

January 10, 2022

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

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Trustee Lang  
Trustee Howell  
Trustee Taylor  
Trustee Kronen  
Mayor Andino

APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Authorizing the appointment of Daniel Belles to the position of Police Officer effective January 3, 2022  
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 2) Authorizing the appointment of Brandon Belles to the position of Police Officer effective January 3, 2022  
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Lang and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 3) Authorizing the appointment of Constance Kitatake to the position of Court Clerk effective Friday, January 7, 2022  
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 4) Authorizing the appointment of Heather Rinaldi as an ad-hoc member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending March 31, 2022  
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

- 5) Authorizing the appointment of Lauren Poretta as an ad-hoc member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending March 31, 2022  
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

#### PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Tuckahoe Varsity Cheerleaders – fundraiser- Go Fund Me tuckahoecheerroadtonationals2022
- 2) Proclamation of appreciation to Allure Specialty Pharmacy presented by Mayor
- 3) Proclamation of appreciation to Sedgwick Pharmacy presented by Mayor

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) Public hearing to consider establishing a model landmark preservation local law  
Trustee Howell made a motion to close public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1) Approval of Minutes of the December 6, 2021  
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

#### FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

#### RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Authorizing the establishment of the model landmark preservation local law and appointing the following members effective upon filing with the NYS Department of State:
  - a. Jennie Steinhagen for a term ending March 31, 2025;
  - b. Joshua Gaccione for a term ending March 31, 2024;
  - c. Ladislao Castellanos for a term ending March 31 2023;
  - d. Jennie Steinhagen as Chairperson for a term ending March 31, 2023Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; and upon roll call motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 2) Authorizing the surplus of a 2003 Dodge 2500 series pickup truck VIN: 1D7KU28D33J580333  
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 3) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$678,555.98

Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Kronen and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

## DISCUSSION

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

POLICE- Chief Costanzo spoke of the passing of Philip A. Pinto Jr., and Doreen Moore Alexander

DPW- Frank DiMarco welcomed the new police officers

LIBRARY- Elaine Provenzano gave an update on library activities.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY- Gary Gjertsen welcomes Connie and wishes Maureen Stevens well as she will be missed.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor announced:

Next Village Board Meeting – February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

► TRUSTEE Lang congratulated the landmark committee, expressed his sympathy for the passing of Philip A. Pinto Jr., and Doreen Moore Alexander. He thanked Bronxville students for their donations of meals to 4 Union.

► TRUSTEE Howell thanked the police, pharmacists, and Historic Task Force. Zoning is scheduled for February 9 and Planning January 18. She gave a report on Eastchester Schools.

► TRUSTEE Taylor please see attached.

► TRUSTEE Kronen

## The Tuckahoe Schools

The School district is excited to announce the lottery for the 2022-2023 UPK program. Parents interested in having their child considered for UPK must complete the Universal Pre-K Application. Students must turn in by December 4<sup>th</sup>. **This application packet must be received no later than 2:30 PM on Friday, January 14, 2022.** Children who do not get a spot through the lottery system are put on a waiting list. **Applications may be submitted In-Person: Monday - Friday During the Hours of 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM at:** William E Cottle School - Main Security Entrance 2 Siwanoy Boulevard, Eastchester, NY, 10709 or by **Email:** [upk@tuckahoeschools.org](mailto:upk@tuckahoeschools.org)

Selection for this program, which will be capped at 39 full day students based on state and federal funding, is done by a random lottery. Random selection is required by NYS. When an application is submitted, it will be assigned a number for the lottery. Once the first 39 applications have been selected, each subsequent application pulled is put on a waiting list, in order of their draw from the lottery. We will notify families of their initial lottery status by January 26, 2022.

The lottery for the 39 seats will take place both in-person and virtually on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 3:30 PM in the Tuckahoe MS/HS Library (snow date is January 24, 2022). The lottery selection will be

live-streamed, and the link will be available on the District website homepage. If a family declines the offer or does not register their child, the next student on the waiting list will be offered a place in the program.

PTA -General meeting tomorrow January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:15

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> Cottle has principal coffees at 9:30am and 7:30 PM

the PTA will be hosting "Finding Your Dream College Event", on Thursday, January 20, at 7:30 pm

Congratulations to Junior, Yuri Lee, for winning the composition for the National Young Composers Challenge.

Thank you to the Tuckahoe schools for hosting a successful pediatric vaccine clinic on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **From the Environmental Committee**

DEC Reminds New Yorkers: Statewide Ban on Polystyrene Foam Containers and Loose Fill Starts Jan. 1

While 65% of New York residents already lived in communities that banned these containers, this ban took effect for the whole state at the start of the year.

#### **Tuckahoe Seniors**

Out of an abundance of caution, following the holidays, the Tuckahoe Seniors have gone remote for last week and this week. They hope to resume in person activities on the 18<sup>th</sup>

Jan 13 12:00 -2:30pm Members Monthly Meeting & Bingo w/Greg Luisi \$5/3 cards

Jan 20 Successful Ageing w/Bill Crawford, Monarch Communities Thurs. 1:00 – 2:15pm

I want to extend a special thank you to the members of the Tuckahoe Police who helped with covid test distribution on Christmas Eve, especially Lt. Zorolnick who stood outside in the cold with me working the door and Lt. Rotta who went to pick up those tests so we could get them out to the residents before the holidays.

Congratulations to Lucy Mastrodomenico who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in December. I got to celebrate with her and present a proclamation at the Fountains.

The New York State Eviction Prevention Moratorium Ends Jan. 15. If anyone is behind on their rent, and needs assistance, The Westchester County Dept of Social Services has a program to help residents. You can contact them or reach out to me for more information.

► MAYOR Andino

#### **State of the Village January 10, 2022**

The past two years have taken a toll on the world, country, NY State and certainly on us all here in Tuckahoe as well. We have experienced loss of neighbors and loved ones and have often been left with an uncertainty of what the future might hold. I am in awe of the human spirit and how we can adapt and even thrive through the most difficult times. At the beginning of this board's term, we set out to accomplish a set of goals. Goals that, at every turn, tested our ability to stay focused, to keep the best interests of all residents in mind and ensure that the people who provide us with the excellent services Tuckahoe is known for, are supported during these challenging times. In the short nine months in office, we have been able to accomplish a lot together:

## LEGISLATION

I I am so proud that this board's first order of business was to help secure Tuckahoe's future by protecting it's past. Maya Angelou said, "You can't know where you are going until you know where you have been." In May, we formed the Tuckahoe Historic Preservation Task Force, under the leadership of Jennie Steinhagen and charged them with:

- identifying historic sites in Tuckahoe
- researching what the state and other municipalities are doing so we don't re-invent the wheel; and
- drafting legislation that would protect our rich history while ensuring that doing business in Tuckahoe would not be cost prohibitive all the while keeping home owners' best interests in mind.

Tonight, this board passed **legislation to preserve Tuckahoe's Historic sites**; the first legislation of its kind ever passed in Tuckahoe and many will breathe a bit easier tonight because of it.

II It's been some years now that Stadium Lights were proposed at the Concordia field causing many residents angst about their quality of life in the Village. This board also passed a **local law to prohibit stadium and sports lights in the village** in response to the voiced concerns of many residents.

III And last, but not least, this board unanimously authorized a **local law opting out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Village of Tuckahoe.**

## INFRASTRUCTURE & Quality of Life

- One key role of local government is to ensure that residents' quality of life is protected through great services (DPW, police, paved roads, etc.) This past year, we bonded to:
  - update our sewer infrastructure
  - completed bid to replace traffic signals at various locations" (Main/ Cameron; Midland/ Winter Hill; Fisher/ Marbledale; Fisher/ Columbus)
  - completed a comprehensive repaving of streets across the village. – **nearing \$1 Million**

We ensured that no jobs were lost even during the most difficult of budgets this board has had to manage. I am grateful to have had the guidance and watchful eye of our Village Administrator, David Burke, and our Treasurer Ryan **Rueda** who despite the gravity of things like decimated parking revenue, helped us ensure the residents did not bear the full economic brunt of this pandemic. We have also not forgotten the havoc Hurricane Ida wreaked on residents and have held meetings with the county and congressman's office to ensure that Tuckahoe is not left behind.

## Additional Funding

- Restored membership in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Submitted the following grants
  - "Playground Upgrades at the Union Place Park" in the amount of \$160,000
  - "ADA Ramp and Sidewalk Improvements – Columbus Ave." in the amount of \$329,600
  - "Sidewalk Improvements – Tuckahoe Main Street" in the amount of \$172,370
  - "Sewer Repairs and Relining – Midland Place" in the amount of \$299,000

- Marketed ourselves as a “film friendly village and updated our website to attract film companies looking for filming locations; thereby increasing film revenue by over 50% from past three years
- Submitted application for a Public Library Construction Program grant in the amount of \$250,000 for the reconfiguration of the Children’s room to improve early literacy and create a new space for teens
- We also secured financial aid from Senator Shelley Mayer and Assemblywoman Amy Paulin to help procure police equipment and bodycam upgrades.
- Tuckahoe Challenge Road Race, led by Deputy Mayor, Renee Howell, benefitting the Friends of the Library and Beautification Committees raised \$30,000 and had highest participation of business sponsors and runners to date.

All of these funds are crucial to maintaining the quality of life Tuckahoans have become used to and we are able to accomplish this while keeping taxes in check.

#### **Robust Village Sponsored Community Events**

- Tuckahoe Field Day and Picnic thanks to Community Center Director, John Galluzzi and his team
- Held Movies in the Park for the first time– led by Trustee Cara Kronen
- Tuckahoe Cares Day was born out of concern for an increase in litter and trash in the community during Covid - led by Trustee Cara Kronen
- Halloween **Creepy Candy Crawl** with Main Street Businesses - led by Trustee Cara Kronen had more than 300 participants.

#### **Response to Covid-19**

We have shown great leadership during these uncertain times. We have held several clinics for testing and vaccines when no one could get them in our towns and cities and vaccinated and tested more than 1k residents in Tuckahoe and neighboring communities. We worked tirelessly to arrange to go to homes of individuals who had mobility issues and we owe a debt of gratitude to the volunteers, who no matter how often we asked for help, said yes without hesitation. That experience was a true testament of what community is. And a huge thank you as well to the providers who gave of their time and expertise to help us stay safe. Thank You!

THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES for their work throughout the year:

- Planning Board – Led by Antonio Leo
- Zoning Board – Led by Tom Ringwald
- Sign & Awning Board – Led by Laura Raffiani
- TESC – Donald Crosby
- Beautification Committee – Sue Ciamarra
- History Committee – **Kris Seagal & Elaine Provenzano**
- Library Board – Ginger Crosby
- Historic Preservation Task Force – **Jennie Steinhagen**

## What's Ahead

- Forging ahead with Comprehensive Master Plan, Updating our Affordable Housing Ordinance, Sewer Infrastructure, Traffic Light system upgrades

~ Conclusion of State of the Village ~

Address rumors that I want to “defund” the police. Look at facts. The board has just sworn in two new Police Officers, and promoted several officers in the last few months. The police budget has not been decreased. which is public record. I am calling on the community to see these rumors as divisive and political tactics to instill fear in residents and tarnish my reputation.

## Retirement, Birthdays & Condolences

- Maureen Stevens, court clerk, is retiring after 26 years of service. We wish her the best!
- Happy Birthday to Grace Martin who turned 102 last month. I presented her with a certificate of recognition at her home.
- Condolences to family of life long resident and crossing guard, Doreen Moore-Alexander who passed away on Christmas Day and Philip Pinto, served as Captain in the Eastchester Fire Dept for 32 years. Family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to The Lustgarten Foundation.
- A moment of silence to honor those in service in the police and fire department who have passed away.

## SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Candidates for the recent Fire Commissioner spoke regarding letters and robo calls during the campaign.

Josh Gaccione spoke regarding the Girl Scouts' Hometown Banners project

Jeff Zuckerman spoke about the Fire Commissioners' campaign via zoom.

An uproar ensued and mayor Andino quickly stifled it.

Chris DiGiorgio hopes that there is a unitedness in our Village. We have to do better.

Mayor Andino quoted Martin Luther King and says she does not tolerate violence.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:50PM

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Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk

## JAN. 2022 ECAP TRUSTEE REPORT

ON DECEMBER 17TH ECAP WAS ABLE TO GIVE GIFTS TO THE KIDS WHO ARE IN THE BOOKS AND BEYOND AFTER SCHOLL PROGRAM, THANKS TO THE GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM, THE TUCKAHOE P. D., THE TUCKAHOE SCHOOL DISTRICT, JESSE TREE, THE JR, LEAGUE OF BRONXVILLE, THE TUCKAHOE, BRONXVILLE, EASTCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND SEVERAL LOCAL COMMUNITY RESIDENTS. ECAP WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK LORRETTA DISIMONE FOR PROVIDING THE FOOD AND BEVERAGES FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.

ON DEC. 20TH ECAP HAD IT'S COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTION AND PROVIDED FOOD FOR 32 FAMILIES, THEY ALSO DISTRIBUTED TOYS, COATS, PAMPERS, POINSETTIAS, AND REEFS.

THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM WAS DELAYED A EXTRA WEEK BEFORE OPENING UP, THE NEW YORK PROJECT HOPE IN PERSON PROGRAM, HELPING SENIORS COPE WITH COVID, AND THE FAMILY SERVICES OF WESTCHESTER WEEKLY PROGRAM HAS BEEN SUSPENDED AT THIS TIME, ALL DO TO COVID CONCERNS.

ECAP'S TENNIS PROGRAM FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE STARTING THIS MONTH AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

ECAP HAS FORMED A NEW PARTNERSHIP, WITH REGISTERED NURSES FROM MERCY COLLEGE ONCE A WEEK ON WEDNESDAY'S, STARTING ON THE 19TH OF THIS



MONTH.

ECAP HAS ALSO FORMED A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH SWEET GREENS, A NEW RESTAURANT OPENING AT RIDGE HILL IN YONKERS ON JAN. 25TH. SWEET GREENS WILL BE DONATING HEALTHY MEALS TO ECAP STARTING ON FEB, 15TH AS PART OF THEIR SOCIAL GIVE BACK PROGAM.

TUCKAHOE COMMUNITY CENTER  
JANUARY 2022 TRUSTEE REPORT

FEB, IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH AND ON FEB, 5TH, THE TUCKAHOE COMMUNITY WILL HOST THE 4 EVER RALLYING ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE RUN BY RITA MASTROBERARDINO FROM 10:00 AM-4:00PM. TO ASSURE SOCIAL DISTANCING TO MAINTAIN ROOM CAPACITY LEVELS, THEY ARE RECOMMENDING YOU SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT. APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE ON THE FLYER WHICH I HAVE COPIES OF AND THERE ARE COPIES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER ALSO.

FEB, IS ALSO BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND THE FOLLOWING EVENTS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THE TUCKAHOE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH, PUT TOGETHER BY ADRIENNE MICHELLE.

FRIDAY FEB, 11TH 7P-10PM-BLACK HISTORY NIGHT PRESENTS; "MOVIE NIGHT".

SATURDAY FEB, 19TH 5P-7PM-GENEOLOGY PROGRAM WITH GUEST SPEAKERS.

SATURDAY FEB. 26TH 5P-8PM-BUFFET SOCIAL-COOK-OFF-WITH A LIVE DISC JOCKEY.

The Tuckahoe Juneteenth Committee Is collecting Gently Used Or New Clothing, Toiletries, Baby Food, Baby Clothier, Hand Sanitizer And Mask, For The survivors From The Fire In The Bronx. Donations And Contributions Can Be Given At The Tuckahoe Community Center. Contact Adrienne Michel For more info At 646 335-8372 until Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>

TUCKAHOE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
JANUARY 2022 TRUSTEE REPORT

ALL OF THE TENANTS OF THE TUCKAHOE HOUSING AUTHORITY WHO'S FAMILIES WERE APART OF THE ANGEL TREE PROGRAM WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO IRENA MATVEEVSKI, THE T.H.A. DIRECTOR AND THE TUCKAHOE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR DONATING TO THE ANGEL TREE AND THE T.H.A. TENANTS ASSOCIATION FOR PUTTING IT TOGETHER, SHOPPING AND DELIVERING THE GIFTS.

THE T.H.A'S NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING ON THE 18TH, AT 7:30PM.

My Condolences To The Moore Alexander Family On The Passing Of Doreen Alexander, I Grew up with Doreen And Was Truly Sadden By Her Passing. The Moore Alexander Family Would Like To Thank The Tuckahoe Police Department And The Village Board For All of Their Assistance In Her Homegoing Service.

My Condolences To The Pinto Family For Their Loss In The Passing Of Phil Pinto And I Would Like To Thank Him And The Family For His Service In The Fire Department