

October 24, 2011

Regular Meeting Board of Trustees

Held at the Generoso Pope Foundation in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the building
Called to Order at 8PM

PRESENT:

TRUSTEE	Giordano
TRUSTEE	Quigley
TRUSTEE	Luisi
TRUSTEE	Hayes
MAYOR	Ecklund

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

James Genova, LCSW project Director, for Eastchester Communities That Care and Abigail Orlando, a student at Eastchester High School, spoke about Red Ribbon Week and teen substance abuse.

Mayor Ecklund noted the old Village Hall was located in this building from the early 1900's. It housed all Village offices, police Dept., and library with the exception of the Dept. of Public Works. In 1981, the Village sold this present building to Steve Campus Productions who later sold it to Romano Funeral Home who sold it to the Generoso Pope Foundation. Mayor Ecklund then called on former Mayor Philip White who spoke about the restoration of this building done by the Pope Foundation. He said one of the reasons for moving the Village Hall to the present location was the mandate that a municipal building needed to be made handicapped accessible and because the cost to comply with the mandate was exorbitant, the location was moved.

David Pope thanked the Board for conducting the meeting at the Pope Foundation building and noted that the planned renovations quickly turned into a restoration project.

Trustee Quigley motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2011; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5 – 0.

APPOINTMENTS –

a) Mayor Ecklund called for the appointment of Mickey Brand as a member of the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Angela Carapella to April 1, 2015; Trustee Quigley motioned to appoint motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll was carried by a vote of 5-0.

b) Mayor Ecklund called for the re-appointment of Norman Haynes as EVAC Director for a period to expire on April 1, 2012; Trustee Quigley motioned to appoint motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi and upon roll was carried by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1 to amend and approve a change in the Village fee schedule effective as of September 1, 2011 as follows: Planning Board applications – commercial property applications for 5,000s/f or less \$500.00; commercial property applications greater than 5,000s/f \$1,500.00.

Trustee Quigley motioned to adopt resolution #1; motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTION #2 to approve the Community Fund of Bronxville Eastchester Tuckahoe request to place a Thermometer sign on the fence at the Main Street Park from mid-November 2011 to early March 2012. **Trustee Quigley motioned to adopt resolution #2; motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #3 resolving that, according to Section 15-104, Sub. 3(a) of the New York State Election Law, there shall be nominated two nominees for the office of Trustee, said office to be held for a term of two years, beginning April 1, 2012. Be it further resolved that elections for such office shall be held on the 20th day of March 2012 in the seven election districts within the Village of Tuckahoe.

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

RESOLUTION #4 ratifying Village Board approval to allow the Westchester Italian Cultural Center to hang a banner from October 13th to November 13th announcing the opening of the Italian Builders, Artisans and Trades exhibit. **Trustee Quigley motioned to adopt resolution #4; motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #5 to accept a grant from the Generoso Pope Foundation in the amount of \$60,000 to fund the establishment of a Tuckahoe Police Department Motor Cycle Unit to include the purchasing of two motorcycles. **Trustee Hayes motioned to adopt resolution #5; motion was seconded by Trustee Quigley and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.**

David Pope made mention of a photo given to him, taken many years back, by former Mayor White, showing the Tuckahoe police and their motorcycle unit. He approached Mayor Ecklund about bringing the unit back to which he agreed as long as they were American made. We are getting Harley's; this is what the Foundation does, give back to the village.

Lieut. Peggy Belles presented David Pope with a framed photo of the original Tuckahoe Police Department Motorcycle Unit.

RESOLUTION #6 authorizing the advertisement to request bids for the purchase of two (2) Harley Davidson motorcycles. **Trustee Hayes motioned to adopt resolution #6; motion was seconded by Trustee Quigley and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #7 accepting a donation of \$100 from Chianti Ristorante and a \$200 donation from The Quarry for the Road Race event of September 11th. **Trustee Hayes motioned to adopt resolution #7; motion was seconded by Trustee Quigley and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #8 approving payment of vouchers in the amount of \$412,551.49 consisting of abstract #18 for \$277,719.17, abstract #19 for \$3,015.87, abstract #20 for \$62,670.73 abstract #21 for \$66,282.10

and abstract #22 for \$2,863.62. The three largest invoices paid were: (1) \$108,832.80, for employee health insurance premiums for the month of October 2011, (2) \$25,478.45 for fire hydrant rental for the period June 1 through September 1, 2011 and (3) \$23,800.00 for professional fees to the Village's external auditors for the audit of the fiscal year ended May 31, 2011. **Trustee Quigley motioned to adopt resolution #8; motion was seconded by Trustee Hayes and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #9 approving a tax certiorari settlement in the amount of \$99,199 for the 2004 through 2011 tax years for the Tuckahoe Developers, Inc., Section 33, Block 9, Lots 1A, 10 & 11 also known as 8 Depot Square, 62 Main Street and 64-66 Main Street respectively. **Trustee Quigley motioned to adopt resolution #9; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #10 approving a tax certiorari settlement in the amount of \$26,189 for the 2002 through 2010 tax years for Westview Equities, Inc., Section 32, Block 2, Lot 3 also known as 34-36 Westview Avenue. **Trustee Quigley motioned to adopt resolution #10; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 4-1. Trustee Hayes abstaining.**

RESOLUTION #11 to engage the services of Dolph Engineering for a fee of \$1,995 to conduct test and sample storm-water discharged from the DPW yard into the storm water system. This test is required annually as part of the New York State MS4 application. The sampling and testing is required annually and needs to be performed in accordance to specific standards that would identify if any pollutants are present. **Trustee Hayes motioned to adopt resolution #11; motion was seconded by Trustee Giordano and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #12 to engage the services of Dragon Rescue Management Inc. for a fee of \$1,700 to conduct training for the DPW personnel on safe and proper confined space entry on November 3, 2011. **Trustee Hayes motioned to adopt resolution #12; motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.**

RESOLUTION #13 designating proceeds from the Tuckahoe Challenge Road Race held on September 11, 2011 to the following organizations:

- \$1,000 for Tuckahoe Beautification
- \$1,000 Tuckahoe Seniors
- \$500 ECAP
- \$500 EVAC

Trustee Hayes motioned to adopt resolution #13; motion was seconded by Trustee Luisi and upon roll call was carried by a vote of 5-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Lt. Belles stressed Halloween safety.

Frank DiMarco, Supt. of Public Works, said November is leaf season and metal pick up is suspended. Leaves only to be placed at curbside with no rocks or branches.

Mayor Ecklund announced the next Village Board Meeting – Monday, November 14th and the Community “Take A Ride on the Trolley” Meeting – Wednesday, November 2nd, 7PM starting at Village Hall. Village offices and DPW closed on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day and on

Thursday, November 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Village offices only closed on Friday, November 25th.

Trustee Giordano reported that Tuckahoe was the recipient of the AAA Traffic Safety Award.

Trustee Quigley reported: the Chambers had hosted a candidates night and sponsored Ribbon Cuttings on Oct. 27. The library is looking for volunteers to teach English to non-English speaking people.

Trustee Luisi reported: the Seniors are recruiting members. Flu shots are available at the Community center. Seniors are selling raffles for a parking space in Tuckahoe with drawing to will be held on December 12th. Leaves need to be placed at curbside. Flooding issues are still being addressed with the county and FEMA. New businesses are opening in Tuckahoe including Bistro Latino on Main St.

Trustee Hayes announced upcoming Environmental Committee and Tree Committee meetings. The 20th Anniversary of Beautification is in 2012 and to celebrate this special event, the committee has a raffle in progress. Only 500 raffle tickets are being sold and three cash prizes will be raffled at the Winterfest event on Sunday, December 4th. The next edition of the Village newsletter to be distributed before the end of the year.

Mayor Ecklund invited Karen Aston from the Army Corp of Engineers to give an update on the Yonkers Avenue project. She said steel delivery possibly, depending on weather conditions, by mid-November and optimistically the road will be open in April-May.

Mayor Ecklund said on a request to have THA meetings televised, he will speak to the THA director. He announced Election Day is November 8 urging everyone to vote. He congratulated Arnold & Carmela Mezzoni on their 75th wedding anniversary.

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

Susan Ciamarra, Village Clerk