

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
September 14, 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

- 1) Appointing Gian Paolo Einaudi to the Tuckahoe Environmental and Sustainability Committee to the unexpired term of James Riedel expiring April 2021  
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.
- 2) Re-appointing Mimi Sanchez to the Tuckahoe Library Board Member for a term to expire April 2025  
Trustee Andino made a motion to approve appointment; motion was seconded by Trustee Lee and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.  
Trustee Andino read a letter from the Library Board thanking Mimi Sanchez.

#### 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

Mayor Luisi made a motion to close public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Lee; no roll call due to public input. Trustee Lee withdrew her second.

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 5-0.

2) Public hearing 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 Andino made a motion to open public hearing; motion was seconded by Trustee Howell and upon roll call motion was carried by a vote 5 -0.

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

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1) Approval of Minutes of the July 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

Mike Dardano asked for an explanation regarding the settlement resolution. Gary Gjertsen explained the settlement.

#### RESOLUTIONS

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

2) Re-authorizing the Village Administrator, in consultation with the Village Board, to take any necessary steps to relax zoning provisions to assist local merchants/ restaurants/ gyms aide in their expedited recovery due to the pandemic with respect to outdoor seating and other temporary rules through November 8, 2020

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

3) Authorizing the adoption of a consolidated Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), only records that have met the minimum retention periods will be disposed

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.

- 4) Authorizing an agreement with Tuckahoe After School Care Inc. for use of the Tuckahoe Community Center for an after school care program from 2pm to 6:30pm  
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 a settlement and mutual release agreement with Bilwin Development Affiliates LLC  
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.

- 6) Authorizing the scheduling of the Tuckahoe re-organization meeting for Monday, October 5th  
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.

- 7) Authorizing amendments and modifications to the Fiscal Year Ending 2020 budget  
Trustee Lee made a motion to approve motion; motion was seconded by Trustee Lang and upon roll motion was carried by a vote 5-0.

- 8) Authorizing the closing of the following capital projects:

Project #2018-0106      Road Resurfacing  
Project #2018-0113      Sewer Repairs

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

- 9) Authorizing the approval of vouchers in the amount of \$976,219.96  
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.

- 10) Authorizing the submission of an application to the Westchester Library System for a Public Library Construction Program grant for upgrades and improvements to the library in the amount of \$68,375 with the Village contribution half the amount of said grant.

Electrical (\$8,800.00),  
Sidewalk (\$31,800.00),  
Parking Lot (\$19,375.00)  
Radiant Heating Element (\$8,400.00).

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.

## DISCUSSION

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD

POLICE- Chief Costanzo gave a report on police reform efforts starting the process we having a complete overview of the department. The second step will probably be public comment. School open this week be careful.

DPW-Frank DiMarco thanked residents for their input regarding leaf pick up. We want to take on sustainable issues. He noted that they are paving right now and trimming trees.

VILLAGE CLERK- Camille DiSalvo urged all residents that get resident parking to start now and send all paperwork by mail. She also informed all to sign up for e alerts.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR- David Burke reminded the community regarding the Census.

Senator Shelly Mayer and Assemblywoman Amy Paulin spoke regarding bail reform.

### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor Luisi announced:

Village Board Elections – Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 6am-9pm Tuckahoe Community Center  
Next Village Board Meeting – October 5th at 7:00pm

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER REPORTS

► Trustee Andino thanked Senator Shelly Mayer and Assemblywoman Amy Paulin. She gave an update on library events. They have completed a reopening safety plan. Call 914-961-2121 to make a reservation. Trustee Andino requested that David put the safety plan up on the website. She thanked Bundles of Joy for donations during the summer. The Children's Place and the Gap donated items as well. ECAP will resume the after school program. Denise Chin is the director has done a lot of work to prepare the building. We thank her for security job training program. We will distribute food one day a month. Thank you from ECAP for clothing donations. We had the book reading "White Fragility" and it was a great discussion on racism. There was an event on Saturday night "Back the Blue" which was not a town event. Trustee Andino wanted to clarify why she did not attend. People sometimes confuse supporting the police with no accountability. What I am not is a cheerleader. Things have gone astray when there was no accountability. The Chief and I had a discussion today. I support the police but I feel as an elected official I need to ask questions.

► Trustee Lang also thanked Senator Shelly Mayer and Assemblywoman Amy Paulin. Thank you to all the residents because our restaurants that are holding up. He thanked Donna Brown who hosted movies in the maize. Lastly, we miss the Honorable Phil White; he and his family is in our thoughts and prayers.

► Trustee Howell mentioned mosquito complaints. They were quite a nuisance in August. The DPW got the County to drop, August 18<sup>th</sup>, anti-mosquito pellets in the catch basins. The County seems

to have taken away the minnow program. We will try to, with the new board, get these programs back in place. It is an important health race. Thank all for their support for the Tuckahoe Challenge virtual road race. Especially the Raffiani family, Jeff Zuckerman, Clare Gorman and Sophia Chiappetta. The census is going on, I want to thank the Census committee for their efforts. Planning and Zoning, the hotel c/o is very exciting. Now we are on to the restaurant. One issue 69 Main and 22 Underhill is an expansion item. They are proposing to have the house on Underhill demolished and made into a parking lot and the switch lots with the Village with their Cameron lot. Another Planning and Zoning issue is 21 Scarsdale Road, located in Yonkers, converting onto a medical building. This would impact Tuckahoe. We don't know what the hours will be. We do not know the owner and according to Yonkers code, they do not need to have a public hearing. Yonkers has already voted on it. David Burke wants them to see our concerns especially with traffic. Trustee Howell requested that our memo be posted on our Website for residents to review. Trustee Howell reiterated the hot topic of bail reform. Please contact Chief Costanzo with regard to a Facebook posted that was posted and then taken down. The State and local municipalities need to rely on each other. We have the ability to learn more about what the police do. Criminal justice reform is complex. I look forward to working with the committee and the police. We need to work together and compromise. Go out and vote everybody.

► Trustee Lee gave an update on Senior activities and regarding the Tuckahoe School, Superintendent Amy Goodman and administrators and staff has been doing a fabulous job. Eastchester parents are happy as well. Please watch out for our children. Please remind your teenage drivers as well. Please continue to support our local business. Outdoor dining has been extended until November.

► Mayor Luisi thanked the Trustees, the Building Department and Mike Seminara for assisting in validating the gyms that are now open in the Village. Please patronize our local businesses. We will see have this pandemic pans out in the fall. Sept 25 is Gold Stars Mothers at the Kensico Dam. It will be posted on our Website. I will resume Zoom Wednesdays or please email me. Be safe. Over 60% of the County has been tested with less than 4% positive.

#### SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Residents spoke about bail reform, the event Saturday evening in Eastchester and voter forum.

Mayor Luisi wished all a good evening.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:30PM

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Camille DiSalvo, Village Clerk