

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 10, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustee Meeting will take place live at Village Hall

The public will be able to participate in the live meeting and provide comment through Zoom

<https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID and Password to be posted on Village Website prior to meeting

Meeting video and audio will be broadcast live on public access

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Trustee Engelbert

Trustee Taylor

Trustee Kronen

Mayor Andino

PRESENTATIONS

Budget Presentation by Treasurer Ryan Rueda

APPOINTMENTS

Appointing Josh Gaccione as Trustee to fill the unexpired term of Deputy Mayor Howell

Swearing in of Josh Gaccione as trustee.

Josh Bio

Enlisted in the US Army at age 19 (1999)

- Graduated Military Intelligence School
 - Completed Airborne School
 - Completed 29 jumps out of airplanes and helicopters as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division
 - Deployed to Afghanistan in 2002 as part of Operation Enduring Freedom – received a field promotion to Sergeant (22 yrs)
 - Deployed to Iraq in 2003 (23 yrs) for Operation Iraqi Freedom and served as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of intelligence for 3 Battalion 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment
 - Honorably discharged in 2004 (24 yrs)
 - Graduated from Brooklyn College with an MA in English in 2012
 - Currently finishing up PhD program in history (served on the THPC)
 - Currently work at Westchester Community College as the Director of Student Support Services – oversee veteran services and work with students facing resource insecurity.
- Also teaches English and history

- Member of VFW Post 2285 and American Legion Post 979 – active in the veterans 'community across Westchester County serving as the Chairman for the District 37 Veterans Advisory Council formed by Senator Shelley Mayer
- Serves as a catechist at Immaculate Conception Church – teaching CCD to 7th graders
- Member of civic and social organizations:
Knights of Columbus
Eastchester Italian American Club
- 2020 graduate of Leadership Westchester
2020 honoree of the Rising Stars 40 under 40 award presented by the Business Council of Westchester
- Married to Gina Gaccione- two children, Thaddeus, 8, and Carmela, 1

Josh thanked all and especially Senator Shelly Mayer who held the bible.
Appointing Cara Kronen as Deputy Village Mayor

Dr. Cara Kronen Bio

Dr. Cara Kronen is a Professor and the Deputy Chairperson of the Teacher Education department the Borough of Manhattan Community College at the City University of New York.

She holds a PhD in Urban Systems from Rutgers University- Newark.

Dr. Kronen is published in the fields of sociology, urban studies, and urban education.

Her co-edited book, entitled Social Foundations of Education: Essential Texts and New Directions was released in November of 2022.

She is the recipient of over \$650,000 in research and programmatic grants aimed at improving education in New York City.

Dr. Kronen has been a yoga teacher in Tuckahoe since 2007.

Served as liaison to the Beautification Committee, Seniors, TESC, & Special Events (responsible for coordinating many of the events, like the Creepy Candy Crawl that make Tuckahoe such a special place

Dr. Kronen and her husband Quinn are parents to Selene, 16yrs and Zan, 10yrs

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearing to consider a recommendation by the Historic Preservation Commission to designate "The Washington Hotel," located at 101 Main Street as a local landmark

Deputy Mayor Kronen made a motion to close; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor;

Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

Public hearing to consider the tentative budget for fiscal year June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024

Deputy Mayor Kronen made a motion to open, motion was seconded by Trustee Engelbert;

Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

Deputy Mayor Kronen made a motion to close, motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor;

Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the March 6, 2023 meeting

Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor;

Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Authorizing a the designation at “The Washington Hotel,” located at 101 Main Street as a local landmark

Deputy Mayor Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor;

Motion was carried by a vote 4-0; Trustee Gaccione abstained

- 2) Authorizing setting a public hearing to consider a proposed local law to allow for a FYE 2024 budget in excess of the NYS Tax Cap for May 1, 2023

Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kronen;

Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 3) Authorizing the use of the Main Street Tennis Courts by ECAP on Wednesdays from 4pm to 5pm on (4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14)

Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Engelbert;

Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 4) Authorizing the donation of a free Tuckahoe Community Center birthday party rental valued at \$150 to the Tuckahoe PTA

Trustee Gaccione made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor;

Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 5) Authorizing the use of the Main Street Park by the Juneteenth Committee on Saturday, June 17th for the Tuckahoe Juneteenth Celebration

Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kronen;

Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 6) Authorizing the use of Main Street on Monday, May 29th for the Memorial Day Parade

Deputy Mayor Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor;

Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 7) Authorizing the proclaiming of April 28, 2023 as “ARBOR DAY” in the Village of Tuckahoe

Trustee Gaccione made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor;

Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 8) Authorizing amending the License and Fee Schedule to add the fee of \$250 for applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness to the Historic Preservation Commission

Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor;

Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 9) Authorizing Village Administration to take necessary steps to relax zoning provisions to assist local restaurants as it pertains to outdoor dining with a maximum of three parking areas ‘spaces’

per establishment at the cost of \$6/ spot M-S and other provisions provided by the Village Administrator beginning May 1, 2023

Deputy Mayor Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 10) Authorizing a tax certiorari settlement with Scarsdale Avenue Associates & RiverVue Sites, LLC for assessment years 2017 through 2022, with a street address of 10 Bronx Street, Section 36, Block 4, Lot 3 in the amount of \$13,454.39

Deputy Mayor Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Gaccione;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 11) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$774,637.28

Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Engelbert;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

DISCUSSION

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

POLICE- Chief Costanzo said all 25MPH sign are posted. May 13th is the Police Memorial. May 15th are the Police Awards.

He thanked Senator Mayer for a grant.

DPW Frank DiMarco said April 28th is Arbor Day. Tuckahoe is a Tree City. Within two weeks the hanging baskets will be up, please support Beautification. He spoke about paving, lights and sidewalks.

LIBRARY- Swadesh gave an update on upcoming events.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor announced:

Budget Town Hall (via Zoom) – April 12th @ 7pm

Village Board Budget Work Session – April 21st @ 6:30pm

Village Board Budget Adoption Meeting – May 1 @ 7pm

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

► TRUSTEE Engelbert
History Committee

Notable historic events

March 16th Samuel Crawford Monument wreath laying ceremony - special thanks to the VFW Post 2285 and the Tuckahoe police.

March 22nd - Ribbon Cutting ceremony for Old Stone Mill Complex Monument, thank you to Mayor Andino, Dr. Howell, Susan Ciamarra, Frank DeMarco, Nick Zanzano, and Elaine Provenzano for their remarks and support

Ongoing

Preparing the NYS Public Historian annual report

Working on the Westchester Historical Roundtable Revolutionary War 250th project

WWI memorial in Depot Square

Website and binder digitization

Facebook - total reach for March was 3,948 with 2,074 post engagements. 7 posts in March celebrating Women's History, Irish Americans, and the Stone Mill Complex Ribbon Cutting.

The most viewed post was about the first female police officer in Tuckahoe, Charlene Thomas Lambrecht

Old history - still being discovered thanks to Village employee Rocco Fiore who found a Daily Argus newspaper in a Village Hall closet, dated May 25, 1945 showing the ten current events of WWII

The History committee meets on Wednesdays from 930-noon at Village Hall. Contact information on the Village website - historic items can be shared at tuckahoearchive@gmail.com

Community Center

Beginning Wednesday 4/12 we have another set of Library 'ESOL' classes (with new times) Wednesday's (10:45am – 12:15pm)

We also have this month: on Saturday 4/29 - Library AED / CPR course interested parties should register via the library website

Library

A lot of work is going on planning for the renovation of the library. It is really quite tremendous that we have the support of so many elected officials and the Community Fund. The next step is for the Tuckahoe Community to show its support through the Friends program.

A reminder for folks to book their slots for programs on the website, well in advance. Our programs are incredibly popular, so early registration is a must!

Hotspots and mobile printing are available at the library - the first is free and the second includes a nominal charge.

And finally, I'd like to thank Swadesh Pachnanda and the entire library team for submitting the annual report to the NYS Library System. I recognize that it is a lot of work compiling the data, particularly given the volume of programs and services provided by our Village gem - thank you!

► TRUSTEE Taylor – see attached

► DEPUTY MAYOR Kronen said Friday was the ribbon cutting for the EV stations. She acknowledged all the hard work. We currently have 34. For a Village with 2 train stations they will be very important. She thanked Frank DiMarco, DPW, David Burke and John Sullivan. The Seniors are planning a trip to the casino on April 18th. Their luncheon on May 4 will be for Cinco de Mayo.

The Beautification Committee pledge drive is going on now. They rely on donations. David will put up the QR code on the website and public access. You can donate the old fashioned way and mail a check. Juneteenth celebration is June 17th. If you wish to help you may contact me.

Saturday was the Easter Egg Hunt. John Galluzzi thanks all who helped.

Zoning for April 18th is canceled.

Planning is April 12th.

Thank you to the Tuckahoe Police for following school buses for our children's safety.

► TRUSTEE Giaccione said April 26th will be Korean War Vet day.

► MAYOR Andino

For Women's History Month - Open Mic Program held last month at Barnes & Noble sponsored by the poetry club and Eastchester Cultural Celebration and listened to readings from several community members. Thank you for the invitation.

Happy to announce, The Village will be piloting a Village Board Member Orientation for newly elected/appointed trustees (meeting procedures, liaison roles, association training/meetings, etc.)

Reminder of Parking Amnesty Program - ends May 31, 2023

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

K. Hudson wants improvements on the Fisher/Marbledale Park

Dr. Powers has concerns about White Plains Road

Sal Provenzano wants a "No turn on red" sign at Winterhill Road and Route 22

Lovely Billups is proud of Tuckahoe

Chris DiGiorgio asked for donations for the Juneteenth committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM

Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk

2023 ECAP APRIL TRUSTEE REPORT

FRIDAY, APRIL 14th, AT 1:30PM, NUTRITION WORKSHOP PRESENTED BY FEEDING WESTCHESTER.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH, 11:00AM.-2:00PM, SENIOR PANTRY-FOOD DISTRIBUTION

TENNIS LEAGUE, APRIL 19TH -JUNE 14TH, WEDNESDAY'S 4-5PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST, 1:45PM. SENIOR ENROLLMENT COORDINATION HELPING SENIORS IDENTIFY & APPLY FOR QUALIFIED NYS BENEFITS.

FRIDAY APRIL 28TH. SENIOR ARTS PROGRAM, PRESENTED BY ARTS OF WESTCHESTER.

FRIDAY MAY 5TH, SENIOR ARTS PROGRAM, PRESENTED BY ARTS OF WESTCHESTER

ECAP'S SUMMER CAMP 2023 JULY 5TH.-AUGUST 11TH FOR AGES 7-12YRS. OLD, REGISTRATION IS OPEN, FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL 914 337-7768.

APRIL'S 2023 VETERAN'S TRUSTEE REPORT

THE EASTCHESTER/TUCKAHOE VETERANS CEREMONY & PARADE COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO BECOME A CEREMONY SPONSOR, FOR THEIR SPECIAL PROGRAMS TO "HONOR THE 70TH, ANNIVERSARY OF THE "ARMISTICE OF THE KOREAN WAR", DEADLINE FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP IS MAY 10TH. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO VETERANS CEREMONY & SPONSORSHIP AND MAIL TO VFW POST 2285, 433 WHITE PLAINS RD. EASTCHESTER NY, 10709. SPONSORS WILL BE PROMINENTLY RECOGNIZED IN THE COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM.

THE INDOOR MEMORIAL TRIBUTE PROGRAM WILL BE THURSDAY MAY 18TH, 2023, 7PM. DOORS OPEN UP AT 6:30PM, AT THE EASTCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, MONDAY MAY 29TH, 2023, 10:30AM, MUESTER AT EASTCHESTER LIBRARY PARKING LOT, 11:00AM. KICKOFF DOWN WHITE PLAINS RD. ENDING AT THE GENEROSO POPE PLAZA FOR PRESENTATION.
