

January 23, 2017

6:30 p.m. - Executive Session: Litigation

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	Ecklund

**APPOINTMENTS -
PRESENTATION -**

- 1) David Pope introduced the Tuckahoe Junior Rec. and the Senior Rec. Cheerleading teams. We all wished them luck on their competition.
- 2) Historian Phil White gave the annual report from Tuckahoe History Committee. He thanked all the committee and volunteers and the residents who donate to the History Committee.

PUBLIC HEARINGS -none

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Trustee Leo made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting December 12, 2016; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano; and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

Trustee Leo made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 17, 2017, 2016; motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi; and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE- none

FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Authorizing the appointment of Michael Seminara as Assistant Building Inspector effective January 23, 2017

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.

- 2) Authorizing the support from the Village of Tuckahoe for the extension of the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act in order for communities to meet their clean water infrastructure needs

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

- 3) Authorizing the renewal of an inter-municipal agreement with the county of Westchester for cablevision Lightpath telephone and internet services

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) Authorizing the closure of capital project 2016-0090 DPW Vehicles

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

- 5) Accepting a donation from the Fountains at Rivervue to the Tuckahoe History Committee in the amount of \$500.00

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.

- 6) Authorizing the Mayor to sign IMA between the Town of Eastchester, Village of Bronxville and Village of Tuckahoe to engage SwiftReach Networks, Inc. to provide 911 Emergency Alerting services

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.

- 7) Approving a tax certiorari settlement for Midora Corporation for assessment years 2006 through 2013 consisting of 14 lots with street addresses of 150 Main Street, 168 Main Street and 233 Midland Avenue in the amount of \$52,329.63

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

- 8) Approving a tax certiorari settlement for Ocean Bounty Seafood Realty, LLC for assessment years 2013 through 2016 with street address of 40 Midland Avenue, Section 29, Block 4, Lot 29 in the amount of \$5,170.13

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.

- 9) Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with 150 Main Street, LLC as approved by the Village Attorney

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

- 10) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$560,707.50

Abstract #24 for \$103,888.67
Abstract #25 for \$372,468.57
Abstract #26 for \$3,619.85
Abstract #27 for \$79,636.76
T&A for December for \$1,093.65

The three largest invoices paid were:

- (1) \$143,439.82 for Health Insurance for the Month of January
- (2) \$80,562.86 for Griffin, Coogan, Sulzer & Horgan, P.C. for Tax Cert
- (3) \$51,795 for Travelers for Liability Insurance

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.

DISCUSSION

- 1) Request and petition to allow parking on Lake Ave. adjacent to Triangle Park
- 2) The Mayor and Board tabled this until next month.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

ATTORNEY-Gary Gjertsen reviewed the snow zone rules

ADMINISTRATOR- David Burke stated we are working on the budget. Each department's budget submission was due to the administrator on January 20th.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

MAYOR ECKLOND announced the next Village Board meeting February 6, 2017

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Anthony Lore voiced his concerns regarding the work at 5 Circle Road.

Timothy Minnich and Robert Scotto presented the board with a proposal for Open-Path Air Monitoring Program for the former Marbledale Quarry site.

Marbledale Rd. Coalition Air Expert Thomas Pritchett gave his professional oversight of the clean-up process, and agreed with Village Consultant Mike Musso that the program described is reasonable.

Residents and former Tuckahoe business owners voiced their concerns regarding proper clean up methods for the former Marbledale Quarry site.

Michael Musso gave an update on the clean-up process.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS REPORTS

MAYOR ECKLOND – read the following:

Village of Tuckahoe

Office of the Mayor

January 23, 2017 Report

Since this is the first meeting of the New Year I want to take this opportunity to bring the residents up to speed on the current status of the Village's Finances and overall condition.

Finances

As I do every year, last week David Burke and I met with the Village's Auditors. The auditors have wrapped up our books for Fiscal Year ending May 2016 and will be making a presentation to the Village Board at next month's meeting.

The auditors remarked on the significantly improved condition the Village is in. Noteworthy is the fact that our fund balance has gone from near zero a few years ago – to \$1.5million dollars at the end of F/Y 2016 and we are on track to this year to be even greater – possibly as much as \$2million dollars by the end of this fiscal year.

A strong fund balance is the key indicator the rating agencies look at when giving a municipality their bond rating. It is also what the NYS Comptroller looks at and places a lot of weight on when rating a municipality for their fiscal stress score, which the Village is in a higher category of.

2017-18 Fiscal Budget

Meetings will start in March for the 2017-18 Village Budget

The budget year starts June 1, 2017 and goes through May 31, 2018

With the dramatic improvement in Village Finances, the Village will be staying under the 2% tax cap with the adoption of this budget.

Police and Public Works

I am happy to report that due to very good management, our Police and DPW are tracking in line with their approved budgets.

We have yet to see significant snowfall this year (I say yet) so if this trend continues that budget should remain just fine.

Parks

Main St. Park

As everyone can now see the improvements are well underway at the Main Street Park. The Contractor has had good weather so far and it seems that it will remain warm for the next week or so. That should help him in getting his concrete work done.

Recreation

Our recreation center is thriving.

The center is host to a tremendous amount of Birthday and other parties almost every day, sometimes multiple times per day.

The revenue stream from this activity is really starting to blossom.

In addition to this, our Rec Assistant, John Galluzzi is trying out other programs for the youth in our community.

The center is busier than it's ever been.

Library

Our Library continues to be a model for other Libraries to follow.

The endless amount of children and adult programs they provide our community have become something that our residents really rely on for information, entertainment and education.

Development Projects in our community

I want to update our residents on some of the projects that have recently been completed and some that are underway in our Village

Quarry Place

The Quarry Place development is now completed.

The project is broken up into 3 different addresses.

The #150 Main Street building (next to ecap) has been issued their CO and already has residents moving in.

The #160 Main Street and #233 Midland Ave. buildings will be issued TCO's soon as they have some remaining punchlist items to complete and Fire Department permissions that are being satisfied.

Marbledale Road Brownfield Cleanup Project & Marriot Hotel

There is a tremendous amount of information posted on the front page of the Village's website for this work.

In addition residents who have questions regarding this should attend the bi-monthly informational meetings put on by HES Environmental Engineering which are held at the TCC on Wednesday night.

#100 Main Street (old Salerno's)

The Old Salerno's restaurant a/k/a as #100 Main Street

Their foundation work is well underway and with good weather they should have no problem staying on schedule

TRUSTEE GIORDANO- due to the late hour, no report

TRUSTEE LUISI- gave an update on Senior activities for February.

TRUSTEE LEO- gave February events in the library.

TRUSTEE ALFASI- read the following:



BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Need to Know:

- At their January 9, 2017 workshop and special meeting, the Board of Education publicly discussed and voted on whether to accept the terms of a contract of sale for the purchase of the property located at 110 Ridge Street, Eastchester, NY, contingent upon the school district's voters authorizing the purchase. As per NYS Education Law, the public must vote on any acquisition of real property by a union free school district. Therefore, the School Board also voted to schedule a **Special Public Vote on March 14, 2017**, at which time the issue of whether to purchase the 110 Ridge Street property will be placed before the school district's voters. For more information, please visit www.tuckahoeschools.org

-The Board is continuing to evaluate proposed capital project options developed through the district Facilities Committee. The next work session will be on February 6 at 7:30pm in the TMS/THS Library.

Good to Know:

-Any residents who do not have children in the district and wish to receive emails to stay apprised of school matters may sign up for our Community Email List. A form to sign up is on our district homepage (www.tuckahoeschools.org) under the announcement section.

-Each school is launching a Planning and Performance Leadership Team composed of parents, teachers and administrators to take an advisory role in identifying and implementing programs and practices that enable schools to maintain their high academic standards and to operate effectively.

Nice to Know:

- THS students Renz Toledo, Maryam Kajoshi and Eric Murphy were accepted from among thousands of students from all over New York State based on their leveled solo performances at the NYSSMA Festival last spring to perform at the New York State Music Association Area All State Music Festival on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at SUNY Purchase.

-On December 7, Tuckahoe High School hosted local veterans and students from Bronxville and Eastchester school districts for a ceremony commemorating the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor featuring patriotic songs, student speakers from the three school districts, as well as visual montages and a salute.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 AM.

Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk