

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 20, 2005**

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

Also: Deputy Chief Culhane, Richard Morrow, John Ledwith, Sally Sonne, Lucy Edwards, Susan Heywood, Alan Heywood, Bill Bortnowsky, Adrienne Lucas, Chris Sonne, Joann Matthews, Michelle Lindsay, Lili Neuhauser, M. Ramsey, Susan Goodfellow, Jane Janson, Bonnie Takeuchi, Ray Barone, Steve Mauer, David Morton, Anne Clark, Mary Graetzer, Mr. & Mrs. Greg Beard, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Royan

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 Vernon, seconded by Trustee Parker, that the minutes of the March 16, 2005 Board of Trustees Meeting be approved.

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

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

VILLAGE CLUBS – Mayor Kroeber reported that the lease agreements for the Village Boat Club and Wee Wah Fishing Club have been signed for an additional 3-year term. He stated that the Wee Wah Beach Club has been in existence for 71 years with an historic relationship between the Village and Hamlet. In the March Mayor's Newsletter he asked for opinions on how the Beach Club should be organized. The majority of responses received felt it should remain as it is. However, there were several people who felt that Club membership should be for Village residents only. As a result, it developed into a public issue. He stated that the intent of the Trustees was not to restrict the Beach Club to Village residents but to allow the Trustees to have a more active oversight role and to make changes regarding the Club's organization, pricing of membership and Board representation.

A discussion followed with comments from many residents.

Deputy Mayor du Pont listed the proposed changes to the organizational structure of the Wee Wah Beach Club as follows: 1) The Executive Committee will be reduced from 15 to 11 (5 Village residents, 5 Hamlet residents and 1 Village Trustee); 2) One vote per membership rather than one vote for each family member; 3) Nomination and election of officers will be held on Saturday, April 30th at 2:00 p.m. at the

George Grant Mason School; 4) A beach manager will be hired to supervise daily activities. Weekend managers will be members of the Executive Committee; 5) The Club will develop a more sophisticated budget process and financial controls; 5) Price of dues will be established annually from the Club's projected budget. Village residents will pay 75% of the fee for dues.

Mayor Kroeber stated that the written changes will be presented to the Beach Club officers for review and the lease agreement will be prepared for signature.

A motion was made by Trustee du Pont, seconded by Trustee Parker, that the lease agreements for the Wee Wah Beach Club, Wee Wah Fishing Club, and the Village Boat Club be renewed for a three year period, from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007, and that a certificate of insurance naming the Village as an additional insured be provided yearly from each club.

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

The motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Sally Sonne asked if the incumbent Board members are running for re-election on June 21st. Responses were: Trustee du Pont - definitely, Trustee Parker – most likely, and Mayor Kroeber – undecided.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2005-2006 BUDGET – Mayor Kroeber opened the hearing at 8:45 p.m. He stated that the general fund expenditures have increased 12.8% to \$3,015,000, with \$2.7 million to be collected in taxes. The tax rate will increase 7.8% to \$35.7054 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. The greatest areas of impact are the NYS Retirement System, medical and liability insurances, blacktop and petroleum products, and garbage collection. Engineering costs have been reduced by 50% because of Trustee Parker's involvement in various projects. Considered and rejected were reductions in the Police midnight shift coverage. Vacant positions for two Village employees will not be filled. The budget for the water fund is \$546,378 with all revenues collected through billing for water usage.

Sally Sonne stated that fees for boat permits and building permits should be greatly reduced since Village residents already pay Village taxes.

Mayor Kroeber closed the hearing at 9:10 p.m. He called for a vote on the budget.

A motion was made by Trustee du Pont, seconded by Trustee Parker, that the Water Fund budget for 2005-2006 in the amount of \$546,378 and the General Fund budget for 2005-2006 in the amount of \$3,015,000 showing a tax rate of \$35.7054 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, be adopted as presented.

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

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

ENGINEERING, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT - The report was prepared and read by Trustee Parker. A copy is attached.

DPW REPORT – A copy of the report is attached. Mr. Morrow reported that the O.C. Health Department will again be coming in and doing larvicide applications to Village catch basins in an effort to control the mosquito population.

POLICE REPORT – A copy of the synopsis is attached. Mayor Kroeber reported that complimentary letters were received from Dena Steele and Adelaide Miller. Other incidents of Police assistance were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Trustee Vernon stated the next meeting will be held on May 4, 2005.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Trustee Hays reported that a flyer on pesticides will be mailed with the April water bills.

BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Mayor Kroeber stated that a meeting was held on May 14th and the minutes are not yet available. Projects continuing to be worked on include: Tuxedo Road guide rail, Racetrack area, South gate, West Lake Road “S” curve, Signs, DPW facility and triangles.

TUXEDO RESERVE AGREEMENTS – Mayor Kroeber reported that the Tuxedo Reserve agreements have been revised and the new drafts are being reviewed. The final agreements will be presented at the May Trustee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF LAKE WARDENS

A motion was made by Trustee Hays, seconded by Trustee Parker, that James Jospe and Gregory Libby be re-appointed Lake Warden for the 2005 boating season.

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

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

A discussion was held on whether residents can allow guests to fish from their property. It was also noted that people are coming in at the south end of the lake and fishing there and along the causeway.

ST. MARY’S PRESCHOOL

A motion was made by Trustee Vernon, seconded by Trustee du Pont, that St. Mary’s Preschool be authorized to use the Wee Wah Beach on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m. from June 27

through July 28, 2005, and that they will provide a certificate of insurance to the Village, that they will provide a life guard, and that they will remit a check to the Village for \$200 for usage.

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

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

TOWN OF TUXEDO RECREATION

A motion was made by Trustee du Pont, seconded by Trustee Parker, that the Town of Tuxedo Recreation Department be authorized to use the Wee Wah Beach weekdays between 8 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. from July 5 through August 5, 2005, that the school buses transporting the children be allowed to travel through the Village for pickup and drop-off of the children, that a certificate of insurance be provided to the Village, and that they will remit a check to the Village for \$4,000 for usage.

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.

BULK PICKUP – Mayor Kroeber announced that Spring Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2005 beginning at 7:00 a.m. All items should be curbside Friday, May 20th.

AUDIT OF BILLS - Bills in the amount of \$70,555.75 for the General Fund, claim numbers 4-1 to 4-93 and \$9,297.68 for the Water Fund, claim numbers W4-1 to W4-13 were audited and ordered paid.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Trustee du Pont, seconded by Trustee Parker, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Matthews
Clerk