

April 8, 2013

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees/ Budget Hearing
Called to Order at 8PM

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

PRESENT:
TRUSTEE Giordano
TRUSTEE Quigley
TRUSTEE Luisi
TRUSTEE Hayes
MAYOR Ecklund

PRESENTATIONS:

David Scalzo of the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee gave a powerpoint presentation. Mr. Scalzo said that it is about understanding and improving the math and the mission. The CBAC recommends eliminating the Village Court and consolidating it with the Eastchester Town Court, reducing the police force from 24 officers to 20 officers and modernizing employee benefits for non-union employees. They want to create a Community Enrichment Board consisting of the library and community center. They recommend consolidating the Environmental, Tree and Beautification Committees to form the Beautification and Conservation Committee. They also recommend consolidating the Sign and Awning Board into the Planning Board.

Trustee Giordano thanked the CBAC Board and the department heads for their help. The analysis stimulates discussion. The public now knows what's out there and will hold us accountable to make decisions.

Trustee Quigley thanked the committees and agrees and disagrees with some points.

Chief Costanzo voiced his opposition to the police staffing recommendations and believes that some things are not accurate.

Mayor Ecklund reviewed the tentative budget.

Treasurer John Pintos gave a brief explanation about the tax cap and the Village's budget and said that we are now at 4%.

Trustees Luisi and Hayes questioned how John Pintos got the budget to 4%.

Julie Fortier from Sylvan Avenue read the following statement:

My name is Julie Fortier, and I have been a Tuckahoe resident for 12 years, living with my husband and three children on Sylvan Ave. I read the CBAC recommendations carefully. I had been waiting for a document like this for years now; A document that sheds some light into the village budget and spells it out in plain English. I especially appreciate that these recommendations appear (to me anyway), to be objective and unbiased. It's really about

assessing big spendings and determining their cost/value ratio on behalf of the residents, even in areas that might be contentious, and otherwise left untouched. It is a very good read. I particularly love the CBAC mission listed on the cover, which I would argue should be printed out and reminded with every budget discussion. It goes:

“The Citizens Budget Advisory Committee aids the Village Board in its mission to ensure that (a) expenditures, and any debt or future obligations accumulated, are appropriate for the income of the individuals living in the village; (b) expenditures promote the core missions of government and the priorities of the Village Board; (c) opportunities for efficiency and the elimination of wasteful spending are investigated; and, (d) taxes, fees, and fines imposed are done in a way that promote the priorities of the Village Board and minimize economic distortion.”

I want to congratulate the committee members for their hard work. Despite a very short assessment, it shows that the team has been passionately involved in this process and has a good understanding of the current budget and the inner workings of the village. I also applaud the board for initiating this effort which was long overdue, and I hope the recommendations proposed will be carefully considered. I am here tonight to voice my support for many of the CBAC recommendations, and specifically would like to discuss the ones related to: LAW AND ORDER, SANITATION, BUILDING FEES, and EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

LAW AND ORDER

The combined budget amounts dedicated to LAW AND ORDER totals 46% of the entire village budget. This fact is not unexpected. A few years ago—out of desire to better understand why this figure is so high—I did a bit of research to get a better sense of guidelines for ratio of police officers to population. For the record, I have no expertise in law enforcement, but my cursory research yielded numbers in line with what the CBAC is recommending.

What I found out is that in 2010:

US average: 2.28 officers per 1000 residents—Which would translate into the equivalent of 15 officers in the village of Tuckahoe

NY state average: 3.195 per 1000 residents—Which would translate into the equivalent of 20 officers in the village of Tuckahoe

By contrast:

Tuckahoe: 3.6 per 1000 residents—Currently 24 officers

According to the Carsey Institute, This ratio is comparable to Cleveland OH,

Birmingham AL, St. Louis MI, just shy of ratio of New Orleans LA

My sources include: Wikipedia, Governing magazine, Carsey Institute

Based on these numbers, it appears that we perhaps have an overstaffed force for the levels of safety required by our community. Considering the impact to the budget, I think it would be irresponsible to maintain this status quo. As a mom of 3 young children, I am comfortable with the recommendation to cut back our force to 20 officers as an immediate cost-saving solution, but I also advocate evaluating some form of consolidation with Eastchester and Bronxville, for further optimization.

SANITATION/PUBLIC WORKS

About sanitation/public works; It is good to hear that the force is cross-trained, and therefore well- utilized throughout the day/week. Where I disagree with the CBAC is about maintaining the current pick up schedule. Personally, I find it excessive that our community is offered garbage collection 5 days per week. I would argue that some savings could be made by:

Reducing the regular trash collection to one day per week

Pickups could be more frequent in the hot summer months if smell is a concern?

Asking residents to bring their own trash to the curb

Reducing bulk pick up to once per month or once per quarter

Personally, I am comfortable with making this sacrifice in order to avoid another hike on my next tax bill.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

I second the recommendation to lower the building permit fees. These opening statements on page 32 of the CBAC recommendations are spot on: ‘The building department should not exist to raise revenues’. ‘The village should aim at encouraging building improvements to make the village a more desirable community’. More improvements are good for the village.

Improvements increase tax assessments and eventually generate more revenues. People should not feel penalized for improving their homes. It would be great to feel like the building department was more like a partner than a policing authority. In addition to reducing the fees, I would propose that certain fees not be based on a percentage of total costs, but on a flat rate. For example, if a resident decides to remodel a bathroom, they should not be penalized for selecting better quality faucets. A flat rate should be sufficient, in my opinion.

EMPLOYMENT/BENEFITS

I believe that the village’s responsibility is to keep Tuckahoe safe and clean for its residents. Employing people should be a by-product of this core responsibility. But by looking at some of the budget items, it seems like providing employment has slowly taken the front seat at the expense of our taxes. Year after year, we are told that the village will not cut service levels. But is this really in the best interest of the residents? Because as a resident, I am willing to accept a reduction in service. In exchange, I expect the village to maintain a workforce that is within our budget now, and in the future. It is a tough juggling act, but no expense should be considered sacred. The unfunded liabilities for promised benefits are worrisome—1.4m in future health care benefits, 750k for compensated absences. In light of this, the benefits recommendations outlined by the CBAC make complete sense, and should be enacted immediately to align to more sustainable 21st century benefits and compensation.

FINAL WORDS

I wanted to focus my thoughts tonight on a few salient points, but I would like to mention that I am in agreement with many other recommendations in the document: Consolidate the village court, the creation of the Community Enrichment Board, better coordination of Library Services, cuts in Recreation Administration, increased funding for Web site & Communication, and the exciting proposal for the White Marble Fields project. In closing, it all comes down to taxes, taxes and more taxes. Don’t forget that Tuckahoe residents already pay taxes to Westchester County, to the Town of Eastchester, to the Eastchester or Tuckahoe school district, in addition to the village taxes (not to mention the IRS and NY state). I hear another budget increase is proposed for next year, which seems irresponsible and counter to the mission outlined by the CBAC. I sincerely hope the board will carefully consider each recommendation carefully as it finalizes the budget. But I also hope the board will consider additional actions to improve efficiency and reduce costs in the long term. Personally, I question how our small village of 6500 can maintain all these independent services to keep our village safe and clean, while trying to remain affordable. To that end, I would like to recommend that the board include funding of an

independent study of consolidation of services (including police, public works/sanitation, libraries, etc.) between Tuckahoe, Eastchester and Bronxville in the upcoming budget.

Thanks you for your time and attention,

Julie Fortier

**PUBLIC HEARINGS
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**Public Hearing #1- Budget Hearing on Tentative Budget Fiscal Year 6/1/2013
to May 31, 2014**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held in Village Hall, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe, New York at 8:00 PM on Monday, April 8, 2013 to consider the annual budget of the Village of Tuckahoe for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014, showing the expenses, obligations and estimated revenue for such fiscal year.

A copy of the Tentative Budget, which has been filed with the Village Clerk, is available at the office of the Village Clerk where it may be examined by any interested party during office hours.

The proposed budget provides compensation for the Mayor and Trustees as follows:

Mayor \$7,282.00

Trustees \$5,075.00

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Susan Ciamarra,
Village Clerk

Dated: Tuckahoe, NY
March 26, 2013

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

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

Public Hearing #2 – PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING AND ADDING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 15,
ENTITLED “MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES AND PROVISIONS,” SECTIONS 15-55
THROUGH 15-59 OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF TUCKAHOE,
ENTITLED “RETAIL CARRYOUT BAGS”**

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 4, 2013.

WHEREAS, legislation has been requested amending and adding Article V of Chapter 15, entitled, "Miscellaneous Offenses and Provisions," Sections 15-55 through 15-59 of the Village Code of the Village of Tuckahoe, entitled "Retail Carryout Bags;" and

WHEREAS, according to the Clean Air Council, Americans use approximately 1 billion plastic non-biodegradable plastic shopping bags per year; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, only 12% of plastic bags and plastic wraps in the U.S. were recycled in 2010; and

WHEREAS, non-biodegradable plastic bags last hundreds of years in landfills and are a potential source of harmful chemicals when they do break down; and

WHEREAS, non-biodegradable plastic bags often are discarded into the environment polluting our waterways, clogging sewers, endangering marine life and causing unsightly litter; and

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Tuckahoe, New York for a public hearing to held by the Village Board on the 11 day of March 2013 at 8:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe, New York, to hear all interested parties concerning certain amendments and additions to the Village Code of the Village of Tuckahoe pertaining to Retail Carryout Bags; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Journal News, one of the official newspapers of said Village, on the 7th day of February 2013, and on the 19th day of March 2013; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly opened on the 11th day of March 2013 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 certain amendments and additions to the Village Code of the Village of Tuckahoe pertaining to Retail Carryout Bags; 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, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of said Village to adopt said Local Law.

Be it enacted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Tuckahoe as follows:

Section 1. Article V of Chapter 15, entitled “Miscellaneous Offenses and Provisions”, Sections 15-55 through 15-59, entitled “Retail Carryout Bags” of the Village Code of the Village of Tuckahoe is hereby amended and added as follows:

Article V. Retail Carryout Bags

§ 15-55. **Purpose.**

The intent of this Local Law is to improve the environment and quality of life in the Village of Tuckahoe by encouraging the use of reusable carryout bags and banning the use of plastic bags for retail carryout of purchased goods. Retail establishments are encouraged to make reusable bags available for sale.

§ 15-56. **Definitions.**

The following words and terms, when used in this Local Law, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

Carryout Bag – A bag that is provided to a customer at the point of sale for the purpose of carrying away goods or other materials from the point of sale. This term does not include Plastic Produce Bags, Plastic Garment Bags, or plastic bags measuring 28” by 36” or larger in size.

Customer – Any person purchasing goods from a Retail Store or other retail seller.

Operator – Any Person in control of or having responsibility for the operation of a Retail Store, who may include, but is not limited to, the owner of the Retail Store.

Person – Any natural person, firm, corporation, company, partnership, business, organization or group however organized.

Plastic Garment Bag – A flexible container made of very thin plastic material with a single opening that is used to transport clothing from a dry cleaner.

Plastic Produce Bag – Any bag with a single opening without handles and other packaging made of very thin plastic material that is used exclusively to carry produce, meats, fish or other food items to the point of sale in a Retail Store or to prevent such food items from coming into direct contact with other purchased items.

Post-Consumer Recycled Material – Material that would otherwise be destined for solid waste disposal, having completed its intended end use and product life cycle. Such material does not include materials and by-products generated from, and commonly reused within, an original manufacturing and fabrication process.

Recyclable – Material that can be sorted, cleansed, and reconstituted using available recycling collection programs.

Recyclable Paper Bag – a paper bag that has the following characteristics: (1) contains no old growth fiber; (2) is 100% recyclable overall and contains a minimum of 40% post-consumer recycled content; (3) is capable of composting consistent with the timeline and specifications of the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard D6400; (4) is accepted for recycling in curbside programs in the Village of Tuckahoe, Town of Eastchester, and Westchester County; (5) has printed on the bag the name of the manufacturer, the country where the bag was manufactured, and the percentage of postconsumer recycled material used; and (6) displays the word “Recyclable” in a highly visible manner on the outside of the bag.

Retail Sale – The transfer to a customer of goods in exchange for payment occurring in a Retail Store. The term Retail Sale does not include sales of goods at yard sales, tag sales and other sales by residents at their home, and sales by not-for-profit organizations.

Retail Store – Shall include, but not be limited to, retail stores, sidewalk sales venues, farmers’ markets, flea markets, restaurants, and other retail food outlets.

Reusable Bag – A bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is (1) made of cloth or other fabric; and/or (2) durable plastic that is at least 2.25 mils thick; and (3) washable or is made from a material that can be cleaned or disinfected.

§ 15-57. **Restriction on Carryout Bags.**

- A. Any person engaged in Retail Sales shall provide only Reusable Bags and/or Recyclable Paper Bags as Carryout Bags to customers.
- B. Nothing in this section shall preclude persons engaged in Retail Sales from making Reusable Bags or Recyclable Paper Bags available for sale to customers.
- C. Nothing in this section shall prohibit customers from using bags of any type that they bring to the Retail Store themselves or from carrying away goods that are not placed in a bag, in lieu of using bags provided by the store.
- D. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the uses of Plastic Garment Bags or Plastic Produce Bags in the manners specified in this Local Law.

§ 15-58. **Effective date.**

This Local Law shall become effective six (6) months following its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State to allow retail establishments to dispose of their existing inventory of plastic bags and convert to alternative packaging materials.

§ 15-59. **Penalties for offenses.**

- A. The Code Enforcement Officer has primary responsibility for enforcement of this Local Law and is authorized to promulgate regulations and to take any and all other actions reasonable and necessary to enforce this Local Law, including, but not limited to investigating alleged violations, issuing fines and entering the premises of any Retail Store during business hours.
- B. In the event that there is a violation of this Local Law, the Code Enforcement Officer will issue a written notice of the violation to the Operator of the Retail Store in which the violation has occurred and the potential penalties that will apply for future violations. The notice shall be served by personal delivery or by certified mail.
- C. There shall be no penalty for the first violation. Penalties for subsequent violations shall be imposed as follows:
 - 1. For the second violation, a fine not exceeding \$100.
 - 2. For the third violation, a fine not exceeding \$250.
 - 3. For the fourth and any subsequent violations, a fine not exceeding \$500.
- D. Each occurrence of a violation, and each day that such violation continues following receipt of the notice of violation, shall constitute a separate violation and shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Paragraph C of this Section.
- E. All fines collected pursuant to this Local Law shall be used for an environmental purpose as determined in the sole discretion of the Village Board of Trustees.
- F. Any Operator of a Retail Store who receives a notice of violation or fine may request an administrative review of the accuracy of the determination or the propriety of the violation or any fine by filing a written notice of appeal with the Village Clerk no later than 30 days after receipt of the notice or fine. The notice of appeal must include all facts supporting the appeal and any statements and other evidence, including copies of all written documentation and a list of any witnesses that the appellant wishes to be considered in connection with the appeal. The appeal shall be heard by a hearing officer designated by the Village Clerk. The hearing officer will conduct a hearing concerning the appeal within 45 days from the date that the notice of appeal is filed, or on a later date if agreed upon by the appellant and the Village, and will give the appellant 10 days prior written notice of the date of the hearing. The hearing officer may sustain, rescind, or modify the violation or fine by written decision. The hearing officer will have the power to waive any portion of the fine in a manner consistent with the decision. The decision of the hearing officer is final and effective on the date of service of the written decision, is not subject to further administrative review, and constitutes the final administrative decision.

Section 2. Nothing in this Local Law is intended to create any requirement, power or duty that is in conflict with any federal, state, county or town law or regulation.

Section 3. If any section of this Local Law shall be held unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective, in whole or in part, such determination shall not be deemed to affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Local Law.

Section 4. 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 5. This Local Law will take effect six (6) months following filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Section 6. 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 Quigley motioned to open the public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Sarah Goddard from Rye presented the Board with the key points of their retail shopping bag ordinance and with a Retail Shipping Bag Ordinance FAQs sheet.

Vito Catania, Dante Avenue, opposes the plastic bag ban. He presented the board with an article from The Pennsylvania Gazette, "Getting to the Bottom of the Bag."

Clare Gorman and Mary Anne Quigley support the ban.

Pat Mastallone from the Eastchester Environmental Committee supports the ban.

Mayor Ecklund said he received two public comments; Anna Fox supports the ban and Grace Nunez opposes it.

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

Public Hearing #3 -PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

Motion to open Public Hearing.

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Tuckahoe, New York (the "Board") held at Village Hall, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe, New York on April 8, 2013.

WHEREAS, legislation has been requested authorizing the Board to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2013 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law Section 3-c,

Be it enacted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Tuckahoe as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this Local Law to allow the Village of Tuckahoe to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2013 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law Section 3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Tuckahoe, County of Westchester, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing 2013 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Local Law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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

Trustee Quigley motioned to close the public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Trustee Quigley motioned to approve and enact Local Law # 3 of 2013-the Tax Cap override local law; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Trustee Quigley motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2013; motion was seconded by Trustee and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Giordano motioned to reappoint Virginia Crosby as a member of the Library Board for a five year term to expire on April 1, 2018; motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Trustee Hayes motioned to table the appointment of Anne Marie Ciaramella as Planning Board Chairperson for a term of 1 year to expire on April 1, 2014; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

Melba Caliano supports consolidation of services. The Villages of Tuckahoe and Bronxville and the Town's library boards should work together.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Ecklund offered RESOLUTION#1 - approving request by The Womens Ministry of Shiloh Baptist Church for the use of Village sidewalks for a Memorial Walk On Saturday, April 27th. The walk will begin at 8:00am starting at Shiloh Baptist Church to the following streets; Marbledale Rd., Fisher Ave., Columbus Ave., Main St., Yonkers Ave., Garrett Ave., Armour Villa Ave., Main St., Marbledale Rd., back to Shiloh Baptist Church.

Trustee Luisi made a motion to adopt resolution #1; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.

Mayor Ecklund offered RESOLUTION #2 authorizing the Village Board to approve the Westchester Cultural Center request for the closure of that portion of Oak Avenue from Main Street to the Generoso Pope Foundation building and that portion of the street in front of the Generoso Pope Foundation building for the April 20, 2013 Outdoor Classic Auto Display event from 1:30pm-6:00pm. Trustee Quigley made a motion to adopt resolution #2; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote 5-0.

Mayor Ecklund offered RESOLUTION #3 authorizing the Veterans Ceremony and Parade Committee the use of Village Streets Main Street into Depot Square for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2013 from 5:00 pm.

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

Mayor Ecklund offered Mayor Ecklund offered RESOLUTION #4 authorizing the use of the Trolley by the Veterans Ceremony and Parade Committee for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2013 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

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

Mayor Ecklund offered RESOLUTION #5 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Fireworks Performance Contract between the Village of Tuckahoe and Fireworks by Grucci, Inc. for the fireworks event scheduled for Saturday, July 6, 2013, rain date, Sunday, July 7th.

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

Mayor Ecklund offered RESOLUTION #6 approving payment of vouchers in the amount of \$663,956.47, consisting of Abstract #41 for \$273,064.36, Abstract #42 for \$322,397.08, Abstract #43 for \$2,825.53, Abstract #44 for \$64,220.80 and Abstract #45 for \$1,448.70. The three largest invoices paid were: (1) \$153,414.14 to settle a tax certiorari claim, (2) \$123,219.79 for medical insurance premiums for the month of April 2013, and (3) \$49,925.00 for the purchase of a standby emergency generator for the DPW office building.

Mayor Ecklund thanked Amy Paulin for grant money for the generator.

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

Mayor Ecklund offered RESOLUTION #7 authorizing the approval of a tax certiorari settlement for Tavolilla Realty Corp./G&C Tavolilla located at 125 Columbus Avenue, Section 34, Block 5, Lot 1 in the amount of \$45,979.60.

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

Mayor Ecklund offered RESOLUTION #8 authorizing the approval of a tax certiorari settlement for Tavolilla Realty Corp./G&C Tavolilla located at 135-137 Columbus Avenue, Section 38, Block 10, Lot 1A in the amount of \$16,069.99.

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

Mayor Ecklund offered RESOLUTION #9 – authorizing the Village Board to approve the use of the Trolley by the Tuckahoe Seniors on April 9th starting at 10:30am to take the seniors from 4 Union Place to Cottle School to attend a Spring Concert and Luncheon.

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

Mayor Ecklund offered RESOLUTION #10 accepting donation of \$809.00 in plant material from Audubon Society for installation at Fisher Quarry Park.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

DPW- Frank DiMarco read the following Furniture Sharehouse statement:

When families that have struggled with homelessness, domestic violence, eviction or other disasters finally obtain housing, they are faced with another challenge—no furniture and no money to buy them. For these families, getting free furniture means no more sleeping on the floor, a table to share a family meal or even a table for children to do their homework, a dresser to store their belongings—a home to take pride in.

Our goal at DPW is to help these families create their own “comforts of Home”

Furniture Sharehouse, Westchester’s Furniture Bank, is a non-for-profit organization that collects gently-used furniture from the public and distributes it directly to Westchester families in need. Since 2007, they have provided over 31,000 items of free furniture to more than 6,000 individuals to help fill their empty apartments and begin to rebuild their lives. Some of their clients include those moving out of homeless shelters; women and children escaping domestic violence; working families struggling to stay ahead; young adults aging out of foster care; victims of fires or other disasters. Furniture Sharehouse helps over 450 families per year and relies on public donations of furniture to keep enough inventories on hand. Each household receives 12-15 pieces of basic furniture, plus accessories. To date, they have distributed over 30,600 items of furniture worth over \$1,940,000 **free of charge** to clients who could never have afforded to purchase it.

A metal storage container will be stored at the Tuckahoe DPW site on Marbledale Road, when this container is filled and ready for pickup Furniture Sharehouse will empty the container and then bring the furniture to an Airplane hangar at Westchester County airport for storage and viewing.

What benefit will be provided to the Village of Tuckahoe and its residents?

Tuckahoe residents will be pleased to have an easy, local alternative place to bring their unwanted furniture, or during bulk pickup day DPW will separate furniture that might be worthy for this cause. Residents will be happy to know that their furniture is going to help a needy family instead of into the waste stream. Furniture too can be recycled, and this will reinforce Tuckahoe’s commitment to recycling. We will now be taking these items out of the waste stream, the same items that have been thrown away in the past, and makes someone’s garbage ones treasure.

Some of the Items Accepted Are:

Kitchen/Dining Room Tables & Chairs

Dressers

Night Stands

Coffee and Lamp tables

Desks (no over-sized or office desks)

Bookshelves

Lamps

Small electric appliances (in working order)

Mirrors

Clean area rugs (no larger than 8' x 10')

Artwork

TVs (in working order, not older than 10 years, no larger than 27”)

TV Stands

Metal bed frames (no king-sized)

If anyone should have any questions in reference to this furniture sharehouse program please feel free to contact me at my office at 914-231-0214.

Arbor Day – April 26

Tuckahoe is in its 19th year of Tree City USA recognition. Arbor Day this year will be on April 26 and what we normally do every year is meet with the students & teachers of Immaculate Conception and Cottle School together with Mayor, Trustees and Sheila Marcotte and myself to discuss.

- What Arbor Day is all about?
- Ask some trivia Questions:
- Hand out seedling to all the children

This event really becomes an educational forum for all who attend.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The Mayor announced the Special Village Board Meeting - Budget Adoption – Monday, April 29, 2013, the next regular Village Board Meeting, Monday, May 13, 2013 and the Tuckahoe Beautification Street Fair, Sunday, April 28, 2013 – 11AM TO 6PM at Fisher Avenue.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

- ▶ TRUSTEE Giordano announced the upcoming Zoning and Planning meetings.
- ▶ TRUSTEE Quigley gave an update on the Chamber announced upcoming library activities.
- ▶ TRUSTEE Luisi announced upcoming Senior activities.
- ▶ TRUSTEE Hayes announced the upcoming Tree and Environmental meetings. She spoke about the Environmental/Tree Committees and Tuckahoe Library Arbor Day celebrations and Garden workshops.
- ▶ MAYOR Ecklund said we have a geese problem. Please do not feed the geese. It is a problem and is hazardous.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There being no further business, the unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:15PM.

Susan Ciamarra, Village Clerk