

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2004**

Present: Mayor C. Kent Kroeber
Trustee Nancy Hays
Trustee Oliver Parker
Trustee Russell Vernon

Absent: Trustee David du Pont

Clerk: Deborah Matthews

Also: John Ledwith, Richard Morrow, Dep. Chief Culhane, Mary Graetzer, Greg Libby, Jim Burger, Sally Sonne

Mayor Kroeber called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Hays, seconded by Trustee Parker that the minutes of the December 17, 2003 Board of Trustees meeting be approved.

Vote of the Board: Trustee Parker – aye
Trustee Hays – aye
Trustee Vernon – aye
Mayor Kroeber – aye

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

ENGINEER'S REPORT – The report, read by Trustee Parker, was discussed. A copy is attached. Also discussed was the freezing problem at the sewer plant and the need for construction of an enclosure on the 'screen house' (in the 2004-2005 budget year). Mr. Morrow will contact the Rural Water Association for guidance on design. Mayor Kroeber stated that he has received the draft proposal of BAR procedures as prepared by Mr. Ninnie and the BAR. Mayor Kroeber is in the process of editing and will have the Trustees review before the proposal is finalized.

DPW REPORT – The report was discussed. A copy is attached. Mr. Morrow reported that a guide rail along Tuxedo Road was damaged in an accident by a non-resident. The Board was in agreement that the bill for the cost of the railing repairs should be sent to the driver for reimbursement to the Village. Mr. Morrow expressed concern about the cost of replacement if the RBC at the sewer plant should break. Replacement cost would be \$100,000. Mr. Morrow and Mr. Ninnie will check with the manufacturer on their warranty and also with the Village's insurance carrier.

POLICE REPORT – The synopsis of the monthly report is attached.

911 Report: Trustee du Pont, Dep. Chief Culhane, TG Theresa Mazzariello, and Mary Graetzer prepared a list of names and addresses that have 911 discrepancies. It appears that there is approximately 65 that are misnumbered. It was also noted that the Villa Apartments, Tuxedo Club apartments and the Tuxedo Park School apartments have no 911 numbers. A form letter will be sent to these residents to be completed and returned to the Police department, who will deliver them to the 911 Center in Goshen.

OLD BUSINESS

WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Trustee Vernon reported that since the culling program began in May, 65 deer have been taken. The goal is 10-15 per month, but currently 8-9 per month are culled. The cold weather will help with the deep population.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Trustee Hays read the letter the Village sent to the NYS Public Service Commission (PSC) informing them of the Village's objection to the Application of Conjunction LLC for the Empire Connection Project. She also referenced the response from the Administrative Law Judge for the NYS Department of Public Service acknowledging our objection. A copy of both letters is attached.

BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Mayor Kroeber reported the Committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

SPAY DAY – Mayor Kroeber stated that a letter was received from the Goshen Humane Society requesting that the Village declare February 24, 2004 as Spay Day-USA. The Society, in collaboration with The Doris Day Animal League, is promoting the education of the public in the benefits of spaying and neutering in an effort to curb the animal overpopulation problem.

A motion was made by Trustee Vernon, seconded by Trustee Parker, that Tuesday, February 24, 2004, be proclaimed Spay Day-USA in the Village of Tuxedo Park. (A copy of the proclamation is attached.)

Vote of the Board: Trustee Hays – aye
 Trustee Vernon – aye
 Trustee Parker – aye
 Mayor Kroeber – aye

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

2004-2005 BUDGET – Mayor Kroeber asked the Village department heads to begin working on their 2004-2005 budget, with completion by the end of February. His goal is to have a flat line budget for next year, despite the increase by \$100,000 in the Village's NYS pension fund. He noted that the Town tax rate for Village property owners increased to 24% for the January 1-December 31, 2004 tax year.

ASSESSMENTS – Mayor Kroeber reported that the Change of Assessment Notices for the fiscal year 2004-2005 will be going out on February 1st. Any aggrieved property owner can appeal to the Board of Assessment Review on Grievance Day, Tuesday, February 17, 2004 from 5:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m.

AUDIT OF BILLS – Bills in the amount of \$90,862.19 for the General Fund, claim numbers 1-1 to 1-123 and \$15,257.41 for the Water Fund, claim numbers W1-1 to W1-26 were audited and ordered paid.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – A motion was made by Mayor Kroeber, seconded by Trustee Parker, that the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. to discuss a specific personnel issue. The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

REOPEN REGULAR SESSION – The regular session was reopened at 8:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Hays, seconded by Trustee Parker that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah A. Matthews
Village Clerk-Treasurer