

December 9, 2013

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Called to Order at 8:00PM

PRESENT:

TRUSTEE Giordano
TRUSTEE Quigley
TRUSTEE Luisi
TRUSTEE Hayes
MAYOR Ecklund

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and salute to the flag.

Trustee Giordano made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2013; motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

Senator Latimer spoke about and the necessity for property owners to re-file for the STAR exemption. He encouraged the Board to contact his office for any assistance.

Trustee Quigley motioned for the appointment of David Scalzo as member to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the term of resigning member, Dave Kubaska, to expire 4/1/2018; motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

Trustee Luisi motioned for the appointment of Tom Ringwald as a member and as Chairperson of the Assessment Review Board for a term to expire 9/30/2018; motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION #1 - Authorizing the hiring of Anthony DeRenzis to the position of Laborer Village of Tuckahoe Department of Public Works effective December 10, 2013 with a probationary period of 6 months. Trustee Quigley made a motion to adopt resolution #1; motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION #2 - Authorizing the hiring of Colin Hamilton to the position of Laborer Village of Tuckahoe Department of Public Works effective December 10, 2013 with a probationary period of 6 months. Trustee Luisi made a motion to adopt resolution #2; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION #3- Authorizing the hiring of John M. Galluzzi, Jr. to the position of Recreation Supervisor effective December 10, 2013 subject to a background check with a probationary period of 6 months and meeting all civil service requirements. Trustee Quigley made a motion to adopt resolution #3; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 4-0. Trustee Hayes abstained. The Board expressed confidence that Mr. Galluzzi will do an outstanding job in moving the Community Center forward.

RESOLUTION #4 - Authorizing the hiring of Ashley C. Toccitto to the position of Police Officer effective January 6, 2014 with a probationary period of seventy-eight (78) weeks. Trustee Giordano made a motion to adopt resolution #4; motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0. The Mayor and Board wished her well. Ms. Toccitto thanked the Mayor and Board and Police.

RESOLUTION #5 - Authorizing the hiring of Daniel J. Coughlin to the position of Police Officer effective January 6, 2014 with a probationary period of seventy-eight (78) weeks. Trustee Giordano made a motion to adopt resolution #5; motion was seconded by Trustee Quigley and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0. The Mayor and Board wished him well. Mr. Coughlin thanked the Mayor and Board and Police.

The Chief congratulated Ms. Toccitto and Mr. Coughlin.

1. Mayor Ecklund presented Mark Epstein a proclamation honoring Epstein's 80th Anniversary
2. Don Brown, new director of ECAP, introduced himself and explained the role ECAP plays in the community.
3. Mark Kaminski, attorney for the Tuckahoe Housing Authority, said that although sidewalk repairs are the property owner's responsibility, he asked the Board for a violation appeal.
4. George Papademetriou, of the Eastchester Auxiliary Police Department, gave a brief explanation of the department and said presently there are 22 active members that assist the Eastchester and Tuckahoe police departments. He thanked the Tuckahoe Police for donating the Ford Explorer.

RESOLUTION #6 - to transfer ownership of a 2003 Ford Explorer police vehicle from the Village of Tuckahoe to the Town of Eastchester Auxiliary Police. Trustee Giordano made a motion to adopt resolution #6; motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION #7 - authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement for second floor office space at Village Hall with John D. Cavallaro, PLLC. The form of the lease shall be approved by Clair & Gjertsen, Esqs., attorneys for the Village. Trustee Giordano made a motion to adopt resolution #7; motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION #8 - approving payment of vouchers in the amount of \$454,214.17, consisting of Abstract #22 for \$23,131.71, Abstract #24 for \$313,499.80, Abstract #25 for \$2,259.12 and Abstract #26 for \$115,323.54. The three largest invoices paid were: (1) \$123,621.23 for medical insurance premiums for the month of December 2013, (2) \$102,910.14 for the settlement of a tax certiorari claim and (3) \$44,351.21 for electrical charges for the months of July, August and October 2013. Trustee Giordano made a motion to adopt resolution #8; motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION #9 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with John D’Arco concerning terms and conditions of employment. The Mayor and Board wished him well on his retirement. Trustee Giordano made a motion to adopt resolution #9; motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION #10 authorizing the Mayor to accept a proposal and enter into an agreement with Arthur Lange, Inc. for renovations to the Judges’ Chambers on the second floor at Village Hall. Trustee Giordano made a motion to adopt resolution #10; motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION #11 authorizing the Village Clerk to advertise for public bids for the Media Room Upgrade Project located at Village Hall. Trustee Giordano made a motion to adopt resolution #11; motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION #12 authorizing free short-term parking in the business districts to encourage shopping in the Village during the holidays. The short-term street meters will be bagged from Monday, December 23rd through Wednesday, December 25th. Parking will be limited to two (2) hours. Trustee Giordano made a motion to adopt resolution #12; motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call, motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

POLICE – The Chief reviewed winter parking rules. The county dispatching is going smoothly. He thanked the Eastchester Auxiliary Police for all their assistance. He said that John D’Arco was a mentor and role model and wished him best.

DPW – Frank welcomed John Galluzzi. He explained that the newly hired laborers have been seasonal employees with the Dept. of Public Works. He thanked Paolo from Greenskeepers, Dennis Lucente from Lucente Landscaping, Petrillo Contracting, the Tuckahoe police and the DPW for their work with the Christmas tree. He thanked the Carapella and McCarthy families for donating it. He also thanked Phil Raffiani for the lights and wrapping and Tuckahoe Beautification for the fresh wreaths.

Mayor Ecklund announced:

Village Board Meeting, Monday, January 13, 2014

Village offices and DPW closed – Wednesday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas holiday and on Wednesday, January 1st in observance of the New Year holiday.

- ▶ TRUSTEE Giordano congratulated John Galluzzi and wished John D’Arco well. He announced the upcoming Zoning and Planning meetings. He said the Chili cook off at Broken Bow was a great event and the Winterfest event was beautiful. He commented on how great the Village looks as “pretty as a post card.”
- ▶ TRUSTEE Luisi said the Chamber Christmas party will be at Mamma Assunta’s. The Friends of the Library will be having a raffle. Please visit their website.

- ▶ TRUSTEE Quigley congratulated John Galluzzi and said events will flourish in the Tuckahoe Community Center. DPW did a great job decorating the Village.
- ▶ TRUSTEE Hayes announced upcoming Tree and Environmental meetings. Thanked the Generoso Pope Foundation for their help in sponsoring the Winterfest Celebration and the many volunteers from Tuckahoe Beautification. Santa pictures are available in the Clerk's Office.
- ▶ MAYOR Ecklund thanked David Pope and remarked the Winterfest is a mini version of Rockefeller Center. He thanked the Police and Auxiliary Police and wished John D'Arco well.

The Mayor and Board wished all a Merry Christmas.

John Cavallaro, Village Attorney requested that the sidewalk situation be discussed at the next Village Board work session.

There being no further business, the unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:30PM.

Susan Ciamarra, Village Clerk