting

Meeting video and audio will be broadcast live on public access

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Trustee Engelbert
Deputy Mayor Howell
Trustee Taylor
Trustee Kronen
Mayor Andino

APPOINTMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Auditor Report: Village financials for FYE 2022
- 2) Nick Zanzano, Tuckahoe History Committee

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) Public hearing to consider a proposed local law modifying Chapter 6, Article X of the Tuckahoe Village Code titled Administration and Enforcement of Uniform Code as per requirement from New York State
Trustee Kronen made a motion to close public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Engelbert; motion was carried by a vote 5-0

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1) Approval of Minutes of the November 7, 2022 meeting
Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Authorizing a proposed local law amending modifying Chapter 6, Article X of the Tuckahoe Village Code titled Administration and Enforcement of Uniform Code as per requirement from New York State
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Engelbert;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 2) Authorizing setting a public hearing for January 9, 2023 to consider a proposed local law reducing the maximum speed limit in the Village of Tuckahoe from 30 to 25 miles per hour
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 3) Authorizing an Inter-municipal Agreement with Westchester County for a Positive Youth Development Program in the amount of \$2,375
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 4) Authorizing an Inter-municipal Agreement with thirteen Westchester communities for a grant submittal to the NYS DEC for a "Recycling App"
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 5) Authorizing free short-term parking in the business districts of the Village to encourage local shopping during the holidays from December 19th through December 25th
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 6) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$2,065,580.99
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

DISCUSSION

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

VILLAGE CLERK- Camille DiSalvo reminded all that second half Village taxes are due the end of the year

DPW- Frank DiMarco spoke about the wreaths and DPW toy drive

POLICE- Chief Costanzo spoke about winter parking rules and noted that our two recruits graduate Friday

LIBRARY- Swadesh gave an update on grants and upcoming events at the library

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR- David Burke reminded all that resident parking stickers expired November 30th. He spoke about the EV charging stations. You must still pay the meters while charging.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor announced:

Village Board Meeting – January 9, 2022

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

► TRUSTEE Engelbert

History Committee

- Thanks to the generosity of Tuckahoe Beautification and the Burroughs Welcome Fund, installation of the beautiful benches and plaques at the Stone Mill Complex monument on the corner of Main St. and Lake Ave are complete.
- In the past two months, The History Committee had display tables at DPW Day, the Senior Bazaar on 10/15, and the Hero Next Door event honoring our veterans. Many people are fascinated with our history and archives.
- October and November Facebook - Nine posts. Our reach continues to grow. The most popular posts were Italian history in the village, the 50th Anniversary of the President and Mrs. Nixon's visit to Tuckahoe on Oct. 23rd 1972, and several Thanksgiving posts, remembering the once annual football game between Tuckahoe and Eastchester, traditionally held on Thanksgiving Day.
- We continue to collect articles and photos. If you have any historic items you would like to share with us, please contact tuckahoearchive@gmail.com.
- **The History Committee meets on Wednesday's from 9:30-12:00 at the Village Hall.** Contact information is available on the Village Website.

Tuckahoe Community Center

- Pictures with Santa this past Saturday - well done Beautification Committee
- Celebrate Kwanzaa with the Tuckahoe Juneteenth Committee (Adrienne Michel) Friday, December 30 from 7-9pm including music, food, and guest speakers
- Open Gym 130-4pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - and until 345 during the holiday break.

Tuckahoe Public Library

- Exciting times as the Library begins the pre-work for a renovation of its facilities. I would like to thank Swadesh Pachnanda, our state legislator Amy Paulin, our state senator Shelly Mayer, and our county legislator Damon Maher, in particular for their continued support. In the New Year we will be sharing more information about what to expect and what it means for Tuckahoe.

- This week has everything from latkes, to gingerbread ornaments to financial literacy - our library truly has something for everyone. And special call out to Ukulele Basics for Kids - Holiday Concert on December 16 at 345!
- We all know Swadesh Pachnanda our librarian and Elaine Provenzano our children's librarian, but I'd like to shine a spotlight on Miriam Saphra - aka Ms. Miriam - for stepping up and launching the highly successful "Teen Dungeons & Dragons" - getting a seat for this ongoing program is akin to getting a ticket to a Taylor Swift concert! But more seriously, the creativity, innovation, and downright resident-centric orientation of Miriam and all our librarians is why the Tuckahoe Public Library is the heart of our community.
- A "Friends" meeting is December 7 from 7-8pm this week - please be a friend!

► DEPUTY MAYOR Howell

Zoning and Planning

This month's Zoning Board meeting is cancelled.

Planning Board working session is tomorrow Dec 6 at 7 pm. Return of a site plan with amendment will be presented for 25 Main Street. New item is the legalization of the outdoor structure at Stephen's Green. The Planning Board monthly meeting will then be held December 20th at 7:30 pm.

The Historical Preservation Commission met on Nov 17 to hear an application for landmarking of the Washington Hotel on Main Street. That application will continue to be heard at the Dec 15th meeting.

Community

Eastchester Schools

The next scheduled Board of Education work session will be Tuesday, December 13th at 7:30 PM in the Eastchester High School Library. To access the live-stream link, please refer to the "[Live-stream Links & Recordings](#)" tab on the Board of Education page. In November the Board was considering a plan to reorganize elementary schools based on grade, so instead of a K-1 school and two 2-5 grade elementaries they would have K-1, 2-3, 4-5. Concerns that may impact the village would be a change in traffic patterns due to change in schedules. While the BOE initially was fast tracking that plan they have now slowed down to take more time to go through concerns brought before them.

Congratulations to the Eastchester Women's Basketball team which won the Holiday Championship played this weekend.

Thanks to John Galluzzi for a fun Holiday Celebration this past Saturday and to our DPW and TPD who staffed the event.

Wishing everyone a warm and safe holidays and a very happy new year!

► TRUSTEE Taylor

ECAP distributed 130 baskets for Thanksgiving last month. Thank you all who donated. ECAP Toy and Coat Distribution, to be determined, they are still waiting to see the toy donations that come in. It will probably be limited to the families that are registered with ECAP. ECAP will be closed Dec. 26-30th.

DECEMBER 2022 VETERANS TRUSTEE REPORT

IN NOVEMBER THE VILLAGE OF TUCKAHOE HONORED 11 OF OUR LOCAL VETERANS WITH A PROGRAM CALLED (THE HERO NEXT DOOR) SPANNING FROM WORLD WAR TWO, TO AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ, WE HAD A RECEPTION, REFRESHMENTS AND ALSO THE TUCKAHOE HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ QUARTET WHO DID AN AWESOME JOB, THANK YOU TO THE QUARTET AND TEACHER CHARLES EVANS, TRUSTEE CARA KRONEN AND VETERANS JOSH GACCIONE AND MIKE FIX WHO WORKED VERY HARD TO PUT THIS PROGRAM TOGETHER.

THE BEST PART WAS HEARING THE PERSONAL ACCOUNTS FROM OUR LOCAL VETERANS.

Korean War Veteran

EDWARD STOWE, SPOKE ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES OF BEING A BLACK SOLDIER IN THE MILITARY IN THE FORTIES. THE DIFFICULTIES HE AND OTHER SOLDIERS OF COLOR HAD TO ENDURE HERE IN THE U.S. AND ALSO IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. HOW HE PERSEVERED AND WENT ON TO BECOME AN ASSISTANT WARDEN FOR 20yrs. BEFORE RETIRING AND ATTENDING SEMINARY AND BEING ORDAINED AS A MINISTER.

ANTHONY RABASCO A KOREAN WAR VETERAN SPOKE ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE MOUNTAINS AND THE HARSH ELEMENTS HE AND THE OTHER VETERANS HAD TO FACE. FREEZING TEMPERATURES, FOOD RATIONS. DEALING WITH THE LOCAL PEOPLE WHO ALSO FACED THE DIFFICULTIES THAT WAR TIMES BRING.

AFTER HEARING FROM BOTH OF OUR VETERANS, AND THE READING OF THE PROFILE FOR VETERAN MARY WESTMORELAND WHO WASN'T ABLE TO ATTEND. THE WAY THEY DESCRIBE WHAT THEY ENDURED, WE DEFINITELY LEFT THAT PROGRAM KNOWING SO MUCH MORE ABOUT WHO OUR LOCAL HEROES WERE AND WHAT IT WAS LIKE FOR THEM IN THEIR TIME OF WAR.

DECEMBER 7th. WILL MARK 81 Yrs. SINCE THE TRAGEDY OF PEARL HARBOR. THERE WILL BE A COMMEMORATION AT EASTCHESTER TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY AT 7:55 am.

► TRUSTEE Kronen

The Tuckahoe Seniors will be holding their annual Holiday lunch for the first time in a few years. It will take place this Wednesday, Dec 7th at the Westchester Manor in Hastings. Their in-house holiday lunch will take place on Tuesday December 20th at 12.

The Beautification committee has sponsored the wreaths and holiday decorations you might notice throughout the village. Special thanks to DPW for getting those installed. The village looks great. The committee held a "Pictures with Santa" at the community center on Saturday. The backdrop was gorgeous. They really outdid themselves.

Please remember the Tuckahoe Seniors and The Beautification Committee in your year end giving this year. Both organizations do so much for our community and if you're looking for a way to give back, please consider one of them.

We had a wonderful Veteran's Day celebration at the community center on the 10th. Special thanks to all who helped make that night special- Josh Gaccione, Mike Fix, John Galuzzi, BSA Troop 19, Girl Scout Troop 2642, and the Tuckahoe High School Jazz Quintet-directed by Mr. Charles Evans.

I want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

► MAYOR Andino spoke about emails and calls regarding the Bronxville Lake Pedestrian bridge project. They are at the design and will go out to bid in January. This board has opportunities to get training from NYCOM. NYCOM as well as WMOA that has monthly meeting and we speak about best practices. A new organization has contacted me, National Institute of Latino Institute the training is at DC with no cost. 18 states were represented. One session was regarding the budget; moving the election to November was beneficial in the budget process. Having our residents educated in the budget process is important. At the end of the year when people are thinking about the year end, we want to thank our volunteers with a dinner and also a thank you dinner for our staff. Thank you all who contribute to our community. Happy Holidays for whatever holiday you celebrate. Think of a neighbor that may be alone and knock on their door.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mr. Forliano thanked Nick Zanzano

Anthony Fore reminded all about fire election

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM

Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk