

September 12, 2022  
Village Board of Trustees

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Trustee Engelbert  
Deputy Mayor Howell  
Trustee Taylor  
Trustee Kronen  
Mayor Andino

APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Appointment of Karen Cashman on the Library Board for an unexpired term to expire April 1, 2025

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

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Eagle Scout Project Proposal: Story Walk, by Renee Arana at the Tuckahoe Library

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) Public hearing 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 Kronen made a motion to open public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0  
Trustee Taylor made a motion to close public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Kronen; motion was carried by a vote 5-0

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1) Approval of Minutes of the August 8, 2022 meeting  
Trustee Engelbert 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 the use of the library grounds for the creation of a Story Walk by Renee Arana for her Eagle Scout project  
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 2) Authorizing (retroactively) the use of the Main Street Park by ECAP on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> for a Tuckahoe Hoops Festival  
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 3) Authorizing the use of the Lake Ave. parking lot on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> by Growlers Beer Bistro for an Oktoberfest celebration  
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 4) Authorizing the use of Village streets on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> (approx. 4pm to 5:30pm) for the Tuckahoe High School Homecoming Parade  
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 5) Authorizing the use of Main Street Park on October 16<sup>th</sup> for the annual The Community Fund of Bronxville, Eastchester, Tuckahoe 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament  
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 6) Authorizing the street closure of Marbledale Road (Fisher & Jackson) on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> for a Classic Car Show  
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 7) Authorizing the renewal of a Franchise Renewal Agreement with Cablevision of Southern Westchester, Inc. with final terms and conditions regarding the PEG grant funding to be determined and agreed upon by the Village Administrator and Village Attorney  
Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 8) Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement between the Village of Tuckahoe and Local 456 International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 9) Authorizing a New York State Education Grant in the amount of \$120,000 for a humidity control unit and furnace upgrades at the Library, 50% match by the Village of Tuckahoe  
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 10) Authorizing a tax certiorari settlement with Anthony Scarcella for assessment year 2022, with a street address of 204 Alpine Place, Section 39, Block 4, Lot 16 in the amount of \$3,172.27  
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Engelbert; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 11) Authorizing a tax certiorari settlement with Tuckahoe Developers Inc. Div. of Poughkeepsie Shopping Center Inc. for assessment year 2022, with a street address of 8 Depot Sq., Section 33, Block 9, Lot 1A in the amount of \$7,982.54  
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Engelbert; motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 12) Authorizing a tax certiorari settlement with Tuckahoe Developers Inc. Div. of Poughkeepsie Shopping Center Inc. for assessment year 2022, with a street address of 62 Main St., Section 33, Block 9, Lot 10 in the amount of \$1,811.86  
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 13) Authorizing various budget modifications and transfers for fiscal year ending May 31, 2022  
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 14) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$1,164,822.00  
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Engelbert; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 15) Authorizing the sale of 2018 Dodge Charger: 4Dr Sedan, color black, Mileage: 43,678  
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- Lieutenant Zirolnk reminded all that school is back be mindful of school buses, the speed survey is on the website, the e-scooter law is on the website, and spoke about the accreditation process.

DPW- Frank DiMarco welcomed his new member, Chris, spoke about EV charging stations, paving, and DPW Day on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

LIBRARY- Swadesh gave an update on Library events.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR- David Burke is excited about the Main Street Park completion.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor announced  
Date Night Movies in the Park  
Main Street Park – Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Movie: *Marry Me*

Village Board Meeting – October 3, 2022

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

### ► TRUSTEE Engelbert

#### Library report

First, I want to personally thank our Village Librarian - Swadesh Pachnanda for coming to the rescue with a hotspot to support our Movies in Park in August. I suspect that she was cozied up with a cup of tea and a novel when I rang her, but she answered the call and hustled down to Main Street Park. I have come to be quite humbled by her dedicated to the residents of Tuckahoe.

As always the Library team has an amazing line up of activities for the fall - I encourage you to check out the Library calendar and better yet, come on down to the library, get yourself a library card if you haven't already, and see for yourself why our library is the heart of our community.

Our heart needs us these days. The Friends of the Tuckahoe Public Library are looking for new members both for their monthly planning meetings but also for ongoing financial support. The Friends fund all types of programs including those museum passes that we all love. There are also some open positions on the Board and if you are interested, please see Swadesh!

#### Tuckahoe History Committee Report

We would like to thank the Village Board of Trustees for their unanimous decision to make the Ward House a landmark site and helping to safeguard local historic treasures.

This History Committee would also like to offer our condolences to the family of Anna Carapella, who died on July 16 at 101 and was a longtime member of the Tuckahoe History Committee.

We have had an increase of inquiries via email and in-person visitors this summer from as far away as Missouri and California as well as local vistas.

Nicholas Zanzano will be attending the "Association of Public Historians of New York State" annual Conference" in Kingston on Sept 19-21.

He and Elaine Provenzano will attend the "Westchester Historical Round Table" on September 27.

Elaine Provenzano accompanied Eastchester Town Historian Richard Forlano for a presentation to the Tuckahoe School District to introduce new teachers to Tuckahoe history and available resources through the Tuckahoe History Committee and library.

#### Projects:

- Nicholas Zanzano will give a presentation on Tuckahoe Before and After, Part 2 to the Tuckahoe Seniors, on Thursday, September 29th
- Nick is also working on a draft of an Historical Walking Tour publication
- the development of a new historical website along with Carmine Salerno
- And scanning of Ernie Zocchi historical archives.

August Facebook - We reached over 1,000 likes in August! The most popular posts were on the Tuckahoe Robins baseball team, the WWII Journal of Ray Mirra, and the Ward House. Please follow us on Facebook to learn more

If you have any historic photos or items you would like to share with us, please contact [tuckahoearchive@gmail.com](mailto: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

The Community Center is always buzzing which just so great. I stopped by a "community center" in a small town in Pennsylvania this summer and it made me so, very, grateful for our community center and John Gallucci for his careful and thoughtful stewardship of this Village gem.

The Center will be busy this weekend, but I'll leave that to the good Dr. Howell to discuss.

But I will point out that there will be a car wash fundraiser on Sunday, September 25 from 10-2pm benefiting the Tuckahoe HS Soccer team.

And I would like to personally thank our State Senator Shelly Mayer for her consistent support of the Village, which included grant money to renovate the restrooms at the Community Center. Lots of jokes here, but they look beautiful, and their renovation is part of staying on top of things and taking good care of our Village resources.

Thank you.

► DEPUTY MAYOR Howell

Zoning Meeting Wednesday, September 14, 2022 Village Hall at 7:30 pm. The Work Session will be held on September 14, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

Item #1 Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2022

Item #2 86 Maple Avenue is a Return Area Variance for deck

Item #3 94 Kensington Road is an Area Variance Legalize conversion of garage to Art Studio

Planning Tuesday, September 20, 2022 Time: 7:30 pm

25 Main Street Return Amend previous site plan

125 Columbus Avenue Transformation Fitness

Eastchester Schools started back after Labor Day. In an interesting move the BOE appointed a new superintendent on its first meeting, Dr Ronald Valenti. New BOE in place and they will be hosting coffees by school level for parents 7-8 pm at the EHS Study Center Oct 3HS students, Oct 18 HS parents, Oct 20 Waverly, Nov 7 Middle School, Nov 21 Greenvale, Dec 5 Anne Hutchinson

Next BOE meeting Tuesday Sept 20 at 7:30 pm in library.

The Eastchester Rotary Club is sponsoring a visit of the FDNY 9/11 Never Forget Museum at Lake Isle Country Club 9/28 and 9/29 from 1 - 4 pm..

County continues the redistricting fun in NY as census data has shown the county has grown. The County will be hosting sessions on redistricting. Sept 14 6-9 pm at Board of legislators Chambers 8<sup>th</sup> floor in 148 Martine Ave White Plains, September 19 5:30 pm at Yonkers Library, Sept 20 6-8 pm at Mt Vernon City Hall.

There was a Construction Career Fair to be held on Sept 23, but the county has now cancelled this.

However US Representative Jamaal Bowman's office will be hosting a Career Fair at the Yonkers Waterfront Library on Sept 24, 1-4 pm.

Things are ramping up for the Tuckahoe Challenge this coming weekend. We owe a huge thank you to our sponsors. Most all sponsors will have tables where they'll give out information and goodies. Broken Bow is offering a free beer or non-alcoholic slushie when you present your race bib at the Brewery so looking forward to that after party!

Saturday between 2-5 pm we'll do bib pick up. We can do in person registration Saturday, but there will be no race day registration. NY Presbyterian Westchester medical is donating drawstring bags and will set up a social media table where we'll have frames and props to take pictures the day before the race. We have beautiful shirts and our amazing awards ready to go. We have 380 people committed and expect to at least meet last year's registration.

So weather is looking great. I am looking forward to seeing you all next weekend.

► TRUSTEE Taylor

EASTCHESTER COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP  
SEPTEMBER 2023 REPORT

SUMMER IS OFFICIALLY OVER AND SCHOOL HAS BEGUN, WHICH I'M SURE MAKES MANY OF OUR PARENTS AND SOME OF OUR STUDENTS VERY HAPPY.

THE ECAP AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM BEGAN TODAY, AND ECAP DIRECTOR DENISE CHEN SAID THAT THE ENROLLMENT HAS BEEN INCREASING WHICH IS A GOOD SIGN. WITH THE ECAP STAFF AND THE TUDORS FROM THE COTTLE SCHOOL THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP TO ALL OF THE KIDS WHO ARE ENROLLED.

TUCKAHOE HOOPS ON SATURDAY AT THE MAIN ST. PARK WAS A SUCCESS, 30 KIDS PARTICIPATED. TUCKAHOE HOOPS A IS COLLABORATION, MAX PIERCE, BACKYARD SPORTS AND ECAP. I HAD THE PLEASURE TO ATTEND AND WITNESS THE KIDS NOT ONLY LEARNING ABOUT THE GAME OF BASKETBALL BUT TO HAVE FUN AT THE SAME TIME. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO TOOK THE TIME TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS.

VETERANS 2023 SEPTEMBER REPORT

ON SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY WAS HELD AT RYE PLAYLAND, ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES WERE INVITED.

SENATOR SHELLEY MAYER'S OFFICE IS HOLDING A VETERANS FORUM ON OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup> AT THE WHITE PLAINS LIBRARY FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES LIVING OR WORKING IN STATE SENATE DISTRICT 37, WHICH INCLUDES TUCKAHOE, EASTCHESTER AND BRONXVILLE, TO ADDRESS ANY STATE ISSUES VETERANS ARE FACING. ALL ARE WELCOME-RSVP IS APPRECIATED.

THE VETERANS OF VFW POST 2285 WERE IN ATTENDANCE SUNDAY MORNING AT THE 21 YR, ANNIVERSARY OF 911, HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT HAS BEEN 21 YRS. SINCE THAT ATTACK ON OUR COUNTRY AND THE CITY OF NEW YORK. TO ALL OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES THAT DAY. TO ALL OF THE FAMILIES AND FRIEND WHO LOST LOVED ONES, MAY WE FOREVER BE REMINDED OF THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE THAT WAS PAID ON 911 2001.

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Tuckahoe Housing Authority

The THA Tenants Assn. had their annual family Day on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Housing Authority Director Irina Matveeski, the Tenants Ass., Shanell Moore, and her board, The Tuckahoe PD and all the volunteers who made it happen. The THA meeting will be held on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at 4 Union Pl.

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► TRUSTEE Kronen

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> the Tuckahoe PD hosted Police National Night Out. I want to thank Detective Ashley Tuccitto for her hard work on this very successful event.

Seniors- The Seniors are back in session, meeting in person on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Vaccine and boosters are required. The annual Bazaar is back! This will take place on October 15<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for donations of items for sale or their gift baskets, jewelry, handbags, etc. If anyone has anything to donate and can't get there, I am always happy to pick up. Tomorrow is the annual book exchange; members can bring a book or two for swapping.

Beautification Committee- The committee has also been on summer hiatus. As the summer draws to a close, I ask that you consider a donation to the Beautification Committee. They work so hard to put up these beautiful baskets, wreaths, and decorations (with the help of our DPW!) You can now donate online, by going to their Facebook and Instagram pages, or by finding their donation letter on the Village Website, under the TBA tab. The committee resumes monthly meetings later this month.

Tuckahoe Environmental and Sustainability Committee- TESC has also been on summer. I do want to address some questions about Westchester Power. This was an ESCO program that the Village opted into in January of 2020. An ESCO is an alternate energy delivery supply program. Westchester Power delivers 100% renewable or green energy at a competitive rate, and they do this by getting bids from energy companies. But because energy was so expensive earlier in the year, they could get no bids, so they put everyone back on ConEd's delivery program. You may get a new letter from them saying you've been re-enrolled in the program.

I want to thank so many people for their support and help with the Summer Movies in the Park- these events really rely on the kindness, generosity and labor of residents. Most specifically- Josh Gaccione, Marilyn Graham, Stephanie Palmer, John Reichelt, Jon Gunther, Jon Borducci of Sonis Music, Samantha and Beverly Christian. I also want to thank the group of young people who show up to help all the time- Justin Smith, Mykayla Moore, Dimari Dixon, Nick Englebert.

There will be a date night in the Park on Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is really for adults, not children. Please bring a loved one and picnic. We will have some light refreshments and music beforehand.

► MAYOR Andino

The Main Street Park playground & tennis court are being upgraded. We are hoping to have a ribbon cutting end of September or early October to celebrate the newly renovated spaces. (Thank you to Senator Shelley Mayor and the Senate for granting us \$245k for the upgrades to the bathrooms at library and tennis court)

Meeting with Colliers engineers regarding the traffic light - The village administrator and I met with engineers to discuss a plan to address recurring issues with the traffic lights in the village, specifically at Main Street. We are looking to see if we can obtain federal/state funds to assist in helping us address the issues in an environmentally sound way.

Residents have been asking about the possibility of having another vaccine clinic. We are working with a local pharmacy to hold a clinic in October and shingles, Covid boosters and possibly the Monkey Pox vaccine. Stay tuned for dates and locations.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Anthony Lore asked if the Fire Dept. was notified of the street closures.

Vito Pinto, Jeff Zuckerman, Lovely Billups and Bob Foster spoke about the banner program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:15PM

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Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk