

October 16, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustee Meeting will take place live at Village Hall

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
Trustee Taylor - absent
Trustee Gaccione
Deputy Mayor Kronen
Mayor Andino

APPOINTMENTS

Authorizing the appointment of Eileen Pirro to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Ad-Hoc member with term to expire December 1, 2023

Deputy Mayor Kronen made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Trustee Engelbert;
Motion was carried by a vote 4-0

Authorizing the appointment of John Costanzo to the position of Secretary to the Village Administrator effective Monday, October 23rd

Trustee Gaccione made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kronen;
Motion was carried by a vote 4-0

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Tuckahoe Road Race proceeds presentation Renee Howell
- 2) Award to John Gunther for his volunteerism

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the March 6th and September 11, 2023 meeting
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Trustee Gaccione;
Motion was carried by a vote 4-0

FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

Anthony Fiore questioned Resolution # 4.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Authorizing the closure of Warren Ave. and use of Village streets on Tuesday, October 31st for the annual Westchester Park Civic Association Halloween Party and Parade
Deputy Mayor Kronen made a motion to approve,
motion was seconded by Trustee Gaccione;
Motion was carried by a vote 4-0
- 2) Authorizing the sale of a surplus 2006 F250 pickup, VIN# 1FTNF21536ED47294 to the highest bidder in the amount of \$2,750
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Trustee Gaccione;
Motion was carried by a vote 4-0
- 3) Authorizing the surplus of a 2012 Kendon Stand Up Motorcycle Trailer VIN:
4G44S0813CA000107
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kronen;
Motion was carried by a vote 4-0
- 4) Authorizing the approval of the Midland Place Sewer Replacement project bid to the lowest bidder Paladino Concrete Creations Corp. in the amount of \$312,365
Deputy Mayor Kronen made a motion to approve,
motion was seconded by Trustee Gaccione;
Motion was carried by a vote 4-0
- 5) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$378,381.72
Trustee Gaccione made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kronen;
Motion was carried by a vote 4-0
- 6) Authorization non-union salary modifications effective June 1, 2023
Trustee Gaccione made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Trustee Engelbert
Motion was carried by a vote 4-0

DISCUSSION

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

VILLAGE CLERK- Camille DiSalvo wished Congratulations to Chief Costanzo

Resident parking stickers expire November 30th.

VILLAGE ADMINITRATOR- David Burke explained pink shirts for cancer awareness. DPW Day is Saturday from 10-2 David also gave a paving update.

LIBRARY- The Library Director gave her monthly report.

POLICE- Chief Costanzo said the Pizza with a Policemen is Thursday from 4:30-6:30

He reminisced about his many years here and thanked the many board, the staffs and the police.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor announced:

DPW Day @ Main Street Park– October 21st 10am – 2pm

Police Chief Swearing In – October 23rd 7pm

Creepy Candy Crawl – October 28th 4pm – 5:30pm

Village Board Meeting – November 6th -7p

Chief Costanzo – Walk out – 4pm

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

► TRUSTEE Engelbert thanked the new Library Board President Julie Gurdin and thanked Ginger Crosby for her years of service. Eastchester Schools are searching for a key leader; please fill out the survey. October 23 is a College Fair at the Eastchester High School gym. November 7 is Election Day. Please watch TESC mulching leaves and the environment.

► TRUSTEE Taylor- absent

► TRUSTEE Gaccione gave the History Committee report, the Historical Preservation Committee, National Buddy Week, and wished Mike Fix well who is in the hospital.

► DEPUTY MAYOR Kronen welcome Elaine as ADHOC Board of Appeals. Congratulations to Tuckahoe Seniors on Bingo Night. The event of the month is the Creepy Candy Crawl on Main Street on October 28th.

Depity Mayor Kronen gave Trustee Taylor's report

Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting. Monthly meeting at Broken Bow Brewery. ECAP report and anyone interested in donating a turkey. MLK breakfast is back on January 15, 2024.

► MAYOR Andino

1. Condolences – to Village Clerk, Camille DiSalvo and family on the passing of her father in law, Nicholas DiSalvo
2. Flooding - Thank you to the DPW and the entire staff – response to Storms and Flooding in those areas that have been hit hard throughout the years. They worked to create barriers next to the river, took calls from residents and directed assistance where needed and just offered to help in a compassionate way. The Village Administrator, Deputy Mayor and I went out with DPW Supt. to meet with residents in those areas that were impacted the hardest to take a closer look at the issues and we are seeking ways to address a decades long problem that seems to get more complicated as the storms worsen. Without county, state and/or federal assistance, it will be cost prohibitive for the Village to address on its own. A few things we are doing within our means:
 - a. Putting up catch basins in areas where the water is not draining quickly enough to prevent flooding
 - b. Creating temporary walls to help retain some water from the river as it crested on Yonkers and Elm
 - c. Consulting with the Village Engineer for guidance on scope of work to be studied
 - d. I am in touch again with our legislators at the county, state and federal levels to press for a more comprehensive response to flood mitigation in our area.

3. Statement regarding retirement of John Costanzo, Chief of Police

I'd like to say a few words about my time over the last 5 years working with the Chief. We met in 2018 when I was elected as Village Trustee and I was struck by how committed he was to maintaining a level of integrity in the Police Dept. He didn't waver from his duty to serve and protect and had, and continues to have, a way about him that leaves politics out of the work that he does. I appreciate that about him. As time went on, we had some moments where we had conversations about varying topics and his sense of fairness and compassion shined through. We have laughed together, disagreed on some things but maintained a level of affection for one another. There is none who compares to John Costanzo. His mark on this department and on the Village is unmatched. I am glad that he gets his flowers now. The entire board and I salute the tremendous impact he has had on this department for the decades he has served. I am certain that his legacy will live on long after he is gone. I ask that you all join us as we celebrate and honor the Chief on Nov 3rd at his retirement party where we will have an opportunity to express our gratitude in a more formal way.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Samantha Christian would like a Tuckahoe newspaper.

Sal Provenzano spoke regarding the Ward House

Suzanne Serafin spoke via zoom regarding online tax payments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board went into Executive Session at 8:30PM

Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk

