

September 17, 2018,  
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

Trustee Giordano  
Trustee Luisi  
Trustee Andino  
Trustee Lang  
Mayor Ecklund

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

- 1) Trustee Giordano made a motion for the appointment of Laura Raffiani to the Sign and Awning Review Board with a term to expire April 1, 2021; motion was seconded by Trustee Lang and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.
  
- 2) Trustee Giordano made a motion for the appointment of Christopher Garitee to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Danny Lang through April 1, 2021; motion was seconded by Trustee Lang and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.

#### **OATH OF OFFICE.**

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Trustee Luisi made a motion approval of minutes of meeting of July 16, 2018; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll call was carried by a vote 4-0. Trustee Giordano abstained.

#### **FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Melba Caliano voiced her disapproval of both appointments. Albert Stern and Mike Dardano needed clarification of the tax cert process and the consequences of a village reval. Mayor Ecklund explained the process at length. Gary Gjertsen expressed his complete confidence in our tax cert attorney. Deputy Mayor Giordano remarked that the Board has appointed council of which they trust to make decisions for the Board.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

- 1) Trustee Giordano made a motion authorizing a modification to the date of the approved The Community Fund 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Main

Street Park from 1pm to 5pm; motion seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll call was carried by vote 5-0

- 2) Trustee Luisi made a motion authorizing the Eastchester Tuckahoe Chamber of Commerce to hold a Harvestfest in Depot Square on October 20<sup>th</sup>; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 3) Trustee Andino made a motion authorizing the appointment of Joseph Tavalilla as General Foreman as outlined in the appointment letter dated September 11, 2018; motion seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 4) Trustee Luisi made a motion authorizing the appointment of Joseph Marzella as Heavy Motor Equipment Operator (HMEO) as outlined in the appointment letter dated September 11, 2018; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 5) Trustee Luisi made a motion authorizing the donation of a 2hr mid-week birthday party at the Tuckahoe Community Center to the Tuckahoe Seniors for raffle at their annual bazaar on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 6) Trustee Giordano made a motion authorizing a tax certiorari settlement with Gentry Tenants Corp. for assessment years 2012, 2016-2018 with a street address of 21 Fairview Avenue, Section 27, Block 4, Lot 1 in the amount of \$90,560; motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi and was carried by a vote 4-0. Trustee Andino abstained.
- 7) Trustee Giordano made a motion authorizing a tax certiorari settlement with Ardmar Realty Co./Bilwin Developments Affiliates LLC for assessment years 2011-2018 with a street address of 109 Marbledale Road, Section 35, Block 1, Lot 1A in the amount of \$125,319.03; motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi and upon roll call vote was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 8) Trustee Luisi made a motion authorizing sidewalk replacement work in and near the vicinity of Village Hall in the amount of \$48,002 and for work near the vicinity of the Fisher Ave. Parking Lot for the amount of \$26,687.50 based on the awarded contract pricing by Paladino Concrete Creations Corp. as awarded by the Town of Eastchester bid "2018 Sidewalk and Curb Replacement " on June 19, 2018; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 9) Trustee Luisi made a motion authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Eastchester and Village of Bronxville regarding emergency services notification to be provided by SwiftReach Networks, Inc.; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 10) Trustee Andino authorizing an extension of a Legal Retainer Agreement through May 31, 2020 with Chris Harold of Harold, Salant, Strassfield & Spielberg; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.

- 11) Trustee Luisi made a motion authorizing the sale of the surplus Dodge Charger through Auctions International in the amount of \$7,200 to the highest bidder John Power of Memphis, NY; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll call as carried by a vote 5-0.
- 12) Trustee Giordano made a motion authorizing the submission of an application to the Westchester Library System for a Public Library Construction Program grant for the upgrade to the Library HVAC (chiller) system in the amount of \$77,000 with the Village contribution half the amount of said grant; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 13) Trustee Andino made a motion authorizing the continuation of a Financial Advisory Services Agreement with Capital Market Advisors, LLC through fiscal year ending 2020; motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 14) Trustee Andino made a motion authorizing First American Title to run deed searches on vacant property owned by the Village located on Farragut Street and Pleasant Ave. in the amount not to exceed \$2,500; motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 15) Trustee Luisi made a motion authorizing amendments and modifications to the Fiscal Year Ending 2018 budget motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 16) Trustee Luisi made a motion authorizing the transfer of \$17,851.35 from the general fund to Project #2015-0087 DPW Facility Upgrade and closing of the said capital project; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was passed by a vote 5-0.
- 17) Trustee Luisi made a motion approving vouchers in the amount of \$1,109,213.24
  - Abstract #6 for \$99,602.27
  - Abstract #7 for \$504,953.20
  - Abstract #8 for \$19,740.53
  - Abstract #9 for \$115,298.20
  - Abstract #10 for \$228,442.95
  - Abstract #11 for \$3,281.76
  - Abstract #12 for \$118,531.58
  - T&A for July for \$1,139.90
  - T&A for August for \$18,222.85The three largest invoices paid were:
  - \$276,589.00 for PERMA for workers compensation insurance
  - \$147,998.63 for Health Insurance for September
  - \$146,892.84 Health Insurance for Augustmotion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.

## **DISCUSSION**

David Burke said we are working on the newsletter.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

**POLICE-** Chief Costanzo referred to the IMA saying Swiftreach is a great notification tool. The TBA dinner was a great success.

**DPW-** Frank DiMarco wished Jimmy Gizzo well on his retirement and congratulated Joe Tavalilla. November 4 is Bronx River Clean Up Day. The Crestwood pocket park is nearly complete. Leaf season begins on October 15. October 13 is get acquainted with the DPW Day.

**RECREATION-** John Galluzzi announced the Columbus celebration and Freestyle Music this coming weekend.

**ATTORNEY-** Gary Gjertsen mentioned that the only item on the Planning agenda this month is a Yoga Studio in Crestwood.

**ADMINISTRATOR-** David Burke explained that tax certs are not going away. The ones voted on tonight were the last big ones. The hotel is progressing.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mayor Ecklund announced the following:

Next Village Board meeting October 15, 2018

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS**

► **TRUSTEE Giordano-** announced upcoming Zoning and Planning meetings. The pocket park is quite beautiful. The golf outing today was a great event thanks to Danny Lang and Luigi Marcoccia. Please try to go to “Beyond Glory” on November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Westchester Theater which is being sponsored by Vito Pinto and the Eastchester Post.

► **TRUSTEE Luisi-** gave an update on Seniors activities. Their annual bazaar is scheduled for October 13 at the Community Center

► **TRUSTEE Andino –** gave updates on library happenings.

► **TRUSTEE Lang-** congratulated the TBA and thanks all those who supported the Roadrace. Oct 13 is a trolley crawl for ECAP> He mention veterans and residents who have recently passed.

► **MAYOR Ecklund** requested that all be careful near school bus stops. This was the first year he missed the Roadrace but thanked Johnny, Renee, Clare Jeff and Sue. There will be an anniversary ribbon cutting tomorrow night at Koala Daycare. Mayor Ecklund believes that the pocket park was a great job.

Moment of silence for Joseph Marinello.

### **SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Jerry Frusciante complained about loud train whistle blowing, the amount of school bus stops, traffic, and the cost of the removal of the foot bridge.

Anthony Lore asked residents to please respect our monuments and to please pick up after their dogs. He asked all residents to keep hydrants free and clear. September 30 is Gold Star Mothers’ Day in Eastchester.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:50pm.

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Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk