

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 13, 2020
7:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Trustee Andino
Trustee Lang- absent
Trustee Howell
Trustee Lee
Mayor Luisi

APPOINTMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) Public hearing to consider a proposed local law prohibiting the sale of electronic nicotine delivery products in the Village of Tuckahoe

Mayor Luisi made a motion to withdraw proposed Local Law; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 4-0.

Gary Gjertsen explained that the Village will take no action as NYS bans flavored e cigarettes. Trustee Lee expressed her desire to ban all vape products.

- 2) Public hearing to consider a proposed local law amending Chapter 10 of the Village Code, Garbage, Trash and Refuse; modifications include the elimination of rear-yard sanitation collection and elimination of the fall curb loose leaf pickup

Trustee Andino made a motion to open public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Lee and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 4-0.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1) Approval of Minutes of the June 8, 2020 meetings

Trustee Howell made a motion to approve minutes; motion was seconded by Trustee Lee and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 4-0.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

A number of residents expressed their concerns regarding proposed local law amending Chapter 10 of the Village Code, Garbage, Trash and Refuse.

Mayor Luisi explained the priority is safety and efficiency.

Trustee Howell asked the percentage of homes that had rear yard pick up. Frank DiMarco replied about 95%.

Frank DiMarco emphasized that it is about safety.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Authorizing the submission of an application to the Westchester Urban County Consortium for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for "Playground Upgrades at the Main Street Park" in the amount of \$362,000, 50% of the total project cost or \$181,000 would be contributed by the Village

Trustee Andino made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 4-0.

David Burke wants the residents to be aware that we have rejoined the Urban County Consortium. The Main Street park will have for playground equipment; 3 new sets of equipment one for 2-5 year olds, one for 5-12 year olds and a new swing set up to all safety standards as well as esthetic work around the park and new safety ground. With this program we have to endorse the applications and we are looking for any kind of resident feedback. The application looks for resident feedback and I hope they do give feedback. The board is 100% behind this but I do hope we get feedback.

- 2) Authorizing the submission of an application to the Westchester Urban County Consortium for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for "ADA Ramp and Sidewalk Improvements" in the amount of \$500,000, 50% of the total project cost or \$250,000 would be contributed by the Village

Trustee Howell made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 4-0.

- 3) Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Community Fund of Bronxville-Eastchester-Tuckahoe, Inc. for a grant in the amount of \$8,000 for the operation of the Tuckahoe Trolley
- Trustee Lee made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 4-0.

Mayor Luisi thanked the Community Fund for their generosity.

- 4) Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Community Fund of Bronxville-Eastchester-Tuckahoe, Inc. for a grant in the amount of \$12,300 for the Tuckahoe Police Youth Community Engagement and the DARE program
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 4-0.
- 5) Authorizing the modification of the overtime parking restriction on River Street from a two-hour to a four-hour limit
Trustee Lee made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 4-0.
- 6) Setting a public hearing for September 14, 2020 to consider a proposed local law to allow the adoption of a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2021 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in GML section 3-c
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 4-0.
- 7) Authorizing 21 Columbus LLC to make improvements on Village property as required by their Planning and Zoning Board approvals; such improvements shall also consist of drop curbing work at the proposed crosswalk, new tree replacement, installation and replacement of a street lamp
Trustee Lee made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 4-0.
- 8) Authorizing the cancellation of the August 10th Board of Trustee Meeting
Trustee Lee made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 4-0.
- 9) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$708,863.12
Consisting of Abstract #1 for \$65,599.81
Abstract #2 for \$193,735.40
Abstract #3 for \$30,274.42
Abstract #4 for \$413,617.17
Abstract #5 for \$2,780.53 and T&A for June for \$2,628.79.
The three largest invoices paid were:
\$292,207.00 for PERMA for workers comp
\$139,382.41 for health insurance for June
\$85,468.00 for Chase for debt service
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 4-0.

DISCUSSION

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

POLICE- Chief John Costanzo asked that all residents lock their cars and hide their belongings to prevent break-ins. Thank you to the Community Fund.

DPW- Frank DiMarco gave an update on the Main Street paving.

VILLAGE CLERK- Camille DiSalvo, said the Village Clerk's Office is and has been committed to doing our best to provide the finest service to the public. We have every precaution in place to ensure the safety of Deputy Jackie Ferretti and those visiting our office. Every call, every e-mail and all inquiries are attended to promptly. As per the governor all Village taxes are due July 21st without penalty. Please note that payments received from July 22-July 31st will be subject to a 5% penalty. So please, if you have not paid your taxes, try to get them in by July 21st to avoid a penalty. If you need assistance, feel free to e-mail me at cdisalvo@tuckahoe-ny.com. Thank you.

ADMINISTRATOR- David Burke reminded all that Village Hall is on summer hours. We close at 1pm on Fridays. The trolley is up and running. The Farmers market is open. The Village is at 63.5% response which is much better than other communities. We need to get the numbers up. Tell your neighbors and friend.

All department heads expressed their condolences to the White family.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor Luisi announced the following:

Next Village Board Meeting – September 14th at 7:00pm

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

► TRUSTEE Andino gave an update on library events and readings and programs. As far as our conversation last month regarding racial issues. We can start with a book reading, a book by Robin Diangelo called White Fragility. We will invite Eastchester and Bronxville. We will also have a workshop in August. Trustee Andino emphasized the importance of the census. Happy birthday to Stephanie Palma. Thank you to the Tuckahoe Environmental and Sustainability Committee for the solstice weekend. Thank you Erin Provenzano. Thank you all for your help. Thank you to Bundles of Joy. They will be at the Tuckahoe Community Center on August. 1st. The winner of the Solstice juicer was Nancy Holt. Trustee Andino sent condolences to the White family.

► TRUSTEE Howell on Planning and Zoning; on the agenda we have a medical office site plan for 69 Main Street and they may want to switch parking lots with the village. We have a new person overlooking the building department, Carolina and I wanted to welcome her. We will have a virtual Tuckahoe Challenge. The website went up today. It's a new experience for us all. It would be a safety risk to have that many people in the street. Jackie has put the link on our website. We will offer a premium which is a gaiter. Thank you the Raffiani Family Foundation our platinum donor. Trustee Howell emphasized the importance of the census. Trustee Howell sent condolences to the White family.

► TRUSTEE Lee gave an update on Senior programs. Many have been joining via zoom for activities. Lawrence Hospital will donate 100 face shields to our seniors. June 28th we said goodbye to former Phil White. We mourn with former first lady Alice White.

► MAYOR Luisi announced that he is still available for "Meet the Mayor" via zoom on Wednesdays. Andrus is opening based on Covid19. It is not the decision of the board whether Andrus opens. We are discussing plans on how to facilitate their coming back. We want them back. They are a

terrific tenant. Please maintain social distancing. Please wear face coverings. Our restaurants are welcoming people back in a safe way. We are trying to do it in a safe way. I have had the pleasure of meeting with the History Committee every Wednesday. The legacy that Phil White has left behind is priceless.

The Mayor and Board expressed their condolences to the White family.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Vito Catania thanked the DPW and the Police for all the work.

Mayor Luisi offered a thank you to all participating in tonight's meeting.

Mary O'Donnell thinks the renewal energy program is a great program.

Mayor Luisi said we were about to give them the green light but the virus happened.

Jennie Steinhagen regarding Resolution 1 Playground Upgrades at the Main Street Park, it was suggested that we have community input.

David Burke said if we get approved we will need a lot of input.

Moment of silence for former Mayor Phil White

ADJOURNMENT

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

Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk