

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 11, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustee Meeting will take place live at Village Hall

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

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Trustee Engelbert

Trustee Taylor

Trustee Gaccione

Deputy Mayor Kronen

Mayor Andino

APPOINTMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1) Approval of Minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting

Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Trustee Gaccione;

Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Authorizing the use of Village streets on Friday, October 6th from approximately 4:45pm to 5:30pm for the annual THS Homecoming Parade

Deputy Mayor Kronen made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor;

Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 2) Authorizing the use of the Main Street Park Tennis Court for use by the TUFSD between 3:15pm to 5pm on 9/14, 9/19, 9/21, 9/27, 10/3 & 10/5

Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kronen;

Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

- 3) Authorizing the use of Main Street ark for ECAP from Sept 18- Sept. 30
Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Trustee Gaccione;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 4) Authorizing the use of the Lake Ave. Parking Lot by Growlers Beer Bistro for their annual Oktoberfest celebration with terms and conditions approved by the Village Administrator
Trustee Gaccione made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 5) Authorizing a retainer agreement with Bleakly Platt & Schmidt, LLC for consultation in various legal matters
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Trustee Gaccione;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 6) Authorizing a declaration of Village Hall HVAC repairs and replacement on an emergency basis exempt from bidding procedures to Allstar Air Quality, Inc. in the amount of \$75,000
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Trustee Taylor;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 7) Authorizing the surplus for sale of a 2006 F250 pickup, VIN# 1FTNF21536ED47294
Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Trustee Engelbert;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 8) Authorizing the approval of the duly authorized Tuckahoe Public Library Interior Renovation Project bid to Icon Const. Gp., Inc. in the amount of \$1,097,000
Trustee Engelbert made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kronen; Motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 9) Authorizing the closing of the following completed capital projects at September 8, 2023:

Project #2017-0096	Tuckahoe Community Flooring
Project #2021-0136	Playground
Project #2021-0137	Playground Safety
Project #2021-0142	Salt Brine Machines
Project #2022-0149	Community Center Bathrooms

 Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kronen;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

David Burke explained Capital Projects

- 10) Authorizing various budget modification and transfers for fiscal year ending May 31, 2023
Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Trustee Engelbert;
Motion was carried by a vote 5-0
- 11) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$1,174,939.84
Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Trustee Engelbert;

Motion was carried by a vote 5-0

DISCUSSION

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

POLICE- Chief Costanzo reminded all the schools are open. Passing a school bus is a violation. We are very vigilant. The speed limit is 25MPH. Chief Costanzo spoke about how the Village was on 911.

DPW- Frank DiMarco gave a paving update. The Chili Cook off is Oct 14. DPW Day is Sept 21. Frank also spoke regarding food scrapping.

LIBRARY- Director Pasnanda gave an update on library programs

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR- David Burke gave an explanation regarding the HVAC Resolution. He explained the Library grant.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor announced:

Village Board Meeting – October 16, 2023

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

► TRUSTEE Engelbert

[Eastchester Union Free School District](#)

Schools opened last week - I hope all that summer reading was completed over the summer! And certainly a big thank you for the faculty and staff, particularly as they struggled with some tough temperatures last week.

There is a school board meeting on Tuesday at 730pm. I encourage residents to attend as it is a great way to get up to date on the initiatives the District is pursuing.

[Tuckahoe Public Library](#)

Woo hoo - we are making progress on the renovation effort. Now is the time to get involved in fundraising efforts as we seek to get a few of those wish list items off the wish list and onto the punch list. You know the drill - join the Friends or buy a brick at the Road Race next weekend. There will also be a bake sale.

[Tuckahoe Environmental and Sustainability Committee](#)

TESC was on hiatus over the summer but will have its first meeting of the new school year next week.

[Tuckahoe Community Center](#)

The Tuckahoe Challenge kicks off at the community center - if you haven't registered, it really is time. And given that I'm participating, there really isn't any excuse. This is a huge fundraiser for our community!

Of course this was covered in the Library report but the Voicescapes concert on September 23rd from 2-4pm is not one to miss. Live music is one of the joys of life and I certainly encourage you to attend.

On a similar "note" - there will be a fundraiser at Broken Bow, September 22 from 6-9pm to memorialize John James an esteemed music educator for many young people in our community. The funds raised will be to support Education through Music.

► TRUSTEE Taylor

ECAP is currently seeking nominations for community members to serve on our ECAP Advisory Board to represent the target low income population, the election will be held at ECAP Office on Oct. 14th. Nominees must either reside or work in Bronxville, Eastchester, or Tuckahoe and meet the community services block grant income guidelines. For anyone who would like to serve on the ECAP Advisory Board, please call ECAP at 914-377-7768.

The THA had their annual family day on Aug. 19. It was a great day for the tenants and family and friends, especially the kids. Thank you to Shanell Moore, Virginia Jacobs, the Housing Authority, the maintenance staff and all of the volunteers who worked very hard to make it a success.

On Aug 12 the seniors had their Family Day, which was also a great day for the seniors and residents at 4 Union Pl. Thank you to THA senior chairs, Noreen Yancy, Stanley Moore and their staff and volunteers for all of their efforts to make it a success.

Please remember

Corinne Birdie, 100 years old, THA director for almost 30 years.

Eastchester Tuckahoe Chamber's next networking event is Sept 12. At 5:30 at Toscana. The cost is \$20 per person.

The October meeting is Oct 18 at 5:30 at Broken Bow. The cost is \$15. The Chamber is looking to increase membership and get members to attend.

► TRUSTEE Gaccione recited all lives lost on 911 or due to 911 illnesses.

The Historical Preservation Committee met Sept 20.

The History Committee meets every Wednesday morning.

Beautification is beginning its fall fundraiser

► DEPUTY MAYOR Kronen announced that the seniors are back. Bingo is Oct 10. She gave updates on Planning and Zoning. The Roadrace is Sunday, the Creepy Crawl is Oct. 28. The summer movie nights were a success.

► MAYOR Andino

September 11, 2023

1. Sept 11th moment of silence for those:

- Today marks the 22nd Anniversary of 911 and the day that our world was forever changed. We lost friends and family, co-workers, members of the military and first responders who put the lives of others before their own to save strangers. On this day, the world stood still for a moment in time in disbelief. Yet, I was moved to tears at the tenacity and resilience of so many who banded together
- Tuckahoe, Bronxville and Eastchester were not exempt from being touched by the unthinkable tragedy. When I hear messages that perpetuate the divide we are already experiencing in our country, it compels me to remind us of our ability to overcome any obstacle placed before us as Americans when we are united. Trustee Gaccione will read the names of those we lost on 911 and I ask you to join us in a moment to reflect, remember, and respect with a moment of silence.

- 2. Bids have gone out for the Midland Place sewer line reconstruction project; funded in part (50%) by CDBG funds.
- 3. Update on 21 Scarsdale project – have not sent the traffic study back to our engineers because, at this point, the project was already approved by Yonkers Planning Board. What we did was we reached out to the Developers of the project to discuss what's possible and what they can do to help defray costs and address concerns of community related to traffic and safety and they

agreed to do so. In addition, we applied for a 2M grant from Congressman Bowman's office for renovations to Depot Square & Traffic Light upgrades and were approved for 1M.

4. Chief of Police John Costanzo retires in October and Lieutenant Larry Rotta was hired as the new Chief of Police. I know the community will continue to support the dept in the exemplary work they are doing. I'd like to say a few words about Chief John Costanzo and the tremendous impact he's had on the dept. Encouraged the community to attend his retirement party on Nov 3rd.
5. Short Term Rentals – looking at how to best tackle the issue of short term rentals (a.k.a AirBNB) in Tuckahoe. Board is looking at what, if any, guidelines we should issue, try to safeguard from potential litigation (like in NYC) and consider the implications to residents as well as STR owners. More to come as we do our due diligence. Looking at guidance from NYCOM and speaking without attorney as well as looking at what other communities are doing, if anything.
6. Extended condolences to Tuckahoe families who've lost loved ones and Acknowledged passing of Corrine Birdie, who was the ED of Tuckahoe Housing Authority. Corrine was 100 years young and passed away in VA. She lived in Tuckahoe and raised her family here. Our condolences to the family and friends.
7. Dispelled misinformation brought to my attention that Former Trustee, Danny Lang has stated that the Village Board does not want the VFW Post in Tuckahoe to open. As mentioned during Trustee Josh Gaccione's report, He is working with Trustee Darryl Taylor to find members for the post to meet the minimum requirement needed for the post to be open. Reiterated that the Village Board has no authority over VFW Post.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Clare Gorman thanked Keller Williams regarding the garden.

Samantha Christiano thanked the board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM

Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk