

Board of Trustees
March 7, 2022
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 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

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Trustee Lang
Trustee Howell
Trustee Taylor
Trustee Kronen
Mayor Andino

APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of Zakeenah Smith to the Assessment Review Board with a term to expire September 30, 2026

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

Appointment of Andy Ren to the Assessment Review Board with a term to expire September 30, 2027

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

PRESENTATIONS

Congratulations to the Tuckahoe Girls Varsity basketball team for winning Sec 1 Championship
Senator Shelly Mayer spoke about the governor's budget highlighting assess dwelling units and transit oriented development which thanks to NYCOM and municipalities' input was pulled out.

- 1) Rye Kessler on ways support the Human Society by baking and selling cookies

- 2) Eastchester Irish American Social Club - St. Patrick's Day Parade- March 13, 2022

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) Public hearing to consider a proposed local law to allow for apiaries (bee hives) within the Village of Tuckahoe
Trustee Kronen made a motion to open public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the February 7, 2022

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

FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Authorizing village support to Mr. Rye Kessler for his efforts to support the Human Society
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Kronen and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 2) Authorizing a proposal from Elysee Consulting for services related to a listening/ discovery sessions related to certain workplace culture
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 3) Authorizing Engagement for Legal Services agreement with Jeff Storch of Harris Beach, PLLC as bond counsel for the Village dated February 15, 2022
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Kronen and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 4) Authorizing the closing of the following completed capital projects as of March 7, 2022:

Project #2014-0074	Village Hall & Community Center HVAC Imp
Project #2019-0120	Court Upgrades
Project #2021-0124	Road Resurfacing
Project #2021-0145	Court Upgrades
Project #2021-0147	Road Resurfacing

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

- 5) Authorizing the sale of a surplus 2003 Dodge Ram VIN: 1D7KU28D33J580333 to high bidder Shenna Singh of Schenectady, NY in the amount of \$2,950.00
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 6) Authorizing the surplus of a 1999 Ford Model 3VC Special Service Diesel with ambulance box, VIN: 1FDWE30F5XHB88670 to be sold to the highest bidder
Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 7) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$549,059.39
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

DISCUSSION

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

POLICE Chief Costanzo reminded residents that the police will be flipping signs come April 1st. The Police's annual report will be released on the web tomorrow and on Swiftreach. Best of luck to Dee Pinto.

DPW- Frank DiMarco was asked about trees cut down by the train. He informed us that the trees were dead.

LIBRARY- Elaine Provenzano gave the monthly library report as well as an update on the History Committee.

ADMINISTRATOR- David Burke spoke regarding charges stations in the Village and Budget workshops to be held March 2 and April 26.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor announced:

Next Village Board Meeting – April 7th at 7pm

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

► TRUSTEE Lang reached out to Chris from Silver St, the new developer for 100 Columbus and told him his concerns regarding the new heating upgrade and that the seniors and elderly need to be contacted directly if the water is turned off. A flyer on the elevator does not work. Chris said he would keep them a priority. W Trustee Lang said they had a wonderful conversation. Chris gave Trustee an open line. Thank you Chris. A mom from Chapel School is collecting supplies like bandages, gauze, and first aid and scissors. Beautification is on Facebook and soon electronic donations will be available

► TRUSTEE Howell

Zoning and Planning

This month's Zoning Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm March 9th with working meeting an hour prior. Only one new agenda item and that is for an area variance at 10 Hollywood East for an addition to the existing house.

Next Planning Board Meeting is March 15th and contains two items. The site plan to renovate the soccer field at 200 White Plains Road. A new site plan will be presented for creation of office space at 9 Jackson Ave.

Assessment Review Board

I would like to thank Tuckahoe residents Andy Ren and Zakeena Smith for answering the call for volunteering for the Assessment Review board.

Eastchester Schools

Kindergarten registration is open for children who turn five by December 1, 2022.

Student Government Rock Against Cancer will be held March 11th at HS Auditorium and feature talents of both students and teachers. Tickets can be purchased by students at lunch period for \$5.

Would like to say how sorry I am to see Dr Rob Glass resign from his position as superintendent of Eastchester Schools resign from his position. If you remember when he first came to Eastchester he came to a board meeting and introduced himself, something never done by any other superintendent, and was a good partner and communicator with the village throughout his time here. A new search for superintendent will soon commence.

So, the current situation will make this school board election even more critical than it would have been. The school district just voted positively on a large bond to modernize the buildings in the district and in addition to overseeing this large construction effort the new superintendent will need to provide leadership to help a divided community unite as we continue to move through the difficult time brought on by the Covid pandemic. The district budget will be presented in April and the budget vote and trustee election will be May 17th. Anyone interested in running in the election must have a petition filed with the Board of Education by April 18th. Petition forms can be picked up at the directed to the District Clerk office and must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District or by two (2) percent of the number of voters in the previous annual election, whichever is greater.

Other Community Events

Congratulations to Tuckahoe Girls Basketball team for winning the Section 1 Class C Championship! This is the first time the girls team has ever won a championship! Best of luck in the regional semifinals!

Annual Guiseppe Garibaldi Lodge #2583 will host its annual Carnevale March 12th which is used to raise funds for scholarships for high school students. Tickets can be purchased at their website and today is the last day to do so.

Senator Shelley Mayor will host an information session on Understanding your Energy Bill March 16 2-3 pm via ZOOM.

Westchester Park Foundation is sponsoring a Bronx River Blitz clean up on March 19th. Information can be accessed off their webpage.

► TRUSTEE Taylor (see attached)

► TRUSTEE Kronen gave TESC report and congratulations to. Maria Capusco Citizens Science Award. Please contact TESC if you would like a tree planting. The Tuckahoe Seniors had a pizza lunch thank you to the scouts. Tuckahoe schools we represented at the New York Debate team and came in forth. Sophia was third all around. Tuckahoe schools are closed Friday. Pre K registration begins please contact Karen Barrows. To see 'Into the Woods' please contact the school. Thanked the Juneteenth committee. They did tremendous work. Welcome to new businesses. Condolences to the Donald Brundage family. Congratulations to Dee Pinto on her retirement.

► MAYOR

- Mask Mandates – The Village is following NYS in lifting the mask mandate. Masks are optional in Village Hall as well as all Depts. Masks will still be made available to anyone who wants/needs one at the front desk of Village Hall.
- Accie Jeffress VFW Post – VFW Post is in jeopardy of closing due to lack of membership. The Mayor encouraged residents to support the search efforts by referring potential members. Eligible members must have a campaign ribbon during a period of conflict (foreign war). There is no residency requirement and they may live outside of Tuckahoe.
- Tuckahoe Historic Preservation Commission – The Commission will hold its first formal meeting on March 10th at 7pm. Application for the Ward House will be before them on that day and a public hearing will be set to formally designate the Ward House as an historic site to be presented to the board of trustees.
- Beautification Committee – Mayor implored the community to volunteer time, money and talents to support the committee's efforts in enhancing the village aesthetics. The Mayor also thanked Trustee Kronen for providing the committee with assistance in setting up their social media account and ability for donations to be made online.
- Happy Women's History Month
- Reminder of Village Election on March 15 6am-9pm at the Tuckahoe Community Center

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Tom Ringwald and Scooter Scott are in favor of beekeeping

Anthony Lore thanked the DPW for giving two of their men to the Eastchester Fire Dept.

Mike Dardano mentioned a ribbon cutting at Prana.

Nicole Engelbert spoke regarding the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM

Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk

TUCKAHOE COMMUNITY CENTER
MARCH 2022 REPORT

THE VILLAGE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ADRIENE MICHEL AND THE TUCKAHOE JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE ON THERE BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER LAST MONTH. THE MOVIE NIGHT, THE GENEALOGY WORKSHOP AND THE COOKOFF. HATS OFF TO ALL OF THE CHEFS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE COOKOFF, THE FOOD WAS GREAT.

ON SATURDAY APRIL 16TH AT 11:00 AM, MAYOR ANDINO AND THE VILLAGE BOARD, WILL CONTINUE THE ANNUAL TRADITION OF HAVING A EASTER EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-9, STARTING AT 11:00 AM AT THE PARKWAY OVAL FIELD. THIS IS ALWAYS A LOT OF FUN FOR NOT ONLY THE CHILDREN, BUT THE PARENTS AS WELL. EASTER EGGS WILL BE DONATED BY THE GENEROSO POPE FOUNDATION.

LIFE SCREENING IS BACK AT THE TUCKAHOE COMMUNITY CENTER ON APRIL 20TH FROM 9:00 AM -5:00PM. TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR HEALTH ASSESMENT-SCREENING. GO TO www.lifelinescreening.com/ OR CALL 1 800 679-5609

EASTCHESTER COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP
MACRH 2022 TRUSTEE REPORT

FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH THE CHILDREN FROM THE ECAP AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM CELEBRATED BLACK HISTORY MONTH BY RESEARCHING INFLUENTIAL BLACK FIGURES THROUGHOUT HISTORY AND MAKING A VIDEO PRESENTATION. IT WAS A JOB WELL DONE BY ALL WHO PARTICIPATED, THEY DID AN EXCELLENT JOB.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES STARTS APRIL 4TH, CALL ECAP TO REGISTER, 914 337-7768.

NURSES ARE ON SITE EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 10:00AM-2:00PM.

SENIORS SOCIAL GROUP EVERY TUESDAY AT 11:00 AM.

SPRING CLEANING SUPPLIES AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION ON MARCH 16TH. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PROVIDE INCOME DOCUMENTATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPRING CLEANING SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTION.