

February 7, 2022

Board of Trustee Meeting will take place live at Village Hall

Limited space is available and members of the public are encouraged to join via Zoom

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

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Trustee Lang
Trustee Howell
Trustee Taylor
Trustee Kronen
Mayor Andino

APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Swearing in of Constance Kitatake as Court Clerk by Judge Fuller

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Juneteenth Committee on Black History Month – highlighted three residents

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1) Approval of Minutes of the January 10, 2022
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

Donald Crosby spoke about bees and planting trees. Erin Provenzano gave an outline of beekeeping. Scooter Scott does not see the need for Resolution #4.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Setting a public hearing for March 7, 2022 to consider a proposed local law to allow for apiaries (bee hives) within the Village of Tuckahoe
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 2) Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Westchester County for a Positive Youth Development Program grant in the amount of \$2,375
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 3) Authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Stamen Animal Hospital for the care and shelter of dogs pursuant to the provisions of Section 115 of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 4) Authorizing the Village of Tuckahoe to adopt the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 4-1; Trustee Lang opposed.
- 5) Authorizing the surplus of a 1999 Ford Model 3VC Special Service Diesel with ambulance box, VIN: 1FDWE30F5XHB88670
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 6) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$360,885.83
Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

DISCUSSION

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

POLICE- Lieutenant Zirolnik spoke about the IMA and the grant for Dare.

LIBRARY- Swadesh gave an update on Black History activities and Valentine activities.

VILLAGE CLERK- Camille DiSalvo reminded all that renewals for our commuter/merchant lots are due now.
Please contact Deputy Clerk Jackie Ferretti at 914-231-0223 if you have not renewed yet.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR- David Burke congratulated Maureen Stevens and said Netflix will be at the Crestwood Station. He reminded all that it is budget season.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY- Gary Gjertsen congratulated Connie and remarked that the Tuckahoe court is amazing stating that our judges run an incredible court.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor announced;

Next Village Board Meeting – March 7th at 7pm

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

► TRUSTEE Lang congratulated Connie and the Tuckahoe High School Cheerleaders. He thanked Donna Brown for blankets for the needy. Beautification is in need of volunteers and donations. Deepest sympathy for James Britt. Residents of 100 Columbus have issues with heating; Trustee Lang would like these rectified. He read the following History report:

- The History Committee thanks the board for unanimous passage of Historic preservation legislation and the creation of the Historical Preservation Commission, protecting historic sites within our Village. We will continue to provide documentation and support for the landmarking of these historic treasures.
- The Old Stone Mill complex monument is almost completed, awaiting the addition of benches in late spring. Special thanks to Frank DiMarco and Tuckahoe DPW team, Susan Ciamara at Tuckahoe Beautification, and the Burroughs Wellcome Foundation for their expertise and generosity.
- If you missed Lissa Halen's fascinating Virtual tour of the Eastchester Historical map on January 26 at the Tuckahoe Public Library, a video link is on the library website. Maps may be purchased at the Tuckahoe Village Hall or Eastchester Town Hall for \$25.
- Facebook page:
 - 1,833 people reached in January
 - Two most popular posts were about Hodgeman Rubber and Leewood Beverage
- Website: Thanks to Jackie Ferretti for helping update our home page. <https://www.tuckahoe.com/history-committee> Visit the site for details on how to donate photos, artifacts, and contact information.
PLEASE NOTE The History Committee meets on Wednesday's from 9:30-12:00 at the Village Hall.

► TRUSTEE Howell

Zoning and Planning

This month's Zoning Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm February 9 with working meeting an hour prior. Only one agenda item and that is for a variance at 22 Wallace to install pavers and a fence. Next Planning Board Meeting is February 16 and contains three items. One is a site plan to construct a retaining wall at 170 Marbledale Rd, the second is the site plan to renovate the soccer field at 200 White Plains Rd. The final one is the return of the site plan at 225 White Plains Road. This is the large lot which has a large house used by Concordia College as a dorm. There has been a lot of discussion around this so I wanted to address this. First, I want to address the question of historical significance and moratorium on demolition. The process of demonstrating historical significance for a property is one that requires evidence of historical significance. The rigor required has now been documented in our new historical preservation law. For instance, we can show the historical significance of the Ward House because it has been directly referred to in many sources of historical documents, including the writings of Alexander Hamilton. There is no evidence that the other houses in the recent sale of the Concordia College properties other than the Ward House had any documented historical significance. Processes such as the temporary moratorium we put on demolition of buildings was dependent upon establishing historical significance. As far as what can be done with the property the original land came in two parcels. As far as concerns about what can be done with the lot that is dictated by our village law. Right now the developer is within his right according to our law to develop the lot which is composed of two parcels of land with two houses. He has not proposed any more than two. In addition, he is proposing building houses that are 2000 sq feet less what is possible according to our law. In addition, residents should know that traffic will be improved because there will be no entrance and exit on White Plains Road. The entrances will now be on the side streets. Overall, a dilapidated house will be replaced with two new structures which will be fit within the character of the neighborhood. As far as loss of green space. It is not clear that this will actually happen. Also this is a unique case as there is no other lot of this size I can think of in Tuckahoe. Finally if residents are concerned about green space and preserving the look of certain parts of the village this is exactly what is addressed in a Master Plan. In that process the committee can target preservation and change or modify law to assure this happens. The law must be set up to support this in advance.

Eastchester Schools

On Feb 15 the Eastchester School District will vote on a \$68 million dollar bond to improve a myriad of failing infrastructure across school buildings as well as add security features to all schools. There is an option to add an additional 7 million to the construction plan to add air conditioning to schools. The district has put out a nice video to explain the bond which I have posted to my Facebook page as well as opportunities for touring the facilities.

Bees

One thing I wanted to point out in the bee keeping proposed code is we are requiring hives to include a structure to ensure the flight path of bees would be directed up as opposed to straight out. This will keep bees out of the path of humans and pets.

Blood Drive and Stick a Fork in Cancer

Dear Renée,

I am writing to thank the village of Tuckahoe for helping in the success of the 10th annual 4Ever Rallying 4 Regina Blood Drive. We appreciate the collective efforts of our community in the success of this event. Special thanks to Mayor Andino and the Village Board, John Galluzzi and his team at the Tuckahoe Community Center, John Costanzo and the Tuckahoe Police Department, and our wonderful Tuckahoe community.

We collected 75 units of blood in a steady stream of donors throughout the day.

Although the 4Ever Rallying 4 Regina Relay for Life Team missed hosting the event in person again this year, our team's virtual raffle raised well over \$3,000 dollars for the American Cancer Society. We thank our donors and participants.

We hope the community will join us in continued efforts to raise money to support the important work of the American Cancer Society. We are happy to announce that "Stick a Fork in Cancer" sponsored by local restaurants will take place starting on February 14th and run through March 8th.

Community members are welcome to become involved in this spring's Eastchester Relay For Life. Join our team or start your own to take part in the annual community event that is scheduled for May 21st.

Most importantly we thank the many donors who contributed the gift of life, as we are reminded that blood donations are a vital and essential aspect of modern life.

With Tuckahoe's support, we already have planned our next blood drive for Saturday, February 4, 2023. Please mark your calendars.

Sincerely,
Rita Mastroberardino
Tuckahoe

Rita also wanted everyone to know that the Stick a Fork in Cancer event will take place Feb 14 – March 13 where if you eat dinner at restaurants in Eastchester and Tuckahoe they will donate 10% of the proceeds from that night to the Relay for Life program of the American Cancer Society. Participating restaurants are Tuck'd Away, The Prince, Toscana, and Mason Sandwich Company. The schedule is posted on my Facebook page.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Thank you to the board for adopting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. I look forward to bringing this into community discussion and starting to ensure we as a community promise each other a place for respectful discussion with the goal of making Tuckahoe the best possible place it can be for everyone.

► TRUSTEE Taylor- see attached

► TRUSTEE Kronen **TESC**- As you may or may not be aware, Tuckahoe is designated a Tree City. Because of this, we have a commitment to growing and caring for trees within the Village limits. TESC and the DPW are inviting residents who would like a tree to be planted in front of their homes to submit a request via the TESC website. This can be found at <https://tesc-tuckahoe.org/>

Tuckahoe Seniors- Do You Need Home Care? How to Obtain Benefits through the Medicaid Personal Care Program Wednesday, February 9, 2022 10 – 11 p.m. Register for this FREE webinar at seniorlawday.info

Tuckahoe Seniors is open once again. In person programs have resumed. They will be Pizza Lunch on Feb 15th at 12pm, co- hosted by the Senior Citizens Council. On Thursday the 17th at 1pm there will be a

virtual concert with Tuckahoe HS seniors. Former Mayor Greg Luisi will be hosting bingo on Thursday the 24th,

Tuckahoe Schools-Congratulations to the Tuckahoe High School Cheerleaders. Another first place win yesterday at the Scarsdale HS competition! They are on quite the streak.

Kindergarten Registration is happening for **children who will be five (5) years of age by December 1, 2022**. Forms and the required documents needed to register can be found on the Tuckahoe School District's website under "Parent Resources". If you would like a Kindergarten Registration Packet mailed to your home, please contact Karen Barros.

I just wanted to say bravo to the Tuckahoe Habitat for Humanity Club- the students and their advisor are currently working with the Fuller Center for Housing to restore the lower level of a Tuckahoe home belonging to a WWII vet, that was flooded during Hurricane Ida.

It's now time to Show Tuckahoe Some Love! I am very excited to be working with Shannon Mc Donnough and the Friends of the Library for this project. With generous support from the [Tuckahoe Framing Gallery](#) and the help of a few local businesses and the Eastchester/Tuckahoe Chamber of Commerce, will be installing "Valentine Making Stations" around town throughout the month of February.

We know that right now everyone needs a friendly reminder that what they are doing is appreciated. So, why not make a friendly Valentine for your favorite Villagers, police officer, service people, and merchants? Here's how it works: find one of our stations at a local business, make a valentine for anyone in the village you appreciate, take a picture of the valentine or better yet, take a picture of yourself giving the valentine to your special person, and then post it to the friend using the hashtag #tuckahoelove22. Participating business include Remax at Crestwood Station, Broken Bow Brewery on Marbledale and The Dance Gallery a 25 Main. Stations also placed at the community center and the library.

Any other businesses interested in hosting a Valentine making station can reach out to Shannon at the Friends of the Tuckahoe library. You can also find more information about this project at TuckahoeFriends.org

A word about our earlier Juneteenth presentation. I just want to say that I am so happy to see our young people taking the work of protecting our collective history seriously. It is important to preserve what once was, especially stories that might not end up in History books. In the spirit of Black History Month, I would like to take a second to thank three people in the Village who work tirelessly in service to our community- they create and serve on committees, help when needed, work on service projects, work with our children, support our elders. There are so many people who are happy to be of service and we are lucky to have all of our volunteers, but these three women really go above and beyond and are quick to jump at opportunities to serve. So thank you to Cassie Savage, Adrienne Michele and Noreen Yancy for all that you do. I hope that one day, children like this evening's presenters tell your stories at a Village Hall meeting.

► MAYOR Andino is proud of the two young ladies who spoke. She highlighted the Youth community fund report by Elizabeth Denning. They can be reached at TCfbet@gmail.com. We met with Frank DiMarco and beautification regarding fundraising and volunteers. Mayor Andino gave an update on the vaccine clinic on January 22 and thanked Assumption Church, the pharmacist, and the volunteers. We met with Congressman Bowman on January 24 regarding flood mitigation. Thank you to the legislators for their help during Covid. Also thanks to Bob Foster, the veterans and Josh. This weekend Trustee Kronen and I attended the Concordia Conservatory gala honoring Kathleen Suss. She has been

there 25 years. Tuckahoe will be celebrating 120 years; we are looking for ideas. Mayor Andino quoted Teddy Roosevelt, “It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; “and thanked all who helped with vaccines and kits before reading Facebook posts from Councilwoman Marcotte. She wished everyone a happy Black History month and Happy Valentine's Day.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mike Dardano agrees with Scooter Scott even though he is a democrat and likes debate.

Chris DiGiorgio wants a master plan every 10 years.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk

EASTCHESTER COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
FEBUARY 2022 TRUSTEE REPORT

JAN. 17TH WAS MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY, ~~AND DO TO COVID~~, TO HONOR DR. KING, THE CHILDREN FROM THE ECAP BOOKS AND BEYOND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM DID A AWESOME VIDEO PRESENTATION. ECAP AREA DIRECTOR DENISE CHEN AND THE ENTIRE ECAP ADVISORY BOARD WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR DONORS, OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES FOR THE GENEROSITY, *In Lieu of The Annual MLK Breakfast Fundraiser* ON WEDNESDAY'S FROM 10AM-2PM, THERE ARE FOUR NURSES FROM THE MERCY COLLEGE SCHOOL OF NURSING AT ECAP FOR THOSE IN NEED.

THE SENIORS GROUP ON HOW TO COPE WITH COVID ON TUEADAYS, WILL RESUME STARTING TOMORROW.

THEATER CLASSES WITH SARA LAWRENCE COLLEGE ON THURSDAY'S HAVE STARTED FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.

WESTCHESTER ARTS COUNCIL IS DOING A TILE PROJECT WITH BOTH THE AFTER SCHOOL KIDS AND THE SENIORS ON MARCH 10TH.

THE FAMILY SERVICES OF WESTCHESTER IS WORKING WITH THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM CHILDREN.

DO TO AN INCREASE IN THE NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS WHO ARE IN OUR MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY, DIRECTOR CHEN IS IN THE PROCESS OF SECURRING A SECOND FOOD PANTRY DAY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH.

TUCKAHOE'S HISTORY OF PEOPLE OF
COLOR WHO SERVED IN THE VILLAGE

TUCKAHOE VILLAGE TRUSTEES- REV WALTER
YATES, BILL FISCHER, MARGARET COLEMAN AND
JOSEPH YANCY.

TUCKAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT- FIRST AFRICAN
AMERICAN CHIEF-HENRY NORMAN.
FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN POLICE
LIEUTENANT-JOSEPH YANCY.

TUCKAHOE SCHOOL BOARD-ROBERT MORRIS, JIM
MURRAY, REV, FRANK COLEMAN, LORI GERALD.

TUCKAHOE HOUSING AUTHORITY-THE FIRST
AFRICAN AMERICAN THA DIRECTOR-APOSTLE
HARRY A DAWKINS III, THA BOARD MEMBERS-REV
HOUSTON, BERNICE YANCY. *Herbert Carden, Head of maintenance*
COMMUNITY CENTER-PAULINE JONES

EASTCHESTER COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
DIRECTORS-WILLIE JONES, LOVELY BILLUPS, ALMA
LEE TAYLOR, ODEAN MANGUM, DELORES GARRETT,
VIVIAN YANCY, GERALDEEN GUNTHER, CHARLENE
LAMBRECHT. LORI GERALD, DON BROWN. DENISE
CHEN.

TUCKAHOE COMMUNITY CENTER
FEB. 2022 TRUSTEE REPORT

ON SATURDAY FEB. 5TH, IN LOVING MEMORY OF REGINA FAYE TO HELP PATIENTS IN NEED OF BLOOD. THE 4 EVER RALLYING 4 REGINA BLOOD DRIVE WAS HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

CONGRADULATIONS TO RITA MASTROBERARDINO AND COMMUNITY CENTER DIRECTOR JOHN GALUZZI ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE IN HONOR OF REGINA. THEY WERE ABLE TO COLLECT 75 LIFESAVING DONATIONS, THAT'S 225 LIVES THAT THE BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE HELPING IN HOSPITALS AND THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY.

AS MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE, FEBUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND THE TUCKAHOE JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE HAS THREE EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

FRIDAY FEB, 11TH AT 7PM, WILL BE MOVIE NIGHT, A DOCUMENTARY CALLED HIDDEN COLORS WILL BE SHOWN- THE UNTOLD HISTORY OF PEOPLE OF COLOR AROUND THE GLOBE AND THEIR CONTRABUTIONS. FREE ENTRY, DONATIONS SUGGESTED

SATURDAY FEB, 19TH AT 5PM-GENEOLIGY WORKSHOP, WITH PRESENTER JOYCE COLE. FREE ENTRY, DONATIONS SUGGESTED.

SATURDAY FEB, 26TH-MUSIC, A COOKOFF AND REFRESHMENTS. SUGGESTED DONATION \$10.

FOE MORE INFO ON THESE EVENTS THE CONTACT EMAIL IS BRANDNU.JOL@gmail.com.