

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 20, 2007
7:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor David McFadden
Deputy Mayor Christopher Hansen
Trustee Lawrence Darby
Trustee Oliver Parker
Trustee Houston Stebbins

Clerk: Deborah Matthews

Also: John Ledwith, JoAnn Hanson, Celeste Gebhardt, Susan Goodfellow, Mary Graetzer, Uli Pendl, Joan Alleman, Robin McFadden, Jim & Nancy Hays, Alan & Sue Heywood, Alan Barnett, Meg Vaught, Audrey & Jack Perry, Kathy Norris, Chris Sonne, Fran Rausch, Michele Wu, Sally Spooner, and others.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speakers: JoAnn Hanson, Chris Sonne, Fran Rausch, Susan Goodfellow, Jim Hays, Nancy Hays,

Topics: Thank you to Mayor McFadden for his service to the Village and allowing more disclosure to the public; thank you to Trustee Parker for his service and dedication to the Village; Tuxedo reserve public hearing in Town Hall July 10th.

A motion was made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hansen to close public comments at 7:38 p.m. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

REPORTS

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

BAR – Chairman Celeste Gebhardt read her report on projects that had received violations and are still unresolved. They include Donald Hanson, Joseph Fontana, and Thomas Benvenuto. A copy is attached. Also unresolved is the Randy Miller project. He still has some issues that need to be resolved with the BAR.

POLICE – A copy of the synopsis is attached.

DPW – A copy of the report is attached.

BUILDING PERMITS

A motion was made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Trustee Darby that the building permit application of Johanna Howard, 15 Acoma Road, Tax Map No. 105-1-36, for the addition of cobblestones and driveway resurfacing at a cost of \$9,850 be approved. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hansen that the building permit application of Walter Deane, 103 West Lake Road, Tax Map No. 103-1-48, for an extension of his parking area across from his lot, 8' of cobblestone, a lantern and garbage shed at a cost of \$500 be approved. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hansen that the building permit application of Pamela Boorman & Arona Samb, 2 Stable Road, Tax Map No. 107-1-47, for the construction of a new first and second story addition at a cost of \$50,000 be approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**INTERNAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

A motion was made by Mayor McFadden that the BST report be released to the public. There was no second. A discussion followed. No action was taken. It was noted that the Village Attorney had been asked to prepare a summary of the BST report for release to the public as soon as practicable.

NEW BUSINESS**GARBAGE CONTRACT**

A motion was made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hansen that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for Village Garbage and Recycling services with a bid opening date of July 16, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. and that Trustee Darby will review the documents being prepared by Richard Fuller before they are released. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

APPOINTMENTS – POLICE DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Trustee Stebbins that Thomas Cunningham (from Sloatsburg, NY) be appointed as a part time Police Officer at a salary of \$20.00 per hour effective June 1, 2007, and John Rahn (from Monroe, NY) and Thomas Stevens (from Chester, NY) be appointed part time Traffic Guards at a salary of \$13.50 per hour effective June 20, 2007. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

HIRE PART TIME CLERK-VILLAGE OFFICE

A motion was made by Trustee Stebbins, seconded by Mayor McFadden that a part time clerk be hired to assist the Village Office for 20 hours per week for one month at a salary of not more than \$15.00 per hour. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

WEBSITE POLICY-WEBMASTER - A discussion was held regarding the Website as it relates to records retention and approval of items to be posted on the Website.

A motion was made by Trustee Stebbins, seconded by Mayor McFadden that Village Clerk Debbie Matthews be named as Webmaster Administrator. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

2007 REORGANIZATION MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hansen that the resolution adopted in the July 2006 Board of Trustees Reorganization meeting for the Reorganization meeting scheduled for July 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. be amended by adding "or such earlier date as shall be set for a special meeting whose purpose is to address Reorganization matters". The vote was 5-0 in favor.

BOARD OPENINGS ON BZA, PB AND BAR – A discussion was held on the open positions as they relate to the Term Limits law, about which there was disagreement as to its applicability. The matter was tabled.

TRANSITION

Mayor McFadden stated that he will help Houston and the new trustees with the transition into their new administration. Trustees Darby and Stebbins expressed their appreciation for the offer.

TUXEDO DOCKS – Mayor McFadden stated that if the Board rescinds the permit, he is assured the lawsuit will be withdrawn. He asked the Board to consider it.

TUXEDO LAKE DAM – Drayton Grant has been working with O'Brien & Gere regarding the DEC requirements. O'Brien & Geere will soon begin their design work and will be taking their own measurements rather than relying on prior data and studies. Mayor McFadden asked that the record show that he feels the DEC civil action against the Village is a result of the Village's delay in hiring an engineering firm to address the dam issue.

LEGAL BILLS – A discussion was held on the amount of the legal bills from the Tannenbaum Helpert Syracuse & Hirschtritt firm for litigation representation in the Isles lawsuit. On another issue, Trustee Darby stated that he had no business or financial relationship with Donald Prutzman, Esq. prior to his firm being retained. After Trustee Darby recommended hiring Mr. Prutzman, he found out he is the brother of Village resident Caroline Roberts.

OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED – Pre election remarks and FOIL requests received.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REPORT – The Board will have Richie Morrow contact Village Attorney Roemer to discuss and report on the remediation.

SANITATION COMPANY – The Board authorized John Ledwith to resolve the issue between Interstate Waste and the Cheungs regarding spilled paint in their driveway.

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Hansen, seconded by Trustee Darby that the Board enter Executive Session at 10:00 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hansen that the Board re-enter Regular Session at 10:35 p.m. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS – Bills in the amount of \$147,381.49 for the General Fund, claim numbers 6-1 to 6-120, and \$20,347.04 for the Water Fund, claim numbers W6-1 to W6-17, were audited and ordered paid.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hansen that the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 p.m. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews
Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes were approved at the 8/15/07 BOT meeting.