

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 13, 2021
7:00 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 the Zoom app or website

<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

- 1) Appointing Anthony Fiore to the Zoning Board of Appeals for an unexpired term expiring April 1, 2025
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve appointment; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) Public hearing to consider a proposed local law amending the Village Zoning Code to prohibit stadium and sports lights
Trustee Taylor made a motion to close public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Kronen and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 2) Public hearing to consider establishing a model landmark preservation local law

Trustee Kronen made a motion to open public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

- 3) Public hearing to consider a proposed local law opting out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Village of Tuckahoe

Trustee Howell made a motion to open public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the July 13, 2021 and August 11, 2021 Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Authorizing a proposed local law amending the Village Zoning Code to prohibit stadium and sports lights
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 2) Authorizing setting a public hearing to repeal Article XI Workforce Housing of the Village of Tuckahoe Zoning Code
Trustee Lang made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 3) Authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Fundamental Business Service, Inc. for a parking enforcement management services
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee I Taylor and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 4) Authorizing Growlers Beer Bistro to hold an Oktoberfest event on Saturday, October 2nd with final terms and conditions of approval to be determined by the Village Administrator and Police Chief
Trustee Lang made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 5) Authorizing fiscal year ending May 31, 2021 budget modifications
Trustee Lang made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

- 6) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$936,453.33
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 7) Authoring the submittal of an application for a Public Library Construction Program grant for the reconfiguration of the Children's room to improve early literacy and creating a new space for teens in the amount of \$250,000 with a matching contribution of \$125,000
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Kronen and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 8) Authorizing the Village to submit a registration to the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services to become a Livable Communities Village Participant
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

DISCUSSION

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

POLICE- Chief Costanzo said tomorrow is Abe Bautista's last day. On September 25th at Bronxville Hall we will have a BBQ to come and meet the police

DPW- Frank DiMarco commented on storm Ida and flooding. He gave a Con Edison update and reminded all the Con Edison will pave curb to curb all streets they work on. DPW Day is October 23rd. Come and see what the DPW does.

LIBRARY- Swadesh gave an update on library activities.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor announced:

Movie in the Park – September 17th 7:00pm – Main Street Park – Movie Soul

Tuckahoe Cares Day – September 25th

Next Village Board Meeting – October 4th

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

► TRUSTEE Lang thanked Beautification for all their work and reminded all to help support them. In regards to the flooding issues, please sign up for Swift 911 for updates for anything happening in the Village.

► TRUSTEE Howell said that since we last met a lot has happened. I wanted to recognize the hard hit we took on hurricane Ida. I got many reports of how great DPW was helping people with pumping basements and for extra trash pickup so a shout out to DPW. Also saw neighbors helping each other. We have information on FEMA assistance. Tomorrow night Congressman Jamaal Bowman will host a ZOOM meeting Sept 14th at 6 pm with representative who can answer questions about how to seek funds for covering damage by this storm.

This weekend we also observed 20th anniversary of 9/11. When I first heard Tuckahoe would have its own remembrance, I was not sure we had much to add, but our short heartfelt ceremony said a lot about our community, so I was very grateful we did this. Later Saturday members of the board attended the Parkview Heights block party where Vito Pinto led the children in a moving remembrance ceremony. Community had a great event. Very proud of the neighborhood.

Planning Board

Next meeting Sept 21

Zoning

Oct 13th next meeting

Same items from the summer being discussed.

Eastchester School Board Meetings tomorrow and on the 28th in the EHS cafeteria at 8 pm. As Covid19 continues I encourage parents to keep up on procedures. Also DEI committees are being discussed. The Board of Regents launched an initiative to advance diversity, equity and inclusion in schools across the New York State last year. The Board expects that all school districts will develop policies that advance diversity, equity and inclusion – and that they implement such policies with fidelity and urgency.

The TUCKAHOE CHALLENGE

Amazing day. 426 register participants. 396 in 2019. The theme for this year was connections.

Between sponsorships from local businesses, gift certificates, material donations the race brought in \$30,000. Now we have to settle the bills. We spend about three times as much on our awards as most races because the committee like to make this unique to Tuckahoe.

Volunteers

Clare Gorman

Jeff Zuckerman

Sofia Chiapetta

Deb Conkling

Liz Reichelt

Ginger Crosby

Donald Crosby

Susan Ciamarra

Shannon Mc Donough

Bob McCarthy

Elaine Garry

Barbara Neiminen

John Galuzzi

Marianne Bateman

John Gunther

Tuckahoe BSA Troop 19

Nora Poldoll SSB

Robert Cartolano

Eastchester Cross Country and Zack Berbit's Physics

ReMax Tuckahoe

TPD under competent direction of Lt Zirolnik

DPW Joe

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin Senator Mayer there to support the community

Damon Maher ran
Joe Dooley and Luigi Marcoccia from Eastchester Town Board

THE ENTIRE TUCKAHOE VILLAGE BOARD

Platinum Sponsors

Raffiani Family Foundation

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin

Gold Sponsors

Broken Bow Brewery

Silver Sponsors

Elide

NewRo Runners

Cornell's Hardware

RE/MAX Eastchester

Westchester Tile and Marble

Performance Plus Service Station

Bronze Sponsors

Westchester Funeral Home

Angelina's

County Legislator Damon Maher

Roma's restaurant

Citron Bros

MediRay

Totally Wired

Tuck'd Away

George Berger & Associates

Crestwood Shoe Repair

Nicole Interior Designs

Koala Park Daycare

Friends of Anthony Giacobbe

Village Realty

YogaSix

Gifts or Gift Certificates

Kate's Real Food

Tuckahoe Animal Hospital

Kawer's Tuckahoe Paint and Glass

Marriott SpringHill Suites in Tuckahoe

Sweet Treats in Crestwood

Equinox Gym

Start2 Finish Timing in Long Island NY

Red Sun Custom Apparel Selbyville DE

Finally, I wanted to address a rumor I have heard regarding the property where Kawers's and Roma's is. The rumor is these building will be sold and the land developed into a huge fair housing complex. I wanted to let people know that as it stands today this cannot happen since this area is zoned for commercial real estate. The area would have to go through a rezoning process which would take time and be transparent to the residents. So if that was happening people would be aware of it. This rumor has no basis.

► TRUSTEE Taylor Tuckahoe community center September trustee report open gym times at our community center are on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-4:00pm. You can play basketball, foosball, soccer and enjoy sports television. Parties can be scheduled from 4pm-6pm Monday-Friday, on Saturday's 11am-1pm. to schedule a party, call John Galluzzi at 914 231-0229. Finally, the summer camp program for the young ladies from WJCS was a huge success

Eastchester community partnership September trustee report the books and beyond summer camp program ended on August 13th, every camper was happy to have a fun, caring and nurturing place where they engaged in activities with friends. There was public speaking through acting, arts around the world, digital arts, music and a tennis clinic. Southern Westchester Boces has English classes at ECAP Monday to Thursday 6:00 to 9:00 pm. registration began on Sept. 9th. the program began on Sept. 9th and will run until Oct. 25th

Tuckahoe housing authority September trustee report the THA's annual family day was also a huge success, thanks to the chairperson Shandell Moore and all of her staff and volunteers, the housing authority and all who made donations, whether monetary or your time. And like so many other places in our village, the THA was effected immensely with flooding on a level that we have never seen before from hurricane Ida. So many people lost all of their property that was stored in the buildings basements, but even worse they lost their cars also. after speaking to a FEMA representative, I was informed that any resident who suffered lost property, had damage to their homes caused by hurricane ida, can file a claim with FEMA, once you have your insurance company come in and assess the damages and gives you a written estimate on your losses and lets you know what they will not cover. You can then file a claim with FEMA for the things that was not covered by your insurance company. This includes your cars. You need to have your car looked at by a mechanic shop and have a written estimate on what damages was caused by the flooding and you can file a claim through FEMA who will then submit your claim to the state of NY. For assistance through FEMA, you can go to their website which is www.fema.gov/assistance. 911-to all of the families of the victims and first responders that was lost on and since 9-11-2001. May God continue to keep, bless and strengthen you as continue to cope with the pain of losing those who remain dear to your heart

► TRUSTEE Kronen thanked the school custodians, the school staff and the Village staff for their work during the storm. She welcomed back the teachers, students and staff. The 911 Memorial was beautiful. And thanked the staff and young people for understanding the importance of that day. This Friday is Movie in the Park. If it rains it may be postponed to the following week. She thanked all the volunteers and business that contribute. Tuckahoe Cares Day is September 25th we are still asking for volunteers. This is a great way to get community service for students. The seniors are still meeting via zoom. Senior Law Day hosted by the County is on Sept 30th at 10am in Harrison. ECAP has a 6 part series helping seniors cope in a new world. She reviewed resolution #8.

► MAYOR Andino attended the 911 Ceremony at Village Hall and at Eastchester. She thanked Trustee Howell for a successful Road Race Challenge. She thanked Amy Paulin and Shelly Mayer for their support of the race and Damen Maher for his support of ECAP. Thanked Deputy Mayor Howell for Herculean effort on successful race that brought in \$30k.

Reported on Vaccine clinic in Tuckahoe in July & August where 54 people were vaccinated
Thanked Amy Paulin for 26k to support needs in the police dept as well as Shelley Mayer for granting Tuckahoe Library application for the NYS construction grant for Electrical panel upgrade and parking

lot in the amount of \$34,187 and Damon Maher for 15k to ECAP for FEMA related assistance to the residents

Hurricane Ida aftermath Town Hall tomorrow 9/14 @ 6pm

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

A small business owner and his family and supporters addressed the mayor expressing discontent about a social media post calling for a boycott of his business. The business owner questioned the mayor's involvement and the mayor clarified that she did not call for a boycott and explained that the small business owner's posts were offensive to many and several residents brought them to her attention.

A number of residents voiced their favor of the resolution a proposed local law opting out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Village of Tuckahoe. Two residents were against opting out.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:20PM

Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk