

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 7, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Due to public health and safety concerns from COVID-19 this meeting will be closed to members of the public

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If any interested members of the public would like to provide comments prior to the meeting, comments can be emailed to dburke@tuckahoe-ny.com and will be distributed to the entire Board

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Swearing in Omayra Andino for a 2 year term of office by Mayor Greg Luisi

Swearing in Daniel Lang for a 2 year term of office by Mayor Greg Luisi

Swearing in of Michael O'Toole as Associate Village Justice for a 1 year term of office by Mayor Greg Luisi

ROLL CALL

Trustee Andino

Trustee Lang

Trustee Howell

Trustee Lee

Mayor Luisi

Comments from the public

Tom Abinanti and Ken Jenkins and residents congratulated the candidates and board.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayoral appointment of Michael O'Toole as Associate Village Justice (1 year)

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

Mayoral appointment of Daniel Lang as Deputy Village Mayor
(1 year)

Mayoral appointment of Donald Wauchope to the Tuckahoe Housing Authority
(5 years)

Village Administrator David Burke (1 year)
Trustee Andino made a motion to approve appointment; motion was seconded by Trustee Lang
and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

Receiver of Taxes Camille DiSalvo (1 year)
Trustee Andino made a motion to approve appointment; motion was seconded by Trustee
Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

Deputy Clerk Jackie Ferretti (1 year)
Trustee Andino made a motion to approve appointment; motion was seconded by Trustee
Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

Assessor Todd Huttunen (1 year)
Trustee Lee made a motion to approve appointment; motion was seconded by Trustee Lang and
upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

Village Attorney Gary Gjertsen (1 year)
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve appointment; motion was seconded by Trustee
Andino and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

Village Historian Alice White (1 year)
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve appointment; motion was seconded by Trustee
Andino and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

Designation of Registrar of Vital Statistics
 Linda Laird (1 year)
Trustee Andino made a motion to approve appointment; motion was seconded by Trustee
Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

Planning Board - Chairperson
 Antonio Leo (1 year)
Trustee Andino made a motion to approve appointment; motion was seconded by Trustee Lang
and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

Planning Board Raymond Nerenberg (5 years)
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.

Planning Board (ad-hoc) Sue Carpenter (1 year)
Trustee Lang made a motion to approve appointment; motion was seconded by Trustee Lee and
upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

Zoning Board of Appeals - Chairperson

Tom Ringwald (1 year)

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

Zoning Board of Appeals John Palladino (5 years)

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

Zoning Board of Appeals (ad-hoc)

Anthony Fiore (1 year)

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

Sign & Awning Review Board

Barbara Nieminen (3 years)

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

Sign & Awning Review Board – Chairperson

Laura Raffiani (1 year)

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

Mayor Luisi thanked all the appointees for their service.

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) Continuation of a 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 (public hearing will be continued)
Mayor Luisi made a motion to keep open public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 5 -0.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the September 14, 2020 meetings Trustee Andino made a motion to approve minutes; motion was seconded by Trustee Lee and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Readopting the present procurement policy on file with the Village Clerk
Trustee Andino made a motion to approve motion; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 2) Adopting the 2020 standard mileage reimbursement rates by the IRS
Trustee Andino made a motion to approve motion; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

Trustee Andino asked the rate in which David Burke responded .57.5 per mile.

- 3) Adopting the designation of the following banks for the Village of Tuckahoe:

Sterling National Bank
JP Morgan Chase
Wells Fargo Bank
Webster Bank

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

- 4) Adopting The Eastchester Review as the official paper of the Village
Trustee Andino made a motion to approve motion; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 5) Authorizing the Tuckahoe Village Court to submit an application for a Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) grant in the 2020-21 grant cycle for improvements to the court room and facilities
Trustee Andino made a motion to approve motion; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
David Burke gave an overview of the grant.
- 6) Authorizing the Mayor and Administrator to execute various grantee certification documents to execute a State and Municipal Facilities Program grant for Renovations of Bathrooms at the Library in the amount of \$65,000
Trustee Howell made a motion to approve motion; motion was seconded by Trustee Andino and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 7) Authorizing the Mayor and Administrator to execute various grantee certification documents to execute a State and Municipal Facilities Program grant for Renovations of Bathrooms at The Community Center in the amount of \$125,000
Trustee Andino made a motion to approve motion; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.
- 8) Authorizing the Tuckahoe Beautification Association to improve village aesthetics by creating a planter and bench area in front of Village Hall, and performing other wall repair work to accomplish said goal; contractor and work to be approved by the Village Administrator

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

9) Authorizing the acceptance of a donation in the approximate value of \$15,000 from the Tuckahoe Beautification Committee for various park benches throughout the Village

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

David Burke explained resolutions 8 & 9.

10) Authorizing the acceptance of a donation in the approximate value of \$6,000 from the Bronx River Sound Shore Audubon for native plantings to be placed at the Tuckahoe Library

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

11) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$392,099.35

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

DISCUSSION

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

POLICE- Chief Costanzo congratulated the trustees and thanked Judge O'Toole. He thanked the Community Fund for the first Pizza with the police gathering.

DPW Frank DiMarco congratulated the trustees. He thanked Beautification Committee and Susan Ciamarra. Mr. DiMarco reviewed leaf season. October is Cancer Awareness month. Village Hall is illuminated in pink.

RECREATION- John Galluzzi congratulated the trustees. Saturday October 24th will be a blood drive at the TCC from 9-1:30. October 29th free flu shots at the TCC from 10-1. November 3rd is Election Day. Mr. Galluzzi thanked Trustee Howell for the Road Race and also the Raffiani family for their sponsorship. He thanked Beautification Committee and the DPW for the work outside the TCC.

VILLAGE CLERK- Camille DiSalvo congratulated the trustees and Judge O'Toole. She thanked Jackie Ferretti for all she does in the Clerk's Office. Mrs. DiSalvo thanked the board for her reappointment.

VILLGE ADMINISTRATOR- David Burke congratulated the trustees. He urged all who resident get parking to start the process now via mail. Tuckahoe is at 69.5% for the Census.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor announced

Next Village Board Meeting – November 9th at 7:00pm

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Andino thanked the residents for their trust in her in her role as trustee. She tries to represent all residents. She takes this very seriously. She thanked the police for helping a person that was struggling. Thanks to our police department a life was saved. She reminds all that it is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Please get checked-Don't delay. Trustee Andino praised two Eastchester football

players saved people in Queens in a plane crash. Trustee Andino asked the board to denounce bad talk. We need to hold ourselves to a higher standard. Trustee Andino gave an overview of library activities. Trustee Andino spoke about food scrapping with the County and Electric Vehicle Stations and thanked the Environmental Committee. Trustee Andino wants us all to adhere to the code of conduct of leaders. There was an incident that troubled her regarding a link Trustee Howell posted regarding science based decisions. A sitting appointed Zoning responded in an unacceptable way.

Trustee Lang thanked all for the overwhelming support. Trustee Lang looks forward to making Tuckahoe the best place to live and raise a family. Thank you to Bert, Cara and Omayra. He also thanked his wife and friend. The VFW Gold Star Mothers event was great. There are issues at the Housing regarding trash. We need to help the housing residents. Trustee Lang congratulated Judge O'Toole. He thank Donna Brown from YCAP.

Trustee Howell congratulated the winners of the election and new village appointees. Trustee Howell thanked all who ran in the Road Race. Thanked all appointees for their service especially Zoning and Planning members. Trustee Howell thanked the police for the community pizza event they sponsored. She thanked the police for their presence at the Breonna Taylor vigil. She thanked the veterans for the Gold Star Mothers event. She had relatives that fought in the Civil War and in the town where she was born there is a memorial to a mother who lost four sons in the Civil War. This mother was part of the inspiration for "Saving Private Ryan." Planning is October 20th and Zoning is October 14th. There is a proposal related to the Medical Office on Main Street regarding a house on Underhill Rd being knocked down and replaced with a parking lot. Marbledale Road has multiple development proposals. We will do what we can to help move along the restaurant shell that is part of the hotel development. The premium for the RoadRace was a green buff and are on sale for \$10.00. Trustee Howell attended a recent NY Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials where the impact of Covid-19 on municipal budgets was discussed. The federal stimulus package will be critical in recovery of municipalities. The state of NY pays more federal tax dollars than we get back in federal funding and this has been the case for the last decade. We need to do 2 things to push for our stimulus package:

1. Write to congress
2. vote

Trustee Lee congratulated Danny and Omayra. This was the longest election in Village history. There is not much doing with our seniors due to Covid-19. We tried to have a gathering with the Seniors but had 83 responses so needed to cancel. Regarding our police with the suicide incident, "There were Guardian Angels in Tuckahoe." The Eastchester seniors who saved the victims at the plane crash are amazing.

Mayor Luisi congratulated the trustees and Judge O'Toole. We are finalizing the task force for the police and need involvement from the community. The flu shot is very important Covid is not going away. Wear a mask and use social distancing. Mayor Luisi is not on social media. He will not tolerate the type of language that was used by our Zoning member.

Trustee Howell shared that Senator Mayer planned to recognize the Eastchester High School students who saved people in a plane crash with a state commendation.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Residents expressed their concerns regarding face masks, the police committee, bail reform and empty store fronts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:05PM

Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk