

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2004**

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

Also: John Ledwith, Richard Morrow, Deputy Chief Culhane, Peter Regna, Jim Burger,
Sally Sonne

Clerk: Deborah Matthews

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 du Pont, that the minutes of the November 23, 2004 Board of Trustees meeting be approved.

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

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Trustee du Pont, seconded by Trustee Parker that the minutes of the December 13, 2004 #2 Fuel Oil Bid Opening be approved.

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

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

BID AWARD

A motion was made by Trustee du Pont, seconded by Trustee Parker, that the bid for #2 fuel oil be awarded to the sole bidder, S.O.S. Fuels, Tuxedo, NY, at a quote of \$1.4302 per gallon.

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

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Deer Feeding – Sally Sonne reported that participants in the deer drive received complaints from the neighbors of the Wittels, Lookout Road, that they are feeding the deer. Mayor Kroeber recommended the neighbors contact the Police Department and they in turn would contact the DEC.

Chamber of Commerce – Jim Burger, speaking as a representative of the Tuxedo Chamber of Commerce, invited the Village to participate. They meet on the third Wednesday of each month. Trustee Vernon stated that it would be helpful if the Village could be provided with a copy of the minutes of the Chamber meetings.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - The Civil Technologies & Engineering report was received and read by Trustee Parker. Mayor Kroeber stated that 33 homes have been identified that may have roof drains connected to the Village sewer line. These homes will be the first priority in doing the dye and smoke testing.

DPW REPORT - A copy is attached. The report was discussed. Mr. Morrow stated that the landscapers have helped in cleaning the leaves from the gutters in front of the properties where they are working. Mr. Morrow reported that the cost to repair the water hydrant, at the entrance to the Race Track Area, that was damaged in an auto accident, is approximately \$3,500. Mayor Kroeber noted that a copy of the repair bill will be forwarded to Judge Levinson, as the person responsible is scheduled to appear in Village Court.

POLICE REPORT - The Report was reviewed by the Board. A copy of the synopsis is attached. Deputy Chief Culhane reported that deer hunting season ended today. Mayor Kroeber noted a letter was received from Mr. Jezycki complimenting Officer Sanford for his assistance after Mr. Jezycki's minor traffic accident.

OLD BUSINESS

WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Trustee Vernon had nothing new to report.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Trustee Hays reported that she spoke to Larry Gordon, from Columbia Gas, regarding the proposed gas line that will run through Tuxedo. It had been proposed to run through the sewer plant area and Wee Wah Dam. However, after they received a report from their archaeologist, they have changed the course. It is still proposed to affect the Lauren Ridge area of Tuxedo. Trustee Hays asked Mr. Gordon for a letter stating the gas line will not pass through the Village.

BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Mayor Kroeber reported a Committee meeting will be held in January. One of the projects being worked on is the widening of West Lake Road below Alderisio. Other areas in the Village are being looked at as well.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINT FIRE COMMISSIONER

A motion was made by Trustee du Pont, seconded by Trustee Hays, that Charles Jones be re-appointed to the Board of Fire Commissioners in the Tuxedo Joint Fire District, his term to run January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2010.

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

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

FYKE NATURE ASSOCIATION

A motion was made by Mayor Kroeber, seconded by Trustee Hays, that the Fyke Nature Association be granted permission to come into the Park on December 18th to count winter resident birds as part of the Annual Christmas Bird Count sponsored by the National Audubon Society.

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

The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE ROAD – Mayor Kroeber stated that he received a request from Claudio Guazzoni, Curator, to purchase the upper portion of East Summit Road. The requested area is the portion past William Pope's house to where it ends past Mr. Guazzoni's driveway (formerly the Greg Anthony house). Since this is an improved Village road, Mayor Kroeber and the Board were in agreement that Mr. Guazzoni's request be denied.

SALES TAX – Mayor Kroeber announced that as a result of last year's vote by Orange County municipalities, including Tuxedo Park, to increase the percentage charged for the county sales tax, the Village has received a check for \$1,086.56 in additional sales tax revenue.

PROPOSED RELIGIOUS RETREAT – Trustee Vernon stated that he heard a South Korean Religious Retreat is proposed in the Town. Peter Regna stated that the proposed location is on Route 17A near the ski center. Trustee Vernon stated we should find out more about it and become educated.

HOLIDAY WISHES – Mayor Kroeber wished everyone happy holidays and a happy and healthy new year.

AUDIT OF BILLS - Bills in the amount of \$169,190.68 for the General Fund, claim numbers 12-1 to 12-78 and \$11,200.87 for the Water Fund, claim numbers W12-1 to W12-16 were audited and ordered paid.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Trustee Vernon, seconded by Trustee du Pont, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Matthews
Clerk