

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2020

7:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Trustee Andino

Trustee Lang

Trustee Howell

Trustee Lee

Mayor Luisi

APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Authorizing the appointment Anthony DeNicola as Assistant General Foreman in accordance with his appointment letter dated June 8, 2020

Trustee Howell made a motion to approve appointment; motion was seconded by Trustee Lee and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

Frank DiMarco congratulated Anthony.

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) Considering a proposed local law prohibiting the sale of electronic nicotine delivery products in the Village of Tuckahoe

Mayor Luisi made a motion to keep open public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1) Approval of Minutes of the April 20, April 27 and May 11 meetings
Trustee Lang made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Lee and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mike Dardano expressed his concerns regarding the use of leaf blowers.

Chris DiGiorgio questioned resolution 2 regarding zoning provisions.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Authoring the Tuckahoe Environmental and Sustainability Committee to hold an virtual Tuckahoe Summer Solstice event on July 11th and 12th
Trustee Andino made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Lee and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
Trustee Andino gave an overview of activities planned.
- 2) Authorizing the Village Administrator, in consultation with the Village Board, to take any necessary steps to relax zoning provisions to assist local merchants/ restaurants aide in their expedited recovery due to the pandemic with respect to outdoor seating and other temporary rules through September 30, 2020
Trustee Lang made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
Mayor Luisi thanked the Chamber for their assistance.
- 3) Authorizing the waiver of permit fees for any Application/ Renewal for Sidewalk Café Permit and Building Permit related to expedited business recovery
Trustee Andino made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Lee and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 4) Authorizing the Mayor to execute an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Eastchester, Village of Bronxville and the Tuckahoe and Eastchester Union Free School Districts for Street Resurfacing
Trustee Lee made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 5) Authorizing the Mayor to execute an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Eastchester for sidewalk replacements
Trustee Andino made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
David Burke explained the IMA.
- 6) Authorizing the Mayor to execute an inter-municipal agreement with the County of Westchester for Solid Waste and Recyclables Disposal for Refuse Disposal District #1

Trustee Andino made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Lee and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

- 7) Authorizing the Mayor to execute and inter-municipal agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Metropolitan Regional Radio System (MRRS) Interoperability Agreement

Trustee Andino made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Lee and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

Chief Costanzo said the MTA installed an analogue system and invited the police to share the service.

- 8) Authorizing setting a public hearing to amend Chapter 10 of the Village Code, Garbage, Trash and Refuse

Trustee Lee made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

David Burke explained that rear yard collection would be eliminated and leaf pickup will no longer be vacuumed but will need to be bagged.

- 9) Authorizing the addition of a Lake Ave. Lot Merchant Parking Permit for \$1,100 per year

Trustee Howell made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Lee and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

- 10) Authorizing a Declaration of Official Intent to reimburse debt obligations in the amount not to exceed \$24,750 from proceeds of indebtedness for the purchase of a traffic signal post for the Columbus/ Fisher intersection

Trustee Howell made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

- 11) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$215,874.36

Consisting of Abstract #38 for \$114,516.27

Abstract #39 for \$92,505.54

Abstract #40 for \$2,036.08

T&A for May for \$6,816.47

The three largest invoices paid were: (1) \$33,500 for Canzone Contracting for repairs, (2) \$10,000 for Travelers for Liability insurance and (3) \$14,098 for Canzone for repairs.

Trustee Andino made a motion to approve resolution; motion was seconded by Trustee Lang and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

DISCUSSION

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

POLICE- Chief Costanzo reassured us that the police are going through difficult times. We condemn this disregard for human life. We have much work to do to regain trust. The Tuckahoe Police continue to train. We are committed to transparency. We have to treat all people with dignity and respect. We wear body cams. We have a police test coming up. We work very hard recruiting for this exam. As a community for all that have been supportive especially Rev Gerald for inviting me to speak

and for uniting our community. We join in making our police department better, our community better and our country better.

DPW- The DPW supports the police.

CLERK- Camille DiSalvo reminded all that Village tax bills have been mailed. If you have not received your bill please contact the office.

ATTORNEY- Gary Gjertsen thanked the police chief.

ADMINISTRATOR- David Burke said Village Hall is open. Wear a mask and please try to do transactions on line or by e-mail. Taxes are due 7/21. Tomorrow is the beginning of Phase 2.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor Luisi announced:

Next Village Board Meeting – July 13 at 7:00pm

We do not know if it will be a zoom meeting yet.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

► TRUSTEE Andino spoke about the events of the past two weeks being divided and untied in our country. The officer murdered George Floyd with no fear and no shame. Floyd is not the first wrong happening right now. I worked for an organization with most African American men who have shared their stories. Trustee Andino presented a video they put together. She also noted that a student in Tuckahoe sent a letter regarding a teacher and racism. There are wrongs happening right now in Tuckahoe. Trustee Andino spoke to the Superintendent and she was whole heartily open. We had Covid testing at Shiloh and the man there was refused a ride by a local taxi cab company. Trustee Lang said he should have called the police ASAP. The owner of the cab company accepted ownership and said he would fire his employee and go to the church to apologize. THIS IS WHERE THE LOOTING AND VIOLENCE COMES IN. Rioting is the language of the unheard. I love living here but there are dark spots that we have to shine the light on.

► TRUSTEE Lang thanked the Shiloh Baptist Church and Dec. Murray for having that uncomfortable conversation. I also want to thank the Chief of Police. We are fortunate for a respectful police department. He thanked Eastchester for their donation for upgrading the lighting at VFW. I am here and I'd love to talk to anyone with anything on their minds. I am saddened by the goings on.

► TRUSTEE Howell thanked Trustee Andino for setting up Covid testing. Trustee Howell thanked Cara Kronen and Sara Woods. One of the testing that was used was from my company and I could not be proud. Trustee Howell requests a memorial for Covid19 victims in Depot Square. Planning has Daycare on agenda and Zoning an area variance on Dante. Thanks to Shiloh and Tuckahoe Police for the memorial. He is no biological evidence for race. Mankind came from Africa. Trustee Howell asked the library allow her to do a talk about race.

► TRUSTEE Lee thanked Rev. Gerald for a beautiful and touching evening. We need to make changes and we are the right people to do it. The eighth graders had a beautiful outdoor graduation. Tuckahoe Seniors have been meeting via zoom. Tomorrow is the school vote. Trustee Lee gave information regarding the school vote.

► MAYOR Luisi read the following:

The death of George Floyd at the hands of four Minneapolis police officers is an affront to all decent human beings. The widespread moral outrage caused by the killing of George Floyd reverberates across this country and now around the world. I, as well as the entire Village Board join together with the Tuckahoe Police Department in condemning what occurred in Minneapolis on May 25th. What happened on that day is not indicative of the overwhelming majority of law enforcement officers across America who are dedicated to serving and protecting the public. The members of the Tuckahoe Police Department exemplify these traits. When an officer who does not abide by their sworn oath and acts outside of proper procedures, there should be no hesitation in serving the appropriate discipline. Let the death of George Floyd serve as the final pivot for all of us to finally and truly work together in unity to end institutional racism in this country. The violence and lawlessness that has occurred is unacceptable and will not foster this goal. By all means peaceful and orderly gatherings are one way for the way for the message to be heard. I want to acknowledge the pain, frustration and anger we are all experiencing. I wish that everyone was judged by who they are and not by the color of their skin. This country's history of racial injustice and social inequality is part of our past, but please, it cannot be our future. I encourage everyone, especially our young people to take the opportunity to vote in every national, state and local election. Continue to have constructive dialogue with civic and religious leaders. There is no easy or rapid solution to the problem, which is all the more reason for all of us to devote our energy and resources toward making a difference. I'd like to close with the words of Nelson Mandela who so eloquently and wisely said,

No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to [love](#), for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

On a different note Mayor Luisi congratulated the graduates. Happy 100th birthday Irene D'Annuncci.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Lovely Billups, longtime resident and lover of Tuckahoe, said her heart is heavy. As a resident and taxpayer, I would like to have the Tuckahoe and School meeting at different times. Trustee Lee said the School Board meeting will change to Tuesday nights. My grandson, Max Pearce experienced in Alabama racist behavior. A couple of weeks ago a motorist, while Ms. Billups was stopped in a spot a motorist told her to move her Obama car. She is sick and tired of political antics

Rev. Gerald thanked all the board member for coming out and supporting the vigil. We are seeking justice for all persons killed or abused by police officers. Welcomes continued support. There is a great book "Learn how to become Antiracist."

Mike Dardano called the service a Crayola. I am an advocate for small business. Shop local.

Trustee Lang says when a plane goes down that the report that number of souls lost. We should call each one of us souls.

Mayor Luisi said that it's hard to imagine that the police officer held him down 8 minutes and 46 seconds. It made me sick.

Carolina Fonseca said that we can write a better future for everyone. We can make a change.

The students in Bronxville asked Trustee Andino to speak at the rally regarding change. Trustee Andino made her hopeful. White people are the ones that have to change this and take ownership.

Chris DiGiorgio thanked the Shiloh for the Covid testing. How many people in Tuckahoe are out of work? Could the library check in with people unemployed. The kneeling with the flag is not

offensive. The police have a difficult job. He questioned police training. Chief Costanzo explained the extent of their training for diversity.

Sean McDevitt says we can do better and wants to know what the police is committed to doing.

Chief Costanzo we have to put programs in place that do not exist. It a difficult challenge to diversify the police department because civil service has stringent guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk