

JANUARY 11, 2011

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

Mayor Fitzpatrick called for a moment of silence in memory of former Mayor Joseph Fattorusso. He served the Village from 1987-1991. He passed away on December 23rd.

Judge Michael O'Toole administered the oath of office to Stephen Quigley as Village Trustee to fill the unexpired term of Margaret Coleman. Mayor Fitzpatrick extended his congratulations and thanked Stephen Quigley for his willingness to serve.

**Present: TRUSTEE ECKLOND
TRUSTEE MARCOCCIA
TRUSTEE GORMAN
TRUSTEE QUIGLEY
MAYOR FITZPATRICK**

Mayor Fitzpatrick offered a resolution to hire Evan J. Piasta for the position of Police Officer effective January 11, 2010 with a probationary period of seventy eight (78) weeks. Trustee Ecklund motioned to adopt the resolution offered; motion was seconded by Trustee Gorman and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.

MAYOR FITZPATRICK ADMINISTERED THE OATH OFFICE TO OFFICER EVAN J. PIASTA

Evan Piasta thanked his family, the Chief, and the Village Board. Mayor Fitzpatrick and the Board congratulated Evan.

Mayor Fitzpatrick called for the appointment of Paul Brandt as a member of the Assessment Review Board to fill the unexpired term of Stephen Quigley to 9/30/10. Trustee Gorman motioned to appoint Paul Brandt; motion was seconded by Trustee Marcoccia and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.

Mayor Fitzpatrick called for the appointment of Thomas Bailey as a member of the Ethics Committee for a term of three years to expire 4/1/13. Trustee Gorman motioned to appoint Thomas Bailey; motion was seconded by Trustee Quigley and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.

PUBLIC HEARING I. CONTINUATION

Motion to open public hearing on a proposed Local Law amending the code of the Village of Tuckahoe, Article II entitled “Public Carriages and Hacks” of Chapter 22 entitled “Vehicles for Hire”

Trustee Gorman motioned to continue public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Quigley and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.

Village Attorney, John Cavallaro, said that the full text of the law dealing with amending licensing will be presented at the Feb 8th Village Board meeting.

Mayor Fitzpatrick said it is important that the public is properly served with up to the minute drug testing and license checking.

Anthony Campanile, owner of the Crestwood Taxi, said the company now operates 24 hour 7 day a week and is hoping to remedy the year wait for checking drivers’ records. He felt utilizing the County is bad for his company, the employees and the residents saying it would trigger an increase in licensing costs to the drivers and the Village would lose revenue and, as a Village resident, he is not in favor of giving revenue to the County. He does favor drug testing, at the operator’s expense, and could be identical to the County policy.

Trustee Gorman felt that the randomness would be gone and suggested that, at Crestwood Taxi’s expense, the cab company can join the LENS program at which time a list of drivers would be submitted and an abstract of each driver would be done with any activity, good or bad, sent to Crestwood Taxi in 24-36 hours with a copy of any activity to the Village Board.

Mr. Campanile said Crestwood Taxi would have a letter from the insurance company about the drivers having to take a defense drivers course by the end of March. He felt there is very little difference between the Village and the County licensing policy, the difference being that the County policy is more expensive to his company and the drivers> He is concerned that if his drivers are forced to get licensed by the County, some may seek other employment and, in addition, the senior dial-a-ride program could be jeopardized.

Mayor Fitzpatrick said that the Dial-A-Ride program will not be in jeopardy since it would be a condition for any new company that may be coming into the Village to accept the program. Mr. Campanile disagreed with the Mayor saying that a new company coming into the Village did not have to honor the program. He mentioned how his company lost money to run this program; that 11,600 tickets were redeemed in 2009 for which he was reimbursed \$31,900 when the true cost was \$55,000. The Mayor then asked how many tickets were used within the Village to which the owner did not have the number. The Mayor reminded Mr. Campanile that a few weeks back, a phone call had been made to his office requesting a copy of the taxi rates. When the rates were not received the office made another call at which time we were told that the request had to be in writing which was done and, to date, a copy still has not been received. A discussion followed regarding options available with the County and the owner not paying any rental fees for the seven parking spaces or the taxi stand. A further discussion ensued on the dial-a-ride program; the number of tickets charged to the seniors by the taxi company; the number of seniors purchasing tickets monthly and the possibility of issuing additional hack licenses.

Barbara Moynihan from the Westchester County TLC said this shared services is at no cost to the Village. TLC has a high criteria for drug testing with a full background check and fingerprinting. The drug testing program administered is at a good price through a county contract which cost is combined with the licensing fee translating to a cost to the driver of 34 cents a day; a full rap sheet is given to the County and if a person is arrested, TLC is notified within 24 hours; defensive driving is necessary every 3 years. The County also utilizes the LENS program and the County and MTA police have joined the TLC.

Trustee Quigley inquired whether other community used this service to which Ms. Moynihan said that presently the County is offering shared services of licensing drivers and those communities that participate are Bedford, Port Chester and Croton. Further discussion followed regarding the licensing service offered by the county, the discrepancy on the number of dial-a-ride tickets charged to seniors by Crestwood Taxi and the Village's request to Mr. Campanile for a list of rates.

Trustee Ecklund motioned to keep the public hearing open; motion was seconded by Trustee Gorman and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.

PUBLIC HEARING II - CONTINUATION

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF TUCKAHOE AS IT CONCERNS THE REGULATION AND PRESERVATION OF TREES

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 December 7, 2009.

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has requested legislation amending and supplementing the Code of the Village of Tuckahoe as it concerns the regulation and preservation of trees; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Journal News, the official newspaper of said Village, on the 4th day of December 2009; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on the 7th day of December 2009, January 11, 2010, at 8:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe, New York, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) it has been determined by the Village Board of said Village that adoption of said proposed Local Law would not have a significant effect upon the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board adopts a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA and its implementing regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of said Village to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Tuckahoe, as follows:

Section 1. The Village Code of the Village of Tuckahoe is hereby amended and supplemented to add a Chapter 21A, entitled "Trees" as follows:

Chapter 21A, TREES

Section 21A-1. Findings and Purpose.

The Village of Tuckahoe has a vital interest in the planting and preservation of trees within its borders. Trees provide necessary shade, green space and aesthetic appeal; they impede soil erosion, inhibit excess runoff and flooding, reduce air pollution, aid in mitigating noise, and provide other environmental

benefits. The uncontrolled destruction of trees deprives the community of all these benefits. The purpose of this Local Law is to preserve trees and minimize damage and removal, thereby enhancing the health, property values and general welfare of the residents of the Village of Tuckahoe.

Section 21A-2. Definitions.

ACTUAL ONGOING EMERGENCY CONDITION – a condition in which severe weather, storms, natural or non-natural causes severely affect the integrity of a tree and such condition poses an immediate threat to life, property or the general public.

CALIPER – the diameter of a tree trunk measured at a point 6 inches above the root crown or as defined by the American Nursery Association (ANA).

CERTIFIED ARBORIST – an arborist or firm certified by the International Society of Arboriculture or another nationally recognized arboricultural organization.

DBH (Diameter Breast Height) – the diameter of a tree measured at a point 4-1/2 feet above ground level at the base of the tree on the uphill side.

HERITAGE TREE – a tree designated by the Village with the consent of the owner upon a finding that the tree is unique and/or of importance to the community.

INJURY TO TREES – any action, during the course of permitted or non-permitted work that causes significant damage to a tree that causes or is likely to cause death of the tree.

INVASIVE SPECIES – a non native species that adversely affects the habitats they invade economically, environmentally or ecologically and are listed in the Invasive Plant Atlas of New England (IPANE) as amended.

PERSON – any individual, firm, partnership, association or corporation or other legal entity.

PUBLIC TREE OR SHRUB – trees, shrubs, bushes on land within the property lines of all streets or avenues, rights-of-way, park areas and/or other property owned by the Village.

REPLACEMENT TREE – any tree planted under the provisions of this Local Law or required by a decision of the Building Inspector, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works or the Planning Board. Replacement trees shall not be an invasive species or smaller than three (3) inches in diameter at the time of planting, unless specifically approved as part of a tree replacement plan.

TREE PRESERVATION FUND - a fund established by the Village to receive

payments pursuant to this Local Law, as well as voluntary donations which are to be used in accordance with this Local Law or to augment the planting of public trees.

Section 21A-3. Public Trees – Prohibited Acts.

(a) No person shall knowingly remove, break, injure, deface, kill or destroy any public tree or shrub.

Section 21A-4. Trees on Private Property – Prohibited Acts.

(a) No person shall knowingly cut down, kill or otherwise destroy a tree on private property except in accordance with the registration and permit requirements set forth in this Local Law.

Section 21A-5. Tree Removal on Private Property -- Registration and/or Permit Requirements.

(a) Trees less than 8 inches DBH:

(1) Removal is permitted with no registration or permit required.

(b) Trees 8 inches DBH or greater:

(1) Removal of one tree per year per residential lot is permitted with two week prior notification to the Building Department. Required notification shall include the size, location, type of tree and reason for removal.

(c) Removal of more than one tree per year measuring 8 inches DBH or greater requires a permit from the Building Department. The fee shall be set by the Village Board and will be posted in the Building Department.

(d) Removal of trees 20 inches DBH or greater must comply with Village insurance policies.

Section 21A-6. Granting of Permits.

(a) The decision by the Building Department in the granting or denial of a permit shall be based upon, but not limited to:

- (1) the condition of the tree with respect to disease and safety;
- (2) the necessity of the removal for a building project;
- (3) the effect of the removal on ecological systems; and
- (4) the effect of the removal to other trees on the same or adjoining property.

(b) Factors taken into consideration shall include, but are not limited to:

(1) Whether the location of the tree clearly endangers the health, safety, welfare or property of the general public, the property owner or an adjoining property owner.

(2) Whether the location of the tree prevents compliance with state, county or local standards for sight lines, driveways or intersections.

- (3) Whether the location of the tree prevents the property owner from undertaking otherwise approved construction or alteration because the location of the tree substantially interferes with a permitted use of the property and the construction or alteration cannot be reasonably modified to accommodate the tree. Written explanation may be required describing how the tree interferes with construction or alteration, and why the construction or alteration cannot be modified to reasonably accommodate the tree.
- (4) Whether the tree, due to death, disease, blight, infestation, storm damage, accident or other condition, causes undue hardship for the property owner to maintain.
- (5) Whether the tree is dead, or so substantially diseased that it constitutes a danger to persons, property or other trees.
- (c) The Building Department, at the expense of the applicant, may enlist the services of a certified arborist whenever necessary to make the above determinations.
- (d) There shall be no site disturbance and the status quo shall be maintained until such time as a tree removal permit is granted or denied and the appeal process is completed. In no event shall a tree permit be issued for the removal of any tree specifically designated to be saved by the Planning Board, unless said tree is determined to be dead, dying, diseased or hazardous to life or property or as subsequently approved by the Planning Board.
- (e) All building permits that involve exterior work shall show the location of all trees on the plans as defined herein within the area of disturbance, and identify the impact, if any, on any trees on the same or adjacent property. The applicant may be required to furnish sub-division plans, site plans and/or additional information as deemed necessary by the Building Department, Zoning Board or Planning Board.

Section 21A-7. Certificate of Occupancy.

- (a) No certificate of occupancy shall be issued by the Building Inspector until all tree planting and/or associated restoration work is completed to the reasonable satisfaction of the Building Inspector or his designee. In the event that seasonal planting requirements prevent timely completion of all planting and restoration work, the Building Inspector may issue a temporary certificate of occupancy, together with prescribed conditions, including but not limited to a requirement of the posting of a bond in an appropriate amount to ensure compliance.

Section 21A-8. Replacement Trees.

(a) An applicant may be required, as a condition to granting the application for a permit, to replace any tree which is the subject of the application under conditions specified in the issued permit. Replacement trees shall be at minimum 3 inch caliper. Invasive species shall be prohibited.

(b) Any person who (a) removes or causes to be removed a tree without first obtaining a required permit, or (b) any person who removes or causes to be removed any public tree, may be required by the Village to plant one or more replacement trees. When restoration is determined by the Village to be impractical an additional fine may be imposed in accordance with the Penalties For Offenses section set forth herein. Any such fine will be deposited into the Tree Preservation Fund.

(c) All restoration shall be done in accordance with good and acceptable planting practices. Trees that fail to survive as a result of the restoration work required for a period of two calendar years following planting shall be replaced by the property owner.

Section 21A-9. Emergency Removal.

(a) Trees on private property: in the event of (a) an actual or ongoing emergency condition when such immediate tree removal is necessary for the protection or preservation of life and/or property and (b) there is not sufficient time to wait for the granting of a permit, then removal of the tree shall be permitted without the otherwise required authorization.

(b) Public Trees: In the event of an emergency caused by a tree being in a dangerous condition imposing an immediate threat to person or property, any member of the Police or Fire Department, or the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, or the Building Inspector, may authorize the removal of such tree immediately.

Section 21A-10. Responsibilities of Village.

(a) It is the responsibility of the Village to plant and maintain public trees. The Village may remove any tree which is in an unsafe condition or is harmful to sewers, electric power lines, gas lines, water lines or other public improvements.

(b) The Village shall not remove, top off, or substantially alter the shape of any living tree in the absence of one of the above conditions. Trees that are severely damaged by storms or other causes, or trees under utility wires or other obstructions where pruning practices are impractical, may be exempted from this provision.

(c) Where public trees are to be planted under utility lines, selections shall be made of a species compatible to be planted under power lines and other utilities. This section does not prohibit the planting of public trees by property owners

provided that the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has reviewed and approved such plantings.

Section 21A-11. Responsibilities of Property Owners.

(a) Any owner of a tree or shrub on private property overhanging any right of way within the Village shall prune the branches so that they do not obstruct the light from any street lamp, or the view of any street intersection, or any traffic control device. Owners shall remove all dead, diseased or dangerous trees or broken limbs which may be unsafe. Should owners fail to comply with this section upon written notification from the Building Department, the Department of Public Works shall have the right to (a) prune any tree or shrub on private property when it interferes with any of the aforementioned obstructions, and (b) bill the owner for the work at a rate to be determined by the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works.

Section 21A-12. Responsibilities of Utility Companies.

(a) Utilities, or their agents, responsible for maintaining rights of way in the Village shall follow the tree maintenance practices established by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

(b) Trimming of habit shall be in a reasonable manner to protect the health and appearance of the tree. Utilities performing work at street level or below shall take reasonable precautions against inflicting injury to any tree and/or its roots. If a utility proposes to remove any tree, advance permission must be obtained from the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, except in the event of an emergency when a tree has fallen on a distribution line.

Section 21A-13. Designation of Historic Trees.

(a) The Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, with the assistance of experts in forestry and arboriculture and the consent of the property owner, may establish a register of historic trees to consist of those trees in the Village determined to be worthy of inclusion because of their age, size or specimen. Trees designated as historic may not be removed unless a certified arborist determines, because of their condition, they are a danger to persons or property or that they are diseased and cannot be saved.

Section 21A-14. Appeal.

(a) Any person who is the subject of a decision under this Local Law, within 10 days of receiving such decision, may appeal to the Village Board of Trustees by giving written notice to the Village Clerk. The decision of the Village Board of Trustees on any appeal shall be the final decision.

Section 21A-15. Penalties for Offenses.

(a) Any person violating any of the provisions of this Local Law shall be fined \$500 for each offense. Each week's continued violation of any provision of this

Local Law shall constitute an additional violation and may result in fines of up to \$500 per day. Fines will be deposited into the Tree Preservation Fund.

Section 21A-16. Enforcement.

(a) The Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, the Building Inspector, or their designees are hereby authorized to issue appearance tickets and stop work orders for violations of this Local Law.

Section 21A-17. Disclaimer of Liability.

(a) Nothing contained in this Local Law shall be deemed to impose any liability upon the Village, its officers, committees or employees, nor to relieve the owner of any private property from the duty to keep any tree or shrub on his/her property or under his/her control to prevent it from becoming a hazard, or an impediment to travel or vision, upon any street, park, or public space within the Village.

Section 2. Insofar as the provisions of this Local Law are inconsistent with the provisions of any other local law, the provisions of this Local Law shall be controlling.

Section 3. This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

Section 4. The Village Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter this Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of the State of New York.

Trustee Gorman motioned to open public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Quigley and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.

Anthony Lore of Wallace Street wondered why this law came about since there was once a very active Shade Tree Commission that worked well. He felt this law places an additional burden on the homeowner and that if a homeowner decided to take down a couple of trees they should not have to go through the process called for in the new law.

Trustee Gorman said that this law was the work of a committee and it was developed to help neighborhoods, prevent flooding and protection against too many trees coming down at once. A permit is required for a tree of 8" diameter or more. The removal of trees needs to slow down and unhealthy or dangerous trees is separate.

Elaine Garry of the Tree Committee believes that there is always a balance between a person and the community. The proposed law outlines a

comprehensive plan and it is intended to protect the Village. The tree committee aim is to keep the flavor of the Village.

Trustee Marcoccia said this law protects the Village and prevents developers from taking down trees. Mrs. Garry said anyone can take down one tree a year. Trustee Gorman noted that anyone cutting a large tree should also have insurance.

A discussion ensued regarding cutting trees and flooding; concerns expressed by a resident regarding cost to remove trees being less when several trees are removed at the same time; sick or diseased trees; the establishment of a tree preservation fund used to replace trees. The Mayor suggested a visual aid showing the 8" diameter for the next meeting.

Joanne Mancini of Fairview Ave said she resides behind the recently demolished building on Main Street and she hopes the trees on that property will not be removed; she expressed concern over the number of trees removed in the last couple of years creating a loss of birds and an increase in insect population. Further discussion was held with Mayor Fitzpatrick suggested that anyone with questions may send an e-mail to www.tuckahoe.com.

Trustee Gorman motioned to keep the public hearing open; motion was seconded by Trustee Ecklund and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.

RESOLUTIONS -

1. Mayor Fitzpatrick offered a resolution to accept a \$9,400 donation from the Generoso Pope Foundation for the New Year's Eve event. **Trustee Gorman motioned to adopt resolution #1; motion was seconded by Trustee Quigley and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.**

2. Mayor Fitzpatrick offered a resolution designating Tuesday, March 16th as Election Day in the Village of Tuckahoe. Polls will open at 7am and close at 9pm. **Trustee Gorman motioned to adopt resolution #2; motion was seconded by Trustee Quigley and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.**

3. Mayor Fitzpatrick offered a resolution designating location of polling places as follows: 10th, 13th, 14th, 32nd and 33rd districts – Tuckahoe Community Center; 11th and 12th districts – Assumption Church Hall. **Trustee Ecklund motioned to adopt resolution #3; motion was seconded by Trustee Gorman and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.**

4. Mayor Fitzpatrick offered a resolution appointing Gabe Mazurella and Matthew Perillo as custodian/technician of voting machines for the March 16th Village Elections. **Trustee Gorman and motioned to adopt resolution #4;**

motion was seconded by Trustee Quigley and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.

5. Mayor Fitzpatrick offered a resolution appointing inspectors to serve on Election Day, March 16th for the seven polling places. Names of inspectors will be provided by the Democratic and the Republican chairpersons. **Trustee Gorman motioned to adopt resolution #5; motion was seconded by Trustee Quigley and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.**

6. Mayor Fitzpatrick offered a resolution approving payment of vouchers in the amount of \$492,413.46 consisting of abstract #29 for \$3,727.21, abstract #30 for \$106,597.03, abstract #31 for \$183,840.96 and abstract #32 for \$198,248.26. The three largest invoices paid were for: (1) \$97,850.00 for work performed to date on the new DPW building, (2) \$92,955.08 employee health insurance premiums for January 2010 and (3) \$68,191 for a statutory bond principal and interest payment. **Trustee Marcoccia motioned to adopt resolution #6; motion was seconded by Trustee Ecklund and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.**

7. Mayor Fitzpatrick offered a resolution scheduling a public hearing on amending Local Law NO. 1 of 2009 concerning the collection of garbage, trash and refuse.

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 8, 2010.

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees wishes to conduct a public hearing relating to an amendment to Local Law No. 1 of 2009 concerning the collection of garbage, trash and refuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

Section 1. That in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a public hearing shall be held on or about the 8th day of February 2010, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., at Village Hall, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe, New York, at which hearing parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard and at which time and place it shall be determined by the said Board of Trustees whether Local Law No. 1 of 2009 concerning the collection of garbage, trash and/or refuse shall be amended so as to include a monthly fee to the Village of Tuckahoe for the collection and delivery of trash, refuse and/or garbage from commercial, business, industrial and institutional premises.

Section 2. That the notice of the time and place of such public hearing shall be published by the Village Clerk in the manner provided by applicable law.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Trustee Ecklund motioned to adopt resolution #7; motion was seconded by Trustee Gorman and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.

Trustee Ecklund motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 7, 2009; motion was seconded by Trustee Marcoccia and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.

Citizens Campaign for the Environment (a 501© organization) will be canvassing in Tuckahoe from January 11th to the 14th between 4-9pm. Mayor Fitzpatrick said they if they solicit after the 14th notify the police.

Residents Community Meeting is Monday, January 25th, 7pm at the Community Center. Mayor Fitzpatrick said that this is a non televised meeting, informal meeting.

Next Village Board meeting is February 8th – 8PM.

Village offices will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

DPW is also closed on Monday, January 18th in observance the Martin Luther King holiday. Garbage will be picked up on Tuesday and Tuesday's bulk material will be picked up with Thursday's pick up.

XII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS:

- TRUSTEE ECKLOND reported on the following: framing is next step in the construction of the DPW building; the need to rebid the Emergency Generator for the Community Center; the Sewer Relining project is just about done; Con Edison will be contacted and informed of the new tree ordinance; United Water is looking for a 30% increase and the public will be kept informed as information is received; the Eastchester Historical Society will present the history of the Bronx Zoo at Village Hall on Wednesday January 20th.**
- TRUSTEE MARCOCCIA wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported that the Village Board is reviewing the present budget to be sure the budget stays tight.**

- **TRUSTEE GORMAN** announced upcoming Zoning, Environmental, Tree Committee, THA, Sign & Awning, meetings with the Planning Board meeting cancelled.
- **TRUSTEE QUIGLEY** no report.
- **MAYOR FITZPATRICK** read an anonymous letter that referred to a man walking throughout the Village collecting bottles with a stolen shopping cart and complained of odor in elevator at train station.

XIII. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Joan Ronson, a member of the Friends of the Library, said that she along with Connie DeLaurentis who live at 50 Columbus Avenue are not in favor of moving the library to the Village Hall building and presented a petition on this matter to the Mayor and the Board of Trustees. Mayor Fitzpatrick then read a letter he had received from Stephanie Cappola, a library employee.

Trustee Ecklund said the 3rd floor in this building is available with 10,000 to 12,000 sq. ft. and anyone interested may contact Susan Ciamarra who will show it.

Kathleen Skinner a resident on Fairview Avenue for about six years highly praised the library services. Mayor Fitzpatrick inquired whether the location of the library was a concern to her to which she replied “no” as long as it stays in Tuckahoe. Mayor Fitzpatrick said that during financial hardships the libraries are used more and presently the library is conducting a survey which can be accessed on the Village’s website www.tuckahoe.com.

Al Miro of Armour Villa Avenue wondered why target the library to which the Mayor responded that consolidation would put all departments, except for DPW, under one roof; in addition, the community center has non-functioning restrooms, a leaking roof and mold discovered in the library had to be remediated more than once. The Mayor agreed that a library is needed; however, options need to be discussed.

John Doyle, on behalf of Senator Jeff Klein, said that anyone who is in need of help to call their office for assistance.

Jeff Zuckerman said that a resident at 4 Union had told him that the taxi cab information is not correct in that they charge 4 tickets to Stop & Shop not 3.

Phil White said that the library is very much used and accessible with many activities taking place at the Community Center. Trustee Ecklund asked if he, Phil White, was Mayor when the library was built and what was the thought

process in building layout? Phil White said the idea was to have the community center utilized as much as possible; the rugs were put down not to eliminate the sound but as a safety issue; the basketball court had to go above the library because of the water table; he felt that with proper scheduling the basketball courts can be used when the library is not utilized.

Trustee Quigley said that the Community Center is in very poor shape and in is need of a major overhaul.

Trustee Marcoccia inquired about what existed at that site before the Community Center was built and Phil White said restaurants and the Lucchese marble. With regard to Kindle, Trustee Gorman said that she does not believe books will be eliminated during our lifetime. Mayor Fitzpatrick said he likes books but also likes to move forward.

Chief Costanzo requested a resolution authorizing his department to go out to bid for police uniforms.

Mayor Fitzpatrick offered a resolution to authorize the Chief of Police to go out to bid for new police uniforms.

Trustee Ecklund motioned to adopt resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Gorman and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.

Mayor Fitzpatrick mentioned the passing of former Trustee Denning's mother.

Trustee Ecklund congratulated the Chief who was sworn in as President of the Westchester County Police Chiefs' Association.

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 P.M.

Susan Ciamarra, Village Clerk