

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 13, 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

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Department of Public Works Senior Interns from Eastchester WISE Program

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) Public hearing to consider a proposed local law regarding Affordable Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing within the Village of Tuckahoe
Trustee Howell made a motion to open public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Kronen; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
Gary Gjertsen explained the proposed law.

Residents from Eastchester, Tuckahoe and other municipalities voiced the opinions.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1) Approval of Minutes of the May 9, 2022 meeting
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0

FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Authorizing a block party request for Maple Avenue on July 4th from 1pm to 8pm (rain date July 10th)
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 2) Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Fireworks Performance Contract with Fireworks by Grucci, Inc. for Saturday, July 9, 2022 in the amount of \$14,250
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Kronen; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 3) Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Westchester County for the award of a \$175,000 CDBG Contract for Playground Upgrades at Main Street
Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 4) Authorizing the award of bid, Main Street Park Playground & Tennis Court Improvements, to Vernon Hills Contracting Corporation in the amount of \$630,000
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 5) Authorizing an official request to the Westchester County Department of Planning to reconsider the CDBG grant for Playground Updates at Union Place
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 6) Tax Cert a tax certiorari settlement with Guion Street LLC for assessment years 2018-2019, with a street address of 65 Maynard Street Section 34, Block 4, Lot 10 in the amount of \$2,706.03
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Kronen; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 7) Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Eastchester, Village of Bronxville and the Tuckahoe and Eastchester Union Free School Districts for Street Resurfacing
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 8) Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Eastchester for 2022 Sidewalk & Curb Replacement
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 9) Authorizing the surplus for sale of a 2015 Dodge Charger, black, Mileage 61,000 VIN: 2C3CDXAG8FH875339 to the highest bidder
- 10) Authorizing the surplus for sale of a 2014 Ford Explorer Police Utility, black, Mileage 62,500 VIN: 1FADP3E28EL177206 to the highest bidder
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve 9 & 10; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 11) Authorizing a Municipal Cooperation to enter the New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities Systems (NYCLASS) program
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 12) Authorizing the closing of the following capital projects as of June 13, 2022:
 - a. Project #2019-0119 Library Chiller
 - b. Project #2020-0121 Police Dept. Vehicle
 - c. Project #2021-0146 Police Dept. VehicleTrustee Taylor made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell; motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 13) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$308,127.47
Trustee Engelbert 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 explained importance of plate readers. Daniel Belles and Brandon Belles are on filed training. The police completed their accreditation. Steve Leone and Bryan Madan delivered a baby

DPW- Frank DiMarco said Blink is 80% complete. He spoke about the Beautification Committee.

VILLAGE CLERK- Camille DiSalvo reminded all that Village taxes are due June 30.

LIBRARY- Elaine Provenzano gave an update on library events.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR- David Burke told residents that they will receive West power letters. He thanked Lieutenant Zirolnik and Fran DiMarco for their work on FEMA.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor Andino announced:

Juneteenth Festival

June 18th – 1pm at Main Street Park

Tuckahoe Fireworks and 120th Anniversary Celebration

July 9th at Parkway Oval

Village Board Meeting – July 11th at 7pm

Movie Nights @ Main Street Park

June 24th

July 29th

August 19th

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

► TRUSTEE Engelbert

Community Center

- Our Village 'Juneteenth Celebration' will take place at Main St. Park (but if rain) move to be held inside the TCC.
SATURDAY JUNE 18TH 1p – 6p
- Primary Elections - Gubernatorial / State Assembly - TUESDAY, JUNE 28TH FROM 6am to 9pm
- Restroom renovations continue
- Open gym on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1:30 - 4:00pm

Library

- Let's talk just a moment about "Summer Slide" where research that 3rd - 5th graders students lose - on average 20% of their school year gains in reading and 27% of those in math. The public library is a critically important resource to reduce that potential loss and keep young children engaged through the summer months. Please check the library website for a plethora of activities to keep those little minds engaged!
- A thank you for the DPW and Police Department for helping out in the recent flood - thankfully the damage was controlled, but wow is it a reminder that we need to make sure that those drains are cleaned out regularly!
- A reminder that the Friends of the Tuckahoe Public Library has sponsored the re-introduction of museum passes - this works just like checking out a book.
 - American Museum of Natural History
 - Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum
 - Museum of Modern Art
 - Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum
 - Hudson River Museum
 - Children's Museum of Manhattan
 - Westchester Children's Museum
 - Storm King Art Center (New this year!)

History committee

- We would like to thank the Historic Preservation Commission for their unanimous recommendation on June 9th that the Ward House be made a landmark.
- Nicholas Zanzano and Elaine Provenzano attended the Lower Westchester County Historian Roundtable at St. Paul's Church in Mt. Vernon, along with Richard Forliano, Barbara Davis, Co-Chair of the Westchester County Archives, and other members of local historical societies. The group will meet monthly to share best practices and promote local entities and resources.
- Projects:
 - Special thanks to Tuckahoe senior intern Tyler Thompson, who helped us digitize 20 folders of historic photos from the Tuckahoe Library archives.
 - Continue to scan and archive all historic binders in village hall where 148 binders have been scanned to date.
 - Working on the design and budget for the new Village and History Committee website.
 - Reviewing several boxes of historic documents donated to the Tuckahoe History Committee from the records of Ernie Zocchi, the Masonic Temple, and the Pinto family.
 - Provided Town Historian, Richard Forliano and Eastchester High School senior interns with photos to use in the creation of historic Instagrams depicting the village and town.
 - Nicholas Zanzano gave a presentation on Tuckahoe Before and After to the Eastchester Rotary Club on Wednesday, May 11 and will also be scheduling Part 2 of this program to the Tuckahoe Seniors, date TBD.
- May Facebook - 7 posts garnered over 5,636 views, with over 1,000 followers. The most popular was the announcement of Nicholas Zanzano as new Village Historian. We thank those who have provided original content and answers to our posts. 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.

Tuckahoe schools

- The budget based - 364 yes and 151 No with Board Trustees Gardere and Benke re-elected.
- There are many award ceremonies this week including tonight is 8th grade awards night at the Middle School and tomorrow senior scholarship awards, National Junior Honor Society on the 15th and the Varsity awards dinner on the 16th - well done to all our hardworking students
- Graduation is June 21 with moving up ceremonies on the 22nd and 23rd.
- And lastly...the Cottle Cubs reached their fundraising goal for the American Heart Association so some good sports from the administration of physical education faculty took a pie to the face. Usually a pie to the face is a bit of a news event for politicians...but here it was all in the spirit of improving cardiovascular health. Well done Cottle!

► DEPUTY MAYOR Howell

Zoning and Planning

This month's Zoning Board meeting was held June 8th. An area variance at 235 Alpine Terrace for an addition to existing structure and a special permit at 31-33 Main Street for a new Dance Studio. Wanted to take this opportunity to say a special thanks to Nathan Jackman who served on the board for a number of years and is now leaving the village. Nathan

Next Planning Board Meeting will be Tuesday June 21st 2022 at 7:30 pm. Several new items are on the agenda. First is an amendment of a previous site plan at 30 Elm Street to add a party room to the second floor of the Racket Ball. Then two items at 25 Main Street for a sub-division and amendment of a site plan. A sub-division at 25 Main Street and a site plan for the Dance Studio at 31-33 Main Street.

The June meeting of the Historical Preservation Commission which has its first application before it, the Ward House, will be adjourned this month and will be resumed next month.

Eastchester Schools

2022-2023 Budget Vote and Trustee Election will take place Tuesday May 17th at Eastchester Middle School. You can register 8am to 4 pm at District Office at 580 White Plains Rd in Eastchester. On the final registration date, May 12th, the office will be open till 6 pm. Absentee ballot applications are available at the district office and must be submitted by tomorrow. Absentee ballots must be received by the district clerk by 5 pm on May 17th.

Eastchester PTA Council and League of Women Voters are holding a remote Meet The Candidates forum via ZOOM on May 11th. You can register at the Eastchester School Board website and I will post the link on my Trustee Facebook page.

The BOE will have some critical tasks to execute on next year. The current superintendent who has announced he is leaving so the new board will be selecting the new superintendent. In addition, a 75 million dollar bond was approved this year and this board will need to provide guidance on that. Finally, the new board will be responsible for implementing an effective Diversity Equity and Inclusion Plan, as mandated by the State of NY.

Community

Thanks to John Galluzzi for a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt.

On April 30th we hosted another COVID19 vaccine clinic where we were able to vaccinate 51 individuals. We could not have done this without volunteers Peggy Gaudet, Nick Naber, Board members Nicole Englebert, Darryl Taylor, Cara Kronen and of course our Mayor.

One person who was greatly missed was Cassie Savage. Cassie passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in April. I feel lucky to have gotten to know her. She was a long time resident of Tuckahoe, her family has been here for a long time and she was well known and loved by so many. She was always someone we could count on to help out with volunteering for many community events. I would often stop by her house on a walk or run and was always welcomed in for great conversation, a hug, and laughs as she had a wicked sense of humor. She was one of the many fairy godmothers my daughter has found in Tuckahoe. My condolences to her family. I will greatly miss her.

► TRUSTEE Taylor (see attached)

► TRUSTEE Kronen

Tuckahoe Seniors- The Seniors are having their end of year lunch on Thursday the 16th at Mama Asunta. The cost is \$45. The center is closed in July and August,

Last week, long time Tuckahoe Resident, Irene D'Annuncci passed away. She was 102. Condolences to her family. Also to the family and community of Luvenia Hampton, who was 94. May their memories be a blessing.

Senior Citizens Council is still doing their annual appeal. They are the Tuckahoe Seniors parent organization. If you would like to donate, please go to <https://www.scc70.org/>

Beautification Committee - Please also remember the Beautification Committee in your donations for the year. If you're not following them on Instagram and Facebook, you can do that now and find the link to donate. They have not met their fundraising goals for the year to move forward with the fall and winter projects. Big thanks to DPW for working with the committee and helping to keep our Village beautiful

Tuckahoe Kids Table- Hudson Axlebaum and his parents. Also thanks to Meghan Kennedy and Adrienne Michel for helping out. Hudson raised \$411 at the Tuckahoe Kids Table for the Beautification and Juneteenth Committee

The Juneteenth Committee is dedicating this event to our friend and neighbor Cassie Savage who passed suddenly in the Spring. There is a teen and youth event run in conjunction with the Tuckahoe Library on June 14th. The Celebratory event is at 1 on Saturday at Main Street Park.

TESC- The bee ordinance has been approved by NYS, you can now apply for a beekeeping permit here at Village Hall.

The Riverkeeper Sweep event took place on May 14th. It was a huge success, we collected about 325lbs of garbage from the river. Thank you to Mike Dardano and the rest of TESC for arranging and helping to keep our village clean.

The committee would like to thank Caleigh McCrink and Maria Capasso for their service as the student liaisons to the committee. They are both graduating and off to college, we wish them the best.

Speaking of Students

This spring I had the pleasure of taking on one of the Tuckahoe Seniors as an intern. He and I got to work on the Tuckahoe Oral History project. I want to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Jason Napolitano. Jason produced, starred in and edited 4 videos. The first of which are available on the YouTube Channel he created for this, called the Tuckahoe Oral History Project. Jason exhibited initiative, dedication, and professionalism and is a shining example of the incredible young people being educated at the Tuckahoe Public Schools. He will be attending SUNY Oswego to study Meteorology. The YouTube channel will be live later this month

► MAYOR Andino

- Congratulations to Hudson Axelbaum who raised \$411 at the debut of the Tuckahoe Kids Table on June 12 at the Farmer's Market.
- Thank you to Riley Keating, Eastchester HS Senior who interned with the Village Building Dept and the Mayor's office.
- Thank you to PO Evan Piasta on another successful DARE program and graduation

- The Village is in the process of working with Concordia Conservatory, ED Kathleen Suss and Tuckahoe Schools on a program to offer tuition free music classes for the universal Pre- K program beginning September 2022.

- Some residents have contacted me to ask what, if anything, we are doing to safeguard children in the schools after the shootings in Buffalo leaving 10 dead and 3 wounded and Texas where a total of 19 children and 2 teachers were killed. I have spoken with the Chief and the Village Administrator to work on holding a forum with the schools and the boards in Eastchester and Bronxville to discuss safety in our community and schools. More information to come.

A moment of silence was observed for the all the victims of the shootings

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Anthony Giacobbe from Eastchester voiced his displeasure with posts on social media.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:00PM

Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk

TUCKAHOE HOUSING AUTHORITY JUNE
2022 TRUSTEE REPORT

THE T.H.A. HAD THEIR QUARTERLY MEETING ON MAY 17th.
DIRECTOR IRENA MATVEESKI REPORTED THAT THE RENOVATIONS
AND REPAIRS CAUSED BY HURRICANE IDA TO THE COMMUNITY
ROOM, THE HOT WATER HEATERS AND BOILERS HAVE ALL BEEN
TAKEN CARE OF.

THE T.H.A. TENANTS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HAVING THEIR ANNUAL
FAMILY DAY ON SATURDAY AUGUST 20th, RAIN DATE SUNDAY AUG.
21st, ON WASHINGTON ST.

EASTCHESTER COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP
JUNE 2022 TRUSTEE REPORT

SPRING TENNIS IN THE PARK SPONSORED ECAP AND B-TENNIS
FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL KIDS WITH COACH BRIAN 10:00 -11:30 ON
SATURDAYS UNTIL JUNE 21st.

SUMMER CAMP-JULY 6th-AUGUST 17th AGES 7-12yrs. OLD, THERE
ARE A COUPLE OF SPOTS LEFT, FOR MORE INFO CALL 914
337-7768.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AGES 14-24, THIS PROGRAM HAS A
COUPLE OF JOBS LEFT, SO PLEASE CONTACT ECAP TO SIGN UP
FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT, 914 337-7768.

VETERANS JUNE 2022 REPORT
ON MAY 21st. THERE WAS THE FLAG PLACEMENT AT
MOUNT HOPE CEMETARY AT THE GRAVES OF OUR FALLEN
HEROES.

MAY 22nd. THE VETERANS ATTENDED MASS AT
EMACULATE CONCEPTION FOLLOWED BY A CEREMONY
AT THE EFD MONUMENT HONORING THE FIREFIGHTERS
WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE E.F.D. AND HAVE GONE ONTO
GLORY.

ALSO ON MAY 22nd AT A PRIVATE CEREMONY THE
VETERANS OF EASTCHESTER AND TUCKAHOE, VFW POST
2285, VITO PINTO, BOB FORSTER AND EASTCHESTER
TOWN SUPERVISOR COLIVITA AND MY SELF PRESENTED
FIDEL PLASTINI WITH A SHADOW BOX FOR HIS EFFORTS
AT THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE IN WW11. IT WAS
ABSOLUTELY AWESOME TO SEE HIS REACTION WHEN HE
RECEIVED THE SHADOW BOX, HE WAS OVERWHELMED
WITH JOY AND BLESSED TO CELEBRATE THE SPECIAL
MOMENT WITH HIS FAMILY.

ON SUNDAY MAY 29th, I HAD THE PLEASURE TO BE A PART
OF THE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY COMMEMORATING
THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE "DOOLITTLE RAID". THE
THEME WAS "THERE IS NOTHING STRONGER THAN THE
HEART OF A VOLUNTEER". IT WAS A GREAT PROGRAM
PUT ON BY OUR VETERANS AND THE YOUTH ON SUNG ON
THE PROGRAM DID AN AMAZING JOB.

ON MEMORIAL DAY THE EASTCHESTER, TUCKAHOE
VETERANS ALONG WITH OUR MAYOR, MAYOR ANDINO,
Tuckahoe P.D.

TRUSTEE CRONEN, TRUSTEE ENGLEBERT AND MYSELF HAD THE PLEASURE OF MARCHING IN THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE 100 ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL DAY PARADE. I WAS HONORED TO MARCH AND HELP BRONXVILLE CELEBRATE THEIR 100 YR ANNIVERSARY. MAYOR MARVIN AND HER STAFF DID AN EXCELLANT JOB WITH THE PARADE.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PARADE, TRUSTEE KRONEN AND I, ALONG WITH THE TUCKAHOE P.D. WERE HONORED TO ATTEND THE REEF LAYING PRESENTATIONS BY OUR VETERANS AT ALL OF THE MEMORIAL MONUMENTS IN OUR VILLAGE.

ON TOMORROW, TUESDAY THE 14th, AT 5:00PM, THE VFW POST 2285 AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 979 INVITE ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO CELEBRATE FLAG DAY AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, LOCATED AT 40 BELL RD. IN EASTCHESTER. THERE WILL A BE FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY AND A BBQ SPONSORED BY THE TUCKAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THE ACCIE JEFFRIES VFW POAT 2768 HEAR IN TUCKAHOE IS ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS. ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING SHOULD CONTACT QUATER MASTER EDWARD STOWE AT 914 260-3980.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF THE VETERANS AND THEIR COMMITTEES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN ORGANIZING THE PROGRAMS AND CEREMONIES.