

February 7, 2011

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

ROLL CALL

**TRUSTEE ECKLOND
TRUSTEE GORMAN
TRUSTEE QUIGLEY
TRUSTEE GIORDANO
MAYOR FITZPATRICK**

**APPOINTMENTS –
APPOINTMENT AND OATH**

Mayor Fitzpatrick called for the Appointment of Charles Weinstein to the position of Detective Patrolman effective February 7, 2011. Upon roll call, the appointment was approved 5-0. Detective Weinstein thanked the Village Board and Police Chief and said it is an honor and privilege to be a member of the police department. Mayor Fitzpatrick noted some of Detective Weinstein's accomplishments.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

Frederick Cioffi was honored ceremonially by the Village Board with a gold retirement detective shield for the years of service to the community. Fred Cioffi officially retired as of January 29th.

Chief Costanzo said that Cioffi was quickly recognized as a great officer who was trusted and admired by his colleagues.

Fred Cioffi thanked the Board for recognizing him with this honor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

**I. Public Hearing - Local Law AMENDING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 6,
SECTION 6-69 THROUGH 6-80 OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE
OF TUCKAHOE, ENTITLED "UNSAFE BUILDINGS"**

**Trustee Ecklund made a motion to open a public hearing was seconded by
Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.**

Mayor Fitzpatrick explained that the Village, under the present code, has limited power to deal with unsafe buildings. Presently there are two unsafe sites and those two sites will not be affected by the new law. However, since we don't want to ever fall into this situation again, the code needs to be more restrictive giving the departments the ability and power to act. The state law is also in the process of being revised to allow fines to become a tax lien on such properties.

Trustee Ecklund made a motion to keep open a public hearing was seconded by Trustee Quigley and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.

1. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a RESOLUTION - TRANSFERRING THE LICENSING OF DOGS TO THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Tuckahoe, New York (the "Village") held at Village Hall, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe, New York on November 22, 2010.

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2011, the State of New York will no longer be responsible for the licensing of dogs, and such licensing function shall be the responsibility of local government; and

WHEREAS, New York villages outside of the Counties of Westchester and Nassau are not required to accept applications for dog licenses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law as amended by Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2010, the Village Board of Trustees (the "Village Board") may, by resolution, provide that applications for licenses for dogs harbored within the Village shall be made to the town in which the Village is situated; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board believes it is in the best interest of the Village of Tuckahoe for the Clerk of the Town of Eastchester to manage and administer the licensing of dogs harbored within the Village,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

Section 1. That effective January 1, 2011, applications for licenses of dogs harbored within the Village shall no longer be made to the Village Clerk, but shall be made to the Clerk of the Town of Eastchester pursuant to Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, as amended.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2011.

Trustee Quigley made a motion to adopt resolution #1; motion was seconded by Trustee Ecklund and upon roll call was carried by a vote 2-3. Mayor Fitzpatrick Trustees Gorman and Giordano opposed.

2. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor to sign a one year agreement beginning January 18, 2011 between Granicus, Inc. and Village of Tuckahoe for internet broadcasting and related services.

Trustee Ecklund made a motion to adopt resolution #2; motion was seconded by Trustee Gorman and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.

3. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor to sign Lockbox Service Contract (Village 1st and 2nd half tax payments processing) between the Village of Tuckahoe and Hudson Valley Bank, beginning January 1, 2011. There are no fees charged to the Village for this service.

Trustee Quigley made a motion to adopt resolution #3; motion was seconded by Trustee Ecklund and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.

4. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a RESOLUTION approving the Eastchester Recreation Department request for the use of the Community Center to hold "Mini-Vacation Camps" during the months of February and April 2011. Dates and times are February 22-25 Tuesday-Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm and April 18-21 Monday-Thursday from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

Trustee Quigley made a motion to adopt resolution #4; motion was seconded by Trustee Ecklund and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.

5. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor to sign the Municipal Coin Deposit Pick Up Courier Services Agreement between Hudson Valley Bank and Village of Tuckahoe as of January 1, 2011.

Trustee Gorman made a motion to adopt resolution #5; motion was seconded by Trustee Quigley and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.

6. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO FILE A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Tuckahoe, New York (the "Village") held at Village Hall, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe, New York on February 7, 2011.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has requested legislation authorizing and directing the Superintendent of Public Works to file a grant application with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said grant application the Village would be requesting a \$25,000 matching grant for trees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

Section 1. The Superintendent of the Department of Public Works of the Village of Tuckahoe, or his successor, is hereby authorized and directed to

file an application for a matching grant in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the Trees and Tree Management Project.

Section 2. That, upon the approval of said grant, if and when approved, the Mayor shall be authorized to enter into and execute a project agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to the Village of Tuckahoe for the Trees and Tree Management Project.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Trustee Gorman made a motion to adopt resolution #6; motion was seconded by Trustee Quigley and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.

7. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor to sign an Inter-municipal agreement with the NYS Department of Transportation for a new Municipal Snow & Ice Agreement for the Village of Tuckahoe for the 2010/11 to 2012/13 snow and ice seasons.

Trustee Ecklund made a motion to adopt resolution #7; motion was seconded by Trustee Quigley and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.

8. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Dolph Rotfeld Engineering, Inc for grant application services relating to National Fish and Wildlife Foundation- Bronx River Watershed Initiative 2011 for a fee not to exceed \$5000.00.

Trustee Gorman made a motion to adopt resolution #8; motion was seconded by Trustee Quigley and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.

9. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF TUCKAHOE TO FILE A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION- BRONX RIVER WATERSHED INITIATIVE 2011.

Trustee Ecklund made a motion to adopt resolution #9; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.

10. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a RESOLUTION approving payment of vouchers in the amount of \$364,112.59 consisting of abstract #37 for \$67,304.09, abstract #38 for \$19,802.16, abstract #39 for \$211,889.99, abstract #40 for \$53,897.59, and abstract #41 for 11,218.76. The three largest invoices paid were: (1) \$110,916.72, for employee health insurance premiums for the month of February 2011, (2) \$23,680.00 for replacement and installation of street lights damaged in accidents and (3) \$15,732.00 for the Tuckahoe Public Library's membership in the Westchester Library System for the period January 1 through June 30, 2011.

Trustee Gorman made a motion to adopt resolution #10; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.

11. Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a RESOLUTION to retain the engineering firm of James Gibbons to evaluate the retaining wall located on the west side of the Village Hall property.

Trustee Ecklund made a motion to adopt resolution #11; motion was seconded by Trustee Gorman and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.

Trustee Giordano motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of JANUARY 10, 2011; motion was seconded by Trustee Ecklund and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Supt. of Public Works, Frank DiMarco, addressed snow removal during the several recent snow storms and his attempt to keep costs down as much as possible. He also noted that it is the homeowners responsibility to clean the snow from curb on in.

Mayor Fitzpatrick announced the following:

Community Meeting, Monday, February 21st at Community Center.

Next Village Board Meeting – Monday, March 7th.

DPW will be closed on Friday, February 11th in observance of Lincoln's Birthday. – Garbage pick up is Thursday, February 10th. VILLAGE OFFICES ARE OPEN.

Village offices and DPW will be closed Monday, February 21st in observance of President's Day.

Garbage pick up is Tuesday, February 22nd; Tuesday pick up is combined with Thursday.

TRUSTEE ECKLOND- thanked the DPW and mentioned pothole problems and asked residents to notify DPW. The DPW Yard Drainage Improvement Project bids were opened; the two lowest bidders came within budget.

TRUSTEE GORMAN announced the various meetings taking place for Zoning, Planning, Sign & Awning, and Tree Committee. Further, the Library has instituted new programs that residents can view on the Library website.

TRUSTEE GIORDANO – no surprises regarding the budget; the sales tax revenue is coming in at higher rate than anticipated.

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

Susan Ciamarra, Village Clerk