

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2007  
7:30 P.M.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, November 14, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, 80 Lorillard Road, Tuxedo Park, NY 10987.

Present: Mayor Houston Stebbins  
Deputy Mayor Lawrence Darby  
Trustee Christopher Hansen  
Trustee Tinka Shaw  
Trustee Charlotte Worthy

Clerk: Deborah Matthews

Also: John Ledwith, Sgt. Ken Sanford, Jeff Voss, David McFadden, David Morton, Mary Graetzer, Meg Vaught, Susan Goodfellow, Dena Steele, Kathy Biel, Marie Elena \_\_, Michele Lindsay, Alan Heywood, Denis Miller, Sally Sonne, Peter Regna, Jake Lindsay, Drayton Grant, Esq.

Mayor Stebbins called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **REPORTS**

Mayor Stebbins: Topics discussed briefly included: a meeting with school officials regarding the Greenwood Lake situation; noise complaints and work not to be done before 8:00 a.m. and not at all on Sunday; Race Track cleanup completed, for which he thanked former Trustee Oliver Parker, VIAC and EAC for their efforts.

Police – Sgt. Sanford gave a synopsis of the month’s activities. (A copy is attached.) He also expressed concern over a recent dog biting incident. He reminded residents that all dogs must be licensed in New York State and have up-to-date rabies vaccinations. Licenses can be obtained at the Town Clerk’s Office in the Town of Tuxedo.

DPW – A copy of the report is attached. Jeff Voss stated the DPW repaired a water leak near the High School at the school’s expense. In addition, they repaired the water line three times on Warwick Brook Road when it was damaged by the contractor involved with the Columbia pipeline project and billed the contractor for the expense. The Trustees noted that all future bills to third parties should be at the DPW’s hourly rate plus benefits. Jeff reported that he is getting quotes for a generator needed in the DPW shop. So far he received one quote for \$26,000 that didn’t include installation.

Advisory Committees:

Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) – the Committee recently held a meeting regarding lakes and watersheds with representatives in attendance from the Orange County Land Trust, the

Orange County Soil & Water Conservation District, and the Senior Planner of the Orange County Planning Department as well as Jeff Voss, Chris Jaeger, and Trustee Shaw.

Deputy Mayor Darby – Reported that the Village expenses are within budget. He gave an update on the BST recommendations which are in the process of being implemented.

Village Improvement Advisory Committee (VIAC) - Michele Lindsay reported the subcommittee consisting of VIAC and EAC members will continue to work on the Race Track. Other continuing projects include guide rails, street signs, dangerous intersections, street light fixtures, and tree removal at the Ramble.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speakers: Susan Goodfellow, David Morton, Michele Lindsay, Peter Regna

Comments Made: It was asked that money be allocated in the new budget for lakes management; concern expressed regarding the repair of the Wee Wah Dam and the possible draining of Wee Wah Lake; suggestion that Village representative attend Town meetings and keep on top of the activities of Tuxedo Reserve; a resident gave a brief update on the status of the Tuxedo Reserve permit; it was asked what the status is of the Sterling Forest lawsuit.

**BUILDING PERMITS** - none

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **LOCAL LAW INTRODUCTORY #1 OF 2007 – Fence Law**

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Darby that a public hearing be scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall on Local Law Introductory #1 of 2007 – Fence Law.

Vote of the Board: Trustee Shaw – aye  
Trustee Hansen – aye  
Mayor Stebbins – aye  
Deputy Mayor Darby – aye  
Trustee Worthy – aye

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

## **MAP DIGITIZATION BIDS**

Mayor Stebbins stated that Weston & Sampson and O'Brien & Gere both gave demonstrations of their map digitization proposals at the November 1<sup>st</sup> Special Board of Trustees Meeting. The Board consensus is that Weston & Sampson gave a better presentation and had better communication skills. They determined that a web based system is more economical and user friendly.

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Trustee Worthy that the Board accept the Weston & Sampson adjusted bid of \$41,100 as discussed in their letter of November 13, 2007 for map digitization (copy attached).

Vote of the Board: Deputy Mayor Darby – aye  
Trustee Worthy – aye  
Trustee Shaw – aye  
Trustee Hansen – aye  
Mayor Stebbins – aye

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **WEE WAH BEACH CLUB – PROPOSALS**

The renewal of the Wee Wah Beach Club's License Agreement was discussed. Mayor Stebbins stated that to date he has not received any proposal outlines in response to his repeated request for input and alternative suggestions for the property. He has reviewed all relevant documents and a site inspection has been done by the Building Inspector. At the request of residents, deferred the deadline for proposals being submitted for the next Trustees meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**GARBAGE CONTRACT** – a letter was received from the attorney for Interstate Waste Services (the current Village refuse hauler) objecting to the renegotiation of the garbage bid prices. The matter was referred to James Roemer, Village Attorney.

**WEE WAH DAM ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS** – A safety inspection was performed by Weston & Sampson. They recommend hiring a marine contractor to make an assessment of the underwater condition of the dam and to plan to replace any broken stop logs.

### **APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE ASSESSOR**

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Darby that John Ledwith be appointed Assessor for the Village of Tuxedo Park for the tax year 2008-2009 at a salary of \$6,500.

Vote of the Board: Trustee Shaw – abstain  
Trustee Hansen – nay  
Trustee Worthy – aye  
Mayor Stebbins – aye  
Deputy Mayor Darby – aye

The motion was passed by a vote of 3 ayes, 1 nay and 1 abstention.

**VIEWSHED DRAFT PROPOSAL** – The Viewshed Committee Report is nearly completed as well as a draft local law. Further discussion will be held at the December 12<sup>th</sup> Trustees meeting.

**LEVY UNPAID VILLAGE TAXES**

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Trustee Shaw that the Village Clerk be authorized to send to the County of Orange Commissioner of Finance the attached list of unpaid 2007-2008 Village taxes in the amount of \$148,043.12 for re-levy onto the January 2008 Town/County Tax Bill. (A copy is attached.)

Vote of the Board: Trustee Hansen – aye  
Trustee Worthy – aye  
Deputy Mayor Hays – aye  
Trustee Shaw – aye  
Mayor Stebbins – aye

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Darby that the minutes of the October 17, 2007 Board of Trustees meeting be approved.

Vote of the Board: Trustee Shaw – aye  
Trustee Hansen – aye  
Deputy Mayor Darby – aye  
Mayor Stebbins – aye  
Trustee Worthy – abstain – not present at the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting

The motion was passed by a vote of 4 ayes and 1 abstention.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Trustee Shaw that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss O.C. District Attorney proceedings, litigation, and Village employee issues. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

**REOPEN REGULAR SESSION**

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Trustee Hansen to reopen Regular Session at 1:35 a.m.. The vote was 5-0- in favor.

**APPOINT ACTING DPW SUPERINTENDENT**

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Trustee Worthy that Jeffrey Voss, Water/Sewer Plant Operator, be appointed Acting DPW Superintendent, effective immediately.

Vote of the Board: Deputy Mayor Hays – aye  
Trustee Worthy – aye  
Trustee Shaw – aye  
Trustee Hansen – aye

Mayor Stebbins – aye

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS** - Bills in the amount of \$211,679.02 for the General Fund, claim numbers 11-1 to 11-89 and \$16,378.44 for the Water Fund, claim numbers W11-1 to W11-10 were audited and ordered paid.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Darby that the meeting be adjourned at 1:35 a.m.. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews  
Village Clerk-Treasurer