

APRIL 1, 2013

Reorganization Meeting -Board of Trustees

Trustee Quigley called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

Invocation was led by Rev. Jennifer Brown, Christ Church Bronxville

The Salute to the Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Boy Scout Troop 353 Eastchester.

Judge David O. Fuller administered the oath of office to Steven Ecklund as Mayor for a 2 year term.

Judge David O. Fuller administered the Oath of Office to Thomas Giordano as Village Trustee for a 2 year term

Judge David O. Fuller administered the Oath of Office Greg Luisi as Village Trustee for a 2 year term.

Trustee Quigley congratulated the Mayor and Trustees and remarked that it was a good election. It sharpened the issues. It heightened the awareness of government. We have a very good functioning board.

Trustees Hayes is honored to be sitting on the board with them and wishes them the best of luck. Trustee Giordano has 3 lists; a thank you list, a need list and a wish list. He thanked everyone and is ready to face the challenges head-on of preserving our uniqueness and maintain affordability, opposing outside influences trying to mandate changes in our local laws.

We need to look forward toward sharing services while protecting the best of the unique services we offer. We need to continue to improve Tuckahoe as a place to move to, stay in, to raise our families, and to invest in. The village is one of our assets. We all need to do our part to help it be appreciated in value. We need to make sacrifices. We need to find ways to erase the burden of taxation. Our school board needs to do the same thing. We need to celebrate our diversity while giving service. It makes us special

The Wish list is to have Villagers increase their level of awareness and participate as volunteers because we exist as a community of volunteers. We will continue to become greater and greater.

Trustee Luisi read the following statement:

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote in the March election. It was a very important election in the sense that the Village Administration required to have members on the Board with the experience to keep Tuckahoe on the road to economic growth that would be a benefit to all its' residents. Tuckahoe needs a Village Board with the mindset that tax increases should be kept to its barest minimum while working under the 2% tax cap. The Village residents also deserve to have the best of essential services from our police department and department of public works. The Library must continue to provide the wonderful programs that benefit Village residents of all ages. The recent election results are a mandate from the voters to this Board to stay the course. But let us not fool ourselves. This is no easy task and there is still much hard work to be done to allow us to sustain these services. Many tough and sometimes painful decisions will be made in the coming months. I assure you, this Board is firm in its resolve to maintain its commitment to fiscal responsibility in the Village.

Tonight I begin my second term as Village trustee with much anticipation for what the next two years will bring.

The long awaited development on Midland Ave has finally begun. The Crestwood project is also slated to begin this year as well. The vacant lot that once was Salerno's restaurant is also being prepared for a new residential and commercial venture that will help in keeping the Main Street corridor attractive to consumers. New establishments continue to choose Tuckahoe as the place to do business, such as the Bagel Loft and Micro Brewery. Change is in the air in Tuckahoe, bringing with it a renewed vigor that is most welcome. The newly re-elected Board remains committed to the ideals and goals that make Tuckahoe attractive to people from all walks of life. Over the past two years, this Board has given our essential services the tools it needs to provide the high level of service the residents have grown to expect but also to respect. Outdated equipment has been replaced, programs have been instituted and technology has been introduced that brings our services in line with the demands of the 21st century. The Library has undergone major improvements with the replacement of a 30 ton AC unit, ADA compliant doors and digital temperature controls that regulate healthy air quality in the Library. New carpeting has been installed in the Community Center and the much needed repairs to the roof will take place this year. The Village's annual festivities such as the Fourth of July Extravaganza and Winterfest continue to attract appreciative crowds both from within the Village and nearby communities.

In closing, I'd like to thank my wonderful wife and children who have supported me the past two years and continue to encourage me to "go for it". To my family who never stop paying tribute to the true meaning of "family". To my dear friends who have been there with me thru "thick and thin". To my fellow colleagues in local and county government, for your unwavering support and sound advice. I am humbled and so grateful for all the assistance I received during the weeks of campaigning. I truly appreciate the public trust that has been given to me as a result of your efforts.

The success of Tuckahoe government will be well founded by my fellow board members, Mayor Steve Ecklund, Deputy Mayor Tom Giordano, Trustee's Janette Hayes and Steve Quigley. They are ready, willing and able to keep Tuckahoe vibrant and attractive to both residents and business. I am excited to once again be working side by side with them...confident in knowing that our exchange of ideas will make Tuckahoe a better place for everyone to live, work and play. I look forward to and will work hard to be a part of, what will continue to move this village in the right direction. Thank you.

Mayor Ecklund thanked Steve Quigley, Rev. Brown, the scouts, His brother Michael and his wife and son. He congratulated Tom and Greg. Together will do great things, all of us, together. This is a very sound and strong and hardworking board. We do not agree on every issue but are sensitive to everyone's ideas. Our decisions are sound and well thought out decisions. We want to keep Tuckahoe affordable for all citizens.

Senator Latimer stopped by to congratulate the Board.

Town Supervisor and Luigi Marcoccia congratulated the Board. They sent congratulations from Sheila Marcotte as well. Supervisor Colavita said the Village is on the upswing.

Former Trustee Margaret Coleman was in from Virginia and wished the Board well.

Mayor Ecklund asked for a roll call.

PRESENT:

Mayor Steven A. Ecklund

Trustee Thomas Giordano

Trustee Stephen Quigley

Trustee Greg Luisi

Trustee Janette Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Ecklund called for the appointment of Thomas Giordano as Deputy Mayor for a term of one year; Trustee Quigley motioned to appoint, motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Ecklund called for the appointment of Michael O'Toole as Acting Village Justice for a term of one year; Trustee Quigley motioned to appoint, motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0. Judge David O. Fuller administered the Oath of Office to Michael O'Toole as Acting Village Justice. Judge O'Toole thanked the Mayor and Board.

Mayor Ecklund called for the appointment of John Pintos as Treasurer for a term of 2 years; Trustee Giordano motioned to appoint, motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Ecklund called for the appointment of Susan Ciamarra as Village Clerk for a term of 2 years; Trustee Quigley motioned to appoint, motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Ecklund called for the appointment of Susan Ciamarra as Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term of 1 year; Trustee Quigley motioned to appoint, motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Ecklund called for the appointment of Susan Ciamarra as Receiver of Taxes for a term of 1 year; Trustee Quigley motioned to appoint, motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Ecklund called for the appointment of Camille DiSalvo as Deputy Village Clerk for a term of 1 year; Trustee Hayes motioned to appoint, motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Ecklund called for the appointment of Camille DiSalvo as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term of 1 year; Trustee Quigley motioned to appoint, motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Ecklund called for the appointment of Todd Huttunen as Assessor for a term of 1 year; Trustee Giordano motioned to appoint, motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Ecklund called for the appointment of John Cavallaro as Village Attorney for a term of 1 year; Trustee Quigley motioned to appoint, motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Ecklund called for the appointment of Gary Gjertsen as Deputy Village Attorney for a term of 1 year; Trustee Luisi motioned to appoint, motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Ecklund called for the appointment of Anne Marie Ciaramella as Planning Board Chairperson for a term of 1 year; Trustee Quigley motioned to appoint, motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was opposed by a vote of 2-3. Trustees Giordano, Luisi and Hayes opposed.

Mayor Ecklund called for the appointment of Ron Gallo as Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson for a term of 1 year; Trustee Quigley motioned to appoint, motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Ecklund entertained a motion to designate the following banks for the Village of Tuckahoe each for one year:

DESIGNATION OF THE FOLLOWING BANKS FOR THE VILLAGE OF TUCKAHOE EACH FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR:
HUDSON VALLEY BANK
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK
WELLS FARGO BANK
WEBSTER BANK
HSBC BANK

Trustee Giordano motioned to designate the above banks; Trustee Quigley seconded the motion and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Ecklund entertained a motion to designate the following newspapers for the Village of Tuckahoe each for one year:

DESIGNATION OF NEWSPAPERS FOR THE VILLAGE OF TUCKAHOE:
THE JOURNAL NEWS
THE TOWN REPORT
THE EASTCHESTER RISING
THE WESTCHESTER GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER

Trustee Quigley motioned to designate the above newspapers; Trustee Hayes seconded the motion and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Ecklund entertained a motion readopting the present Procurement Policy on file with the Village Clerk. Trustee Hayes motioned to readopt the present Procurement Policy; motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Ecklund entertained a motion readopting the present Investment Policy on filed with the Village Clerk. Trustee Quigley motioned to readopt the present Investment Policy; motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Trustee Hayes announced, on behalf of Sheila Marcotte, that the Town is planning a multitude of 2014 events. In January, Eastchester, Tuckahoe and Bronxville will host a year's worth of historical celebrations to honor Eastchester's 350th anniversary. There is a community meeting on April 3rd at 7pm at the Eastchester library for anyone interested in helping with the celebration.

The Village Clerk asked for clarification on the roll call for Planning Board Chairperson. The motion was opposed by a vote of 2-3. Trustees Giordano, Luisi and Hayes opposed.

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

Susan Ciamarra, Village Clerk