

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 9, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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

6:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Village Personnel

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Trustee Engelbert

Deputy Mayor Howell

Trustee Taylor

Trustee Kronen

Mayor Andino

APPOINTMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Hudson Axelbaum's Tuckahoe Kids' Table Proposal
- 2) Annual MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems) Report from Superintendent of Public Works by Frank DiMarco

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1) Approval of Minutes of the April 4, 2022 meeting
- 2) Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2022 meeting

Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve both; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 5-0

#### FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

#### RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Authorizing the use of the Tuckahoe Main Street Park tennis court by ECAP on Saturdays from May 21<sup>st</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 11:30am  
Trustee Kronen made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 2) Authorizing the use of the Tuckahoe Main Street Park by the Tuckahoe Juneteenth Committee on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 6pm for the annual Tuckahoe Juneteenth Event  
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
- 3) Authorizing the annual Gifford Street block party on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 12am  
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 4) Authorizing a facility use agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services for use of the Tuckahoe Community Center for a five week summer program  
Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 5) Authorizing the rescheduling of the June 2022 Board of Trustee meeting to June 13<sup>th</sup> at 8pm  
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Kronen and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 6) Authorizing setting of a public hearing for June 13, 2022 to consider a proposed local law regarding Affordable Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing within the Village of Tuckahoe  
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 7) Authorizing the adoption of a Home Rule Request asking the State to adopt Assembly Bill #9089 and Senate Bill #8042 re-authorizing the Village of Tuckahoe to impose an Hotel Occupancy Tax until September 1, 2025  
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
- 8) Authorizing the sale of the surplus 1999 Ford Model 3VC Special Service Diesel with ambulance box, VIN: 1FDWE30F5XHB88670 to the high bidder James Turman of Benton, PA in the amount of \$8,300

- 9) Authorizing the sale of the surplus 2014 Ford Focus 4dr Sedan, VIN: 1FADP3E28EL177206 to the high bidder James Lawrence of Esperance, NY in the amount of \$4,550  
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve resolutions 8 and 9; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 10) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$469,787.07  
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 11) Authorizing the receipt and collection from the several owners of property as shown on Section, Block, Lot in the Assessment Roll filed in the office of the Village Clerk, the several sums named in the columns headed "Village Tax" opposite the respective lot numbers for the following purposes:

LEGISLATIVE	\$ 22,800	CENTRAL OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 32,000
JUDICIAL	\$ 186,086	CONTINGENCY	\$ 135,000
EXECUTIVE	\$ 7,282	POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 3,704,065
ADMINISTRATOR	\$ 177,100	ON STREET PARKING	\$ 162,155
AUDITOR	\$ 36,250	OFF STREET PARKING	\$ 55,375
TREASURER	\$ 119,600	BUILDING INSPECTION	\$ 170,254
ASSESSOR	\$ 6,245	CIVIL DEFENSE/AUXILIARY POLICE	\$ 500
FISCAL AGENT FEES	\$ 2,500	STREET MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,285,505
VILLAGE CLERK	\$ 143,900	SNOW REMOVAL	\$ 100,000
VILLAGE ATTORNEY	\$ 75,380	STREET LIGHTS	\$ 7,000
RECORDS MANAGEMENT	\$ 1,500	MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	\$ 79,348
ENGINEERING	\$ 130,000	RECREATION	\$ 82,390
BUILDINGS - VILLAGE HALL	\$ 151,500	ZONING BOARD	\$ 3,600
BUILDINGS - COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 69,200	PLANNING BOARD	\$ 3,600
BUILDINGS - DPW	\$ 36,000	ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT	\$ -
CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 32,900	SANITARY SEWER	\$ 120,282
UNALLOCATED INSURANCE	\$ 251,451	REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$ 617,224
MUNICIPAL ASSOC. DUES	\$ 9,000	WATER SERVICE/PIPE RENT	\$ 6,000
JUDGMENTS AND CLAIMS	\$ -	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 3,824,799
LEGAL FEES	\$ 47,000	DEBT SERVICE	\$ 946,530
TAXES ON VILLAGE PROPERTY	\$ 104,715	TRANSFER TO LIBRARY FUND	\$ 566,647
TAX CERTIORARI	\$ 70,000	TRANSFER TO TRUST & AGENCY FUND	
MTA COMMUTER PAYROLL TAX	\$ 23,000	TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND	\$ 402,000
CENTRAL DATA PROCESSING	\$ 60,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 14,067,683
OTHER TAX ITEMS	\$ 215,266	FINES & FORFEITURES	\$ 515,000
NON PROPERTY TAXES - UTILITIES	\$ 260,000	MINOR SALES & COMP. FOR LOSS	\$ 117,000
LOCAL SALES TAX	\$ 1,635,000	MISCELLANEOUS LOCAL SOURCES	\$ 40,850
DEPARTMENTAL INCOME	\$ 1,269,464	STATE AID	\$ 311,139
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES	\$ 27,183	FEDERAL AID	\$ 335,845
USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	\$ 269,920	TOTAL TAXES TO LEVY	\$ 8,618,291
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$ 452,725	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 14,067,683

Upon delivery of the roll and warrant too you, you shall publish in the official newspaper of the Village and post in five public places in the Village, a notice that such Tax Roll and Warrant have been left with you for the collection of Taxes levied, and shall designate the place where you will receive taxes from June 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays; said notice shall also be published one week after the first publication.

You shall proceed to collect such taxes therein levied in the manner provided in Article V of the Village Law and also in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Trustees adopted on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022, to collect such taxes in two equal semi-annual installments in conformity with the provisions of Section 117-A of the Village Law.

For said period, you will receive all taxes paid to you without additional charge.

In accordance with Section 1432 and 924-a of the Real Property Tax Law, on all taxes remaining unpaid after July 1<sup>st</sup>, five percent shall be added for the first month and at least an additional one percent for each month or fraction thereof, thereafter, until paid on the first half.

In accordance with Section 1432 and 924-a of the Real Property Tax Law, on all taxes remaining unpaid after January 1<sup>st</sup>, five percent shall be added for the first month and at least an additional one percent for each month or fraction thereof, thereafter, until paid on the second half.

You shall attend at the time and place specified in said Notice for the purpose of receiving said taxes.

After the first of July, you shall proceed to collect the taxes remaining unpaid, with interest as herein provided, but without any other charge or fee.

All interest collected shall belong to the Village.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tuckahoe has caused these presents to be signed by the Mayor and the Clerk of said Village and the seal of the Village of Tuckahoe in hereunto affixed this 9th day of May 2022

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

## DISCUSSION

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

CLERK- Camille DiSalvo said that now that the budget has been adopted, the tax office is preparing the tax roll and bills.

POLICE- Chief Costanzo said that the TPD participated in the Torch Run. May 14<sup>th</sup> is the Police Memorial at 9:00am at Village Hall. The ICS Carnival is June 2-5. June 5<sup>th</sup> is reaccreditation. The Chief explained the police hiring process.

ADMINISTRATOR- David Burke spoke about the traffic signal replacement.

LIBRARY- Elaine Provenzano gave an update on Library activities and events and spoke about bathroom renovations.

### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor Andino made note that the June meeting was changed and announced  
Village Board Meeting – June 13th at 8pm (Please note modified date and time)

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

► TRUSTEE Engelbert  
Community Center

- ❑ The men's and ladies restrooms are currently under renovation with a projected completion date for the beginning of the summer. This renovation was funded by a grant which is a positive for the fiscal management of the Village.
- ❑ The Community Center team has a great summer camp program scheduled
  - o Weiner Academy Summer Program for Women
  - o TASC
- ❑ Open gym on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1:30 - 4:00pm
- ❑ A growing calendar of activities - our Community Center is truly a "community center" - please check the "community center calendar" tab on Tuckahoe.com for more information

## Library

- ❑ A ransomware attack occurred on the Westchester Public Library system level bringing down the check-out system - Evergreen - the internal network, patron computers, and remote access.
  - o The system is now back up but patron computers remain down.
  - o No PII was exposed but it is a reminder that we must all be vigilant with our cybersecurity practices particularly with phishing scams.
  - o The Library is exploring the acquisition of Chromebooks both to address the patron computers being down - this will take some time - and for long term usage. These computers are more secure.
- ❑ Friends of the Tuckahoe Public Library has sponsored the re-introduction of museum passes which will be available next month.
  - o American Museum of Natural History
  - o Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum
  - o Museum of Modern Art
  - o Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum
  - o Hudson River Museum
  - o Children's Museum of Manhattan
  - o Westchester Children's Museum

- o Storm King Art Center (New this year!)

- ☐ I wanted to give a special shout out to the homework help being offered with Mr. Rodenas on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays from 330-430! This is a program sponsored by the Tuckahoe schools to benefit students who live near the library.
- ☐ A huge shout out to the great work of our library staff - they are truly an amazing team and serve our community well. This past weekend I was at a Dogwood festival in Fairfield and a ukulele band played, I'm expecting that after our ukulele instruction program they'll have nothing on Tuckahoe!

#### Tuckahoe Public Schools

- ☐ There will be a budget vote at the Community Center on May 17th
  - o If you are zoned for Tuckahoe Schools please get out and vote! There is more information about the proposed budget and voting on the Tuckahoe schools website under the "Our District" tab.
- ☐ Congratulations to Tuckahoe High School for being ranked in the top 5% nationally on the US News & World Report high school rankings. 93rd in the State and 883rd nation - go TIGERS
- ☐ Congratulations to Jared Boyer and Brandon Ly - valedictorian and salutatorian respectively. Pre-med and pre-dental. Not just great students but great people as well with both having committed serious service time to Habitat for Humanity among other volunteer efforts.

#### ► DEPUTY MAYOR Howell

##### Zoning and Planning

This month's Zoning Board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm May 11<sup>th</sup> with working meeting a half hour prior. All items are adjourned except an area variance at 235 Alpine for an addition.

Next Planning Board Meeting will be Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7:30 pm. All items have been adjourned except 10 Columbus Ave which is a site plan for new business.

The May meeting of the Historical Preservation Commission which has its first application before it, the Ward House, will be adjourned this month and will be resumed next month.

##### Eastchester Schools

2022-2023 Budget Vote and Trustee Election will take place Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at Eastchester Middle School. You can register 8am to 4 pm at District Office at 580 White Plains Rd in Eastchester. On the final registration date, May 12<sup>th</sup>, the office will be open till 6 pm. Absentee ballot applications are available at the district office and must be submitted by tomorrow. Absentee ballots must be received by the district clerk by 5 pm on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Eastchester PTA Council and League of Women Voters are holding a remote Meet The Candidates forum via ZOOM on May 11<sup>th</sup>. You can register at the Eastchester School Board website and I will post the link on my Trustee Facebook page.

The BOE will have some critical tasks to execute on next year. The current superintendent who has announced he is leaving so the new board will be selecting the new superintendent. In addition, a 75 million dollar bond was approved this year and this board will need to provide guidance on that. Finally,

the new board will be responsible for implementing an effective Diversity Equity and Inclusion Plan, as mandated by the State of NY.

#### Community

Thanks to John Galluzzi for a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> we hosted another COVID19 vaccine clinic where we were able to vaccinate 51 individuals. We could not have done this without volunteers Peggy Gaudet, Nick Naber, Board members Nicole Englebert, Darryl Taylor, Cara Kronen and of course our Mayor.

One person who was greatly missed was Cassie Savage. Cassie passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in April. I feel lucky to have gotten to know her. She was a long time resident of Tuckahoe, her family has been here for a long time and she was well known and loved by so many. She was always someone we could count on to help out with volunteering for many community events. I would often stop by her house on a walk or run and was always welcomed in for great conversation, a hug, and laughs as she had a wicked sense of humor. She was one of the many fairy godmothers my daughter has found in Tuckahoe. My condolences to her family. I will greatly miss her.

► TRUSTEE Taylor see attached

► TRUSTEE Kronen

#### Tuckahoe Seniors

I attended the Senior Citizen's Council Senior Advisory Board meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>, which was their first meeting since 2019. I would like to give a special acknowledgement to Jennifer Vetromile and the Board of the Tuckahoe Seniors. Some residents may not know that the Tuckahoe Seniors is one of the oldest, if not the oldest Senior organizations in Westchester. During the pandemic the Tuckahoe Seniors was one of the few senior centers continuing to operate. At the start of the pandemic, they quickly regrouped to set up a zoom program of activities every Tuesday and Thursday for more than 16 months. Together, Tuckahoe and Bronxville Seniors offered ZOOM programs which included exercise tai chi and motion to music, as well as bingo, Bridge, art classes, musical programs and presentations and talks, as well as regular covid updates from the county. The TSC partnered with the Villag and other local groups to make meal deliveries and mask deliveries. Volunteers delivered groceries, set up phone chains to make sure all the members were regularly contacted by phone as many do not use email. Most importantly they assisted members with vaccine appts and worked with now Mayor Andino to offer vaccinations at the Tuckahoe Community Center

This month there is a Memorial Day Annual Hot Dog Lunch, \$8 pp. on May 26<sup>th</sup> at noon. Sign-up by May 19. Monthly Member Meeting takes place May 12 at 12:00 pm. Please note earlier time. Bingo will follow at 1 pm. The Center is hosting a "Meet the Mayor" and the Tuckahoe Village Team on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

Westchester County Salute to Seniors in Southern Westchester is a Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> at Glen Island Park 10-12:30pm featuring exhibitors, programs, services, screenings, etc.

We mourn the loss of Cassie Savage, Gilda DeMeo, Rosa Hook and Rocco Costanzo and extend condolences to their families.

#### Tuckahoe Environmental and Sustainability Committee

Bronx River Cleanup was postponed because of the weather on Saturday. The cleanup will now be this coming Saturday (the 14<sup>th</sup>) 10am-2pm at Parkway Oval. This is a great way for kids to get their community service hours, but more importantly and important way to help your community The forecast for this weekend looks beautiful and we would like a robust turnout- the river needs a little love.



The TESC Tree Planting program has been successful. 5 residents have requested and gotten trees planted in front of their homes. The program is still open, and you can request a tree on the TESC website. There are some limits and space requirements, but the form will get the process started for anyone interested.

#### Beautification Committee

Welcomed two new members, Meghan Kennedy and Zia Harmon. You will notice a new Facebook and Instagram account for the committee. Please like, share, and follow. Each account also has a link to the online donation page, where you can all go to now and donate.

#### Juneteenth Committee

Tuckahoe's Juneteenth Celebration will be Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. This year will also include some educational programming the week prior. Stay tuned for more details. The committee is still recruiting volunteers. Interested parties should reach out to Adrienne Michel or myself for information.

#### ► MAYOR Andino

- Condolences to all the families who've lost loved ones in the last month. Of note, Condolences to Chief John Costanzo on the passing of his father. Services were solemn yet joyful. He lived a long beautiful life. Also, the untimely passing of Cassie Savage, life long resident, has had such an impact on many in the community. Cassie served her community and I had the pleasure to call her friend.
- U.S. News and World Report, Best High Schools, ranked Tuckahoe High School in the top 5% in the US and top 100 high schools In NY. Congratulations to the administrators, teachers, staff and students!
- Birthdays - congratulations to Pauline Babakian, 100 years old and to Lovely Billups, 90 years old today.
- The Master Plan Committee submissions to serve are being finalized. All who will not serve on the committee will have other opportunities to serve in the process. Thank you to all who submitted their names.
- Easter egg hunt - thank you to John Galluzzi, DPW and the Easter Bunny, Deputy Mayor Howell
- Happy Mothers Day - hope all moms had a wonderful day and that those who did not have their moms by their side would remember the memories with mom.
- Congratulations to Tony & Jade on getting married. The first wedding I officiated in Village Hall and it was a beautiful one. It was an honor and joy to officiate.

#### SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Ken Folia from Bronx Street voiced his complaints regarding his neighborhood and the park.

Josh Gaccione spoke about Memorial Day Parade on May 29<sup>th</sup> and ceremony at Bronxville High School commemorating the anniversary of the Doolittle Raid to be held at the

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM

VETERANS CEREMONY COMMITTEE OF  
EASTCHESTER & TUCKAHOE  
FLAG PLACEMENT MAY 21<sup>st</sup>. ON THE VETERANS GRAVES  
AT HOLY MOUNT CEMETARY AND AT ALL OF THE  
MONUMENTS IN TUCKAHOE AND EASTCHESTER.

SUNDAY MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> ,THE VOLUNTEERS FIRESMEN'S  
BENEVOLENT ASSOC. OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER  
FOLLOWING THE 8:00 am E.F.D. MASS AT IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION, WILL HAVE A MEMORIAL CEREMONY AT  
THE E.F.D. MONUMENT AT JOHN ALBANESE PLAZA AND  
WHITE PLAINS RD.

ALSO ON MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>, IN A PRIVATE CEREMONY, HONORING  
FIDEL PLASTINI FOR HIS SERVICE, HE WILL BE  
PRESENTED WITH A SHADOW BOX, RECOGNIZING HIS  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR HIS SERVICE.

SUNDAY MAY 29<sup>th</sup>, THE EASTCHESTER-TUCKAHOE  
MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY, COMMEMORATING THE 80<sup>th</sup>,  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE "DOOLITTLE RAID". HELD AT THE  
BRONXVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. DOORS OPEN  
AT 6:15pm, THE PROGRAM STARTS AT 7:00pm. THE THEME  
IS "THERE IS NOTHING STRONGER THAN THE HEART OF A  
VOLUNTEER". PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT THIS  
GREAT EVENT.

ON MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30<sup>th</sup>, FOLLOWING THE VILLAGE  
OF BRONXVILLE'S 100th MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, THE  
VETERANS WILL PLACE REEFS AT ALL OF THE  
MONUMENTS IN TUCKAHOE AND EASTCHESTER.

EASTCHESTER COMMUNITY ACTION  
PARTNERSHIP MAY EVENTS

CLAY TILE PROJECT- MAY 18<sup>th</sup>, IN CALLOBORATION WITH  
ARTS CONCIL OF WESTCHESTER, PARTICIPANTS<sup>ARE</sup> NEEDED  
TO CREATE A HEALING MURAL FOR WESTCHESTER  
COUNTY. TO RSVP, CALL 914 337-7768.

ECAP FOOD PANTRY- WEDS. MAY 18<sup>th</sup>.

SPRING TENNIS-THE ECAP AND B-TENNIS WILL HAVE  
TENNIS IN THE PARK FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL KIDS WITH  
COACH BRIAN STARTING MAY 21<sup>st</sup>-JUNE 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 To 11:30

SUMMER CAMP- JULY 6-AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup>, AGES 7-12YRS. OLD

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT- AGES 14-24, THIS  
PROGRAM HAS JOBS AVAILABLE, SO PLEASE CONTACT  
ECAP TO SIGN UP FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT.

*ECAP After School Program Also Has Todays To  
Help The Kids With Their Homework, 2 Teachers  
From The Cottle School.*