

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 11, 2022

8:00 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

8:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Trustee Engelbert
Deputy Mayor Howell
Trustee Taylor
Trustee Kronen
Mayor Andino

APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Authorizing the appointment of Robert J. Lalli to the position of Police Officer effective July 18, 2022
- 2) Authorizing the appointment of Jalen LaBoy to the position of Police Officer effective July 18, 2022
Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve appointments 1 & 2; motion was seconded by Trustee Kronen; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 3) Authorizing the appointment of Christopher Mahoney as a Sanitation Laborer effective Monday, July 11th in accordance with his employment letter
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 4) Authorizing the appointment of Michelle Liscio as Assessor to fill the unexpired term of office to April 1, 2023
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 5) Authorizing the appointment of Lauren Poretta to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill an unexpired term of office expiring April 1, 2027
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Kronen; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 6) Authorizing the appointment of Henry Suarez as an Ad-Hoc member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 1, 2023
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 7) Authorizing the appointment of Laura Guarascio to the Sign and Awning Review Board to a term expiring April 1, 2025
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Kronen; motion was carried by a vote 5-0

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) Public hearing to consider a proposed local law regarding Affordable Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing within the Village of Tuckahoe
PowerPoint by Gary Gjertsen

Residents of Tuckahoe and Eastchester voiced their concerns
Trustee Taylor 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 June 13, 2022 meeting
Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Engelbert; motion was carried by a vote 5-0

FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Authorizing a proposed local law regarding Affordable Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing within the Village of Tuckahoe
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and upon roll call; motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 2) Authorizing the use of Main Street Park (tennis or basketball courts) by ECAP on July 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 and August 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17 from 1pm to 3pm
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 3) Authorizing the Mayor to execute an updated Memorandum of Understanding and 2022 Extension of Service Agreement with Sustainable Westchester to continue to participate in the Community Choice Aggregation Program
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 4) Authorizing a resolution, subject to referendum, all general Village Elections of the Village of Tuckahoe shall be held annually on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November (to coincide with the date of the General Election, as defined in Section 8-100 of the Election Law of the State of New York) and the term of office of each elected Village Officer who currently holds such elected office terminate at noon on the first Monday in December in the year in which such term would otherwise expire; and

Further Resolved, to designate November 8, 2022 as the date of the special election to conduct a referendum as required by New York State Law; and

Further Resolved, to request the County of Westchester to include the following proposition as part of the General Election to be conducted on November 8, 2022 for consideration by the voters of the Village of Tuckahoe:

Shall the General Village Election of the Village of Tuckahoe be held annually in November rather than March, specifically on the date of the General Election as defined in Section 8-100 of the Election Law of the State of New York, and the term of office of each elected Village Officer who currently holds such elected office terminate at noon on the first Monday in December in the year in which such term would otherwise expire?

Further Resolved, that the polling location and poll hours will be set by the Westchester County Board of Elections

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

- 5) Authorizing the setting of a public hearing for September 12, 2022 to afford all interested parties an opportunity to be heard concerning the renewal of a Franchise Renewal Agreement with Cablevision of Southern Westchester, Inc.
Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Kronen; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 6) Setting a public hearing for August 8, 2022 to consider a recommendation by the Historic Preservation Commission to designate the 'The Ward House,' located at 230 White Plains Road as a local landmark
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 7) Authorizing the street closure of Oak Avenue and Cottage Place for the annual block party on Saturday, August 27th
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 8) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$1,143,691.34

Trustee Kronen 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

POLICE- Chief Costanzo thanked the County, Eastchester and Bronxville Police for their assistance at the Fireworks also Eastchester Fire and EVAC.

August 2nd the TPD will be participating in National Night Out.

ADMINISTRATOR- David Burke congratulated the new DPW worker.

LIBRARY- Swadesh gave her monthly report of events.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor announced
Village Board Meeting – August 8, 2022

Movie Nights @ Main Street Park
July 29th
August 19th

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

► TRUSTEE Engelbert

Library report

A shout out to Elaine Provenzano - her reading of My Grandma's the Mayor at the July 9th celebration will be a treasured memory for me - and many in the Village - for years to come.

The Library has given it's update but I will remind folks at the Friends of the Tuckahoe Public Library will meet this Wednesday at 6:30 at the Library. This is an important group, helping to support the work of our Library with necessary funds. I hope you can join the group and make the meeting.

Tuckahoe History Committee Report

The History Committee would like to thank Trustee Engelbert for her visit on July 6 for a tour of our digital and physical archives. We are grateful for all of the board and community support!

A Memorial Day FB post about the WWII monument in Depot Square prompted several inquiries about missing names of local veterans. The Committee conferred with Vito Pinto, Chairman of the VCPC, who confirmed that although a comprehensive list was made at the time of the monument's installation in 1948, some names may be missing. He also stated that local veterans groups and the Village of Tuckahoe would support listing missing names on additional plaques on the bottom of the monument. To be included on the monument, a veteran must meet the following criteria:

- Have discharge papers noting WW II service
- Veteran must be resident of Tuckahoe when they entered service
- If you would like to recommend a veteran who meets the criteria, please contact Vito Pinto by phone at 914-906-7431 or email at vpinto120@outlook.com. The deadline for adding additional names is December 30, 2022.

June Facebook - We had one new post in June for Juneteenth. The photo came from Alice and Phil White. Once the photo was posted, Irene Feuranges Norman was able to provide context and readers provided additional names. The post was shared 5 times and had a reach of 1,212! Please follow us on FB to learn more!

If you have any historic photos or 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.

Community Center

'Sports and Fun' activities – event- at The Community Center

Sponsored by ECAP and Tuckahoe Police Department.

Dodgeball, Kickball, Basketball, – Board Games as well...

Saturday, July 30 from 11am - 2pm

► DEPUTY MAYOR Howell

Zoning and Planning

Congratulations to Lauren Poretta who is now a full member on Zoning Board and to Henry Suarez who has been appointed to the Ad Hoc position. In addition we have filled a long vacant position on the Sign and Awning Board by appointing Laura Guarascio to that position. Thank you to these residents who have stepped up to help the village.

This month's Zoning Board meeting will be held July 13th at 7:30 pm. Items to be discussed are an area variance at 86 Maple Ave for a new deck, return of a special permit at 31-33 Main Street for the creation of a new Dance Studio.

Next Planning Board Meeting will be Tuesday June 19th at 7:30 pm. All items on the agenda are return items. I want to mention again the site plan at 30 Elm Street to add a party room to the Pyramid Squash Courts building. Interested people may want to attend the Planning meetings and weigh in on this.

Neither Planning or Zoning boards will have meetings in August. Sign and Awning will hold a meeting if an application is received.

The Village Board Meeting to consider the recommendation by the Historical Preservation Commission to designate the Ward House as a site of historical significance will be held August 8th at 7 pm. For residents who are looking to get involved with the Ward House there is a group on concerned citizens who have formed The Friends of the Ward House non-profit and I encourage residents to go to their webpage <https://www.wardhousefriends.org/> and understand how they can become involved.

Community

I would like to send my condolences to my neighbors the Otopo family on the passing of Ejeviome Otopo. Mr Otopo was a former Ambassador for the UN, author, frequent guest speaker on matters on government. He will be missed by his neighbors.

Primary elections will be a bit onerous this year for NY due to the redistricting efforts and will be split into two this summer. June 28 primary is complete. Aug 23 will be primary for Congress and NYS Senate.

This month we will be starting our walking and running programs for any one interested. Walks will take place Wednesday evenings starting at 7 pm from the library we'll start at about 0.5-1 mile and slowly work up to 4 miles. Trustees will attend when they can so we can answer questions if you have them. I will also lead a running group on Thursday mornings at 6:30 am leaving from the Crestwood Train station – the side facing Fisher Ave. So these will serve as my office hours for July and August so if you want to talk and not move, don't hesitate to call me on my cell phone.
Have a wonderful summer Tuckahoe!

► TRUSTEE Taylor (see attached)

► TRUSTEE Kronen

Seniors- Due to an increase in COVID cases, the Tuckahoe Senior Center will go virtual tomorrow, July 12th. They will send out an email and let everyone know if the center will re-open on Thursday. The center will close in August and re-open in September for summer break. I will be calling Bingo on July 26th.

This month the Tuckahoe Seniors mourn the loss of Gloria Lorusso and Irene D'Annucci. May they both rest in peace.

The center is hosting a talk on avoiding Identity Theft next week.

TESC- Will resume in September

Beautification Committee- Spring plantings were amazing, and the village has never looked so good.

Next meeting is August 1st.

Tuckahoe Trolley Tour will take place on Saturday July 16th at 10 am. This is part of the 120th anniversary celebration. For more information, see the Village website or our social media pages. There are a limited number of seats. Registration is required.

The Fireworks on Saturday were excellent. Thanks to John Galuzzi, TPD and DPW for all their hard work. Also- thanks to Ms. Elaine from the Library for Story Hour and our local volunteers- Emma Cerdone-Vargez, Mykayla Moore-Smith, Timaya Williams, Selene Kronen who organized and did a great job with craft time at the park.

Juneteenth event was a huge success. I want to extend a great big thank you to Adrienne Michele and the whole committee who worked tirelessly on this- it was not only a lot of fun, but a great learning experience for so many people here in the community.

Movie Night was also very successful. Thanks to our volunteers and residents who donated, specifically- Mykayla Moore-Smith, Justin Smith, Nick Englebert, Marilyn Graham, Stephanie Palmer and Jon Borducci of Sonis Music. The next two movie nights are July 29th and August 19th.

As always, I want to take the time to thank the local business community who really stepped up for Juneteenth, Movie Nights, and for the 120th Anniversary Celebration- Rizza Villaggio Pizza, Crestwood, Nutmeg Cafe, Teresa's Sweet Treats, Stop 'n Shop, San Fratello's Deli, Lundy's Deli, Rio Bravo, and Angelina's Ristorante. When we do these events, we rely on our local business and I want to thank them for always coming through for the community.

► MAYOR Andino

- Wished a happy 10th birthday to Trustee Kronen's son, Zan!

- Congratulations to Deputy Mayor Renee for promotion to VP of Clinical Sciences at Siemens Healthineers
- Juneteenth remarks - June 18th thank Adrienne Michel and committee for an educational and inclusive event
- Sad good bye to TapHouse. Welcome to Zero Otto Nove - ribbing cutting on June 27th
- Closing of The Quarry after 18 years.
- 4th of July Fireworks on Sat July 9th and celebration of Tuckahoe's 120th Anniversary
- Condolences to the family of Mr. Otobo and thank TPD for the exemplary work done on the case.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Jeff Zuckerman wants the Planning Board meeting to be live.

Deputy Mayor Howell explained that there are health concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM

Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk

VETERANS JULY TRUSTEE REPORT

THE FLAG DAY CEREMONY WITH V.F.W. POST 2285 AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 979 WAS HELD ON JUNE 14th WHERE HUNDREDS OF FLAGS WERE RETIRED. THERE WAS ALSO A BBQ FOR THE COMMUNITY SPONSORED BY OUR VERY OWN TUCKAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE FOOD WAS VERY GOOD IF I MUST SAY SO MYSELF.

THE AFTER ACTION MEETING RECAPING THIS PAST MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND THE PLANNING FOR THE 2023 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE EASTCHESTER ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB ON JULY 19th AT 7:00pm.

THE ACCIE JEFFRIES V.F.W. POST 2768 HEAR IN TUCKAHOE IS ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS . ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING SHOULD CONTACT QUARTERMASTER EDWARD STOWE AT 914 260-3890.

THE VETERANS WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COMMUNITY FOR ALL OF THEIR SUPPORT.

EASTCHESTER COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

THE ECAP SUMMER CAMP HAS 27 KIDS ENROLLED.

THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM HAS 5 YOUTH ENROLLED.

ON JULY 30th. ECAP IN COLLABORATION WITH THE TUCKAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE YOUTH SPORTS AND FUN EVENTS AT THE TUCKAHOE COMMUNITY CENTER, 11:00am-2:00pm.

ECAP'S FOOD PANTRY IS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.

TUCKAHOE HOUSING AUTHORITY JULY TRUSTEE REPORT

ON JULY 20th, 11:00 am-4:00pm, YOUR TABLET IS WAITING IS COMING TO 4 UNION PL. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A TABLET, YOU NEED ONE OF THE FOLLOWING-MEDICAID, FOOD STAMPS, SECTION 8/HUD, SSI, WIC, VETERANS PENSION. MUST HAVE VALID I.D. AND PROOF OF BENEFIT. THERE IS A ONE TIME \$10.00 CO-PAY FOR THE TABLET.

ON AUGUST 20th, THE TUCKAHOE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE TENANTS ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL FAMILY DAY, FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP. PLEASE COME OUT AND ENJOY THE FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION ON WASHINGTON ST. AND AT 4 UNION PL. RAIN DATE IS THE NEXT DAY ON THE 21st.
