

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 8, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Trustee Andino

Trustee Lang

Trustee Howell

Trustee Lee

Mayor Luisi

APPOINTMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1) Approval of Minutes of the February 8, 2021 meetings

Trustee Andino made a motion to approve minutes; motion was seconded by Trustee Lee and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Authorizing the adoption of the Tuckahoe Commission on Police Reform report as per Executive Order 203
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Lee and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 2) Authorizing the dedication of Winter Hill Road in honor of Monsignor William B. O'Brien
Trustee Lee made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Lang and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 3) Authorizing the Public Health and Emergency Operations Plan for the Village of Tuckahoe as required by New York State Chapter 168 of the laws of 2020
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 4) Authorizing the Village Administrator, in consultation with the Village Board, to take any necessary steps to relax zoning provisions to assist local merchants/ restaurants/ gyms aide in their expedited recovery due to the pandemic with respect to outdoor seating and other temporary rules through October 31, 2021
Trustee Lee made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 5) Authorizing use of the Main Street Park tennis court from March 29th through April 1st from 10:30am to 12:30pm to ECAP to run a tennis clinic
Trustee Andino made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Lang and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
Denise Chin gave brief overview
- 6) Authorizing a tax certiorari settlement with TavKaw Realty Corp. for assessment years 2016-2020, with a street address of 25 Columbus Avenue, Section 33, Block 2, Lot 20 in the amount of \$17,434.35
Trustee Andino made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Lee and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 7) Authorizing a declaration of a sewer repair on an emergency bases exempt from bidding procedures by Zoning Pipeline Services, Inc. in the amount of \$43,306 for said repairs
Trustee Lee made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 8) Authorizing setting a public hearing for April 12, 2021 to consider the tentative budget for fiscal year June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022
Trustee Lee made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Lang and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 9) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$436,139.40
Trustee LEE made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

DISCUSSION

- 1) Acquisition of Concordia by Iona and related impacts to potential historic sites
- 2) Ward House concern, Soccer Field and other historic sites

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

POLICE- Chief Costanzo commented on the Police Commission and thanked all involved. Last week the Tuckahoe Police partnered with the Chamber and local restaurant to deliver meals to seniors. Remember the end of March means alternate side parking signs go up. The Tuckahoe Police are involved with a recruitment program. The Tuckahoe Police annual report will be available tomorrow.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY- Anyone issued a parking violation must make an appointment with the court clerk.

LIBRARY- Swadesh gave the monthly library report

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR- David Burke has a spreadsheet of DPW projects. The Senate passed a rescue plan. The stimulus will go directly to the Village.

All the department heads thanked Mayor Luisi for his service and wished condolences to the family of Fay Blazzi.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor Luisi announced:

Village Election Tuesday March 16th

Next Village Board Meeting –

Re-Organization Meeting April 5th at 7:00pm

Regular Meeting April 12th at 7:00pm

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

► **TRUSTEE Andino** spoke regarding NYCOM conference. Noting 2 sessions: local economy and how COVID affects labor issues. She spoke about the CDBG grant and the importance of the Census numbers regarding percentages that we get. She thanked Beautification for all they do. She spoke about Black History Programs and thanked all involved. Today was the last day for COVID testing at the Community Center. On March 15th there will be a pop up vaccine for Tuckahoe seniors and homebound.

► **TRUSTEE Lang** wanted to make it clear that the board is not in favor of stadium lighting. He wished all candidates good luck on Election Day. It has been a pleasure being Greg's Deputy Mayor.

► **TRUSTEE Howell** mentioned that Fay Blazzi received a "Woman of Distinction" award for Amy Paulin. We will continue with the Building Department on updates on Lime Kiln and Main Street and Yonkers Avenue. Planning is March 16 and Zoning is March 10. March 11 underage drinking program. April 16 is Life line screen at the TCC. We will have a press conference at Eastchester Schools regarding foundation aid being underfunded. The NYCOM conference answered to Covid through the Rescue Plan. The battle will be that the state does not redirect funds. There was a rumor regarding an incident in the schools. He entered IHM and Eastchester Schools. He is not being released without bail. Those rumors are false. Congratulations to Omayra Andino who last month received an award from the Westchester County Health Department.

► **TRUSTEE Lee** said that on March 10 Immaculate Conception will have an Irish Heritage Mass the Chamber's next meeting is March 25. Easter will have an Easter Bunny meet and greet. This event will take place on March 27th. In 2022 we hope to resume our Easter Egg Hunt. She read a letter from

the seniors' director. She thanked all for their work on the vaccine. Open gym at the TCC is back. Please call John Galluzzi.

All the members of the Board wished Mayor Luisi the best.

► MAYOR Luisi

When I look back over the last ten years, the first thought that comes to mind is, “where did the time go?” So much has happened in our lives, our world, our country and even right here in Tuckahoe. Hard to believe that our last public meeting was held one year ago. I am honored and privileged to have had a role in so many of the benefits and positives provided to our residents in Tuckahoe. This would not have been possible without the collaborative efforts of our talented and professional department heads Chief Costanzo, Supt Frank DiMarco, Bill Williams, Mike Seminara, Library Director Swadesh Pachnanda, Judge David Fuller, the staff of our Village court Maureen Stevens, Village attorney Gary Gjertsen, Clerk's office Jackie Ferretti and Camille DiSalvo, Connie Kitatake and the Treasury Department Ryan Rueda. I'd like to once again, publicly comment about all our Village employees who continued to provide the essential services even as the virus was ravaging the Village and country. A key component of the everyday operations in the Village is our Village Administrator David Burke. Amazing work you've done with the blank canvas you were handed 7 years ago. I'd like to thank each and every Village employee for always being accessible and helpful to me in your respective areas. I've also have had the privilege of working with dedicated trustees who always provided me with open discussion and different views of the issues that affect our Village. The responsibilities of the new Board will be immense, but because of responsible and prudent management, they will be well situated to guide the Village in the coming years. It is the Tuckahoe Seniors who have made such a lasting impression on me. What a pleasure to have been their liaison for 8 years. The rich history that has been shared with me by the Tuckahoe History Committee has only deepened my appreciation for the place I call home. The Veterans who served our country so selflessly and continue to be an important presence in the Village. Despite the pandemic, they still observed Memorial Day and other veteran holidays. In my last meeting as Village Mayor, I would like to thank you again Tuckahoe for allowing me to serve the Village the last 10 years. It's been a humbling experience to have served and certainly a milestone in my life. Goodnight Tuckahoe.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Moment of silence for Faye Blazzi and all those that have lost their lives to COVID.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM