

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 19, 2008
7:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Houston Stebbins
Deputy Mayor Lawrence Darby
Trustee Charlotte Worthy

Absent: Trustee Christopher Hansen
Trustee Anna (Tinka) Shaw

Clerk: Deborah A. Matthews

Also: John Ledwith, Jeff Voss, Peter Regna, Michele Lindsay, Meg Vaught, Lucy Edwards, Mary Graetzer, Sally Sonne, David McFadden, Sue & Alan Heywood, Kathy Biehl, Anthony Mason, Guest Ed Tomlinson, Climatologist, of Applied Weather Associates

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

REPORTS

Mayor Stebbins

He has been working with the department heads on their proposed 2008-2009 budget.

Budget Officer Darby will present the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

The police contract is in the final stages of negotiation.

In regard to litigation, no appeal was filed in the Isles lawsuit and the case is closed.

The Board will be meeting with Ed Tomlinson of Applied Weather Associates in Executive Session with the hopes of hiring his firm to assist the Village with the Tuxedo Lake Dam/DEC.

Two of the three License Agreements within the Village have been renewed (Wee Wah Beach Club and Wee Wah Fishing Club), each with staggered expiration dates. The Village Boat Club agreement has not been completed

Deputy Mayor Darby

All departments are currently operating well within budget. Legal expenses related to litigation have been the largest expense for the Village.

The 2008-2009 Tentative Budget will be filed with the Village Clerk on March 20, 2008. He acknowledged Mayor Stebbins for the tremendous amount of work he did, the assistance of the Village departments and engineers, and Allen Barnett for his help with the software and spreadsheets.

In brief, there is expected to be an increase in the fund balance at fiscal yearend (May 31, 2008) of 5.9% in the General Fund as well as an increase of 13% in the Water Fund but no increase in water rates.

Also presented will be a four-year Capital Budget plan for 2009-2012, with the primary focus on dam and water line repairs and funding attained through borrowing in the Capital Markets.

POLICE – Sgt. Sanford gave a synopsis of February activities. In regard to his proposed 2008-2009 budget, the largest increase will be Personnel due to hiring two full time police officers. He is also asking for a new police vehicle.

DPW – In his proposed 2008-2009 proposed budget, DPW Superintendent Jeff Voss has asked to purchase a used asphalt roller (the current one is 27 years old and inoperable), a new ¾ ton pickup truck, and an increase in the road resurfacing portion of the budget since prices have increased for petroleum products.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

VIAC – Michele Lindsay reported that the Committee has been working with the Wee Wah Beach Club regarding improvements. A portion of the License Agreement fee paid to the Village will be used to upgrade the baby pool.

BUILDING PERMITS

Cavada

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Darby that the building permit application of Kerry & Glen Cavada, East Lake Stable Road, Tax Map No. 106-1-31, for renovation of an existing porch, and an extension of a rear kitchen and dining room be approved.

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

The motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.

McFadden

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Trustee Worthy that the building permit application of David McFadden, 28 Pepperidge Road, Tax Map No. 106-1-43, for changes and installation of windows and a door be approved.

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

The motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.

Goldman

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Darby that the building permit application of Drew Goldman, 154 East Lake Road, Tax Map No. 105-1-49, for converting the existing garage to a playroom be approved.

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

The motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speakers: David McFadden, Tony Mason, Alan Heywood, Michele Lindsay, Peter Regna

Comments: Why are two full time officers being hired; why are so many street lights burned out and why does the Village get poor service; is the DPW required to pick up litter off the Village roads; is the feedback from the BAR and PB on the Viewshed legislation; what are the arguments the Village gave in the Sterling Place litigation; are violation reports and notices being kept by the Village; will projects for VIAC be funded from the capital projects budget; would keeping more water in the lakes avoid having to hire a consultant to look into the algae blooms in the Wee Wah.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**LAKE LAW REVISION PANEL REPORT**

Trustee Worthy read the interim report on behalf of the Lake Law Revision Panel. A discussion was held on various aspects of the report.

NEW BUSINESS**CLIMATOLOGIST CONSULTANT FOR TUXEDO LAKE DAM**

Mayor Stebbins introduced Ed Tomlinson, who is a Climatologist Consultant from Applied Weather Associates in Colorado. Mr. Tomlinson gave a brief presentation on the services his company provides.

APPOINT SAFETY OFFICER

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Darby that Jeffrey Voss, DPW Superintendent be appointed Safety Officer in the manner consistent with the requirements of PERMA, our Workers' Compensation carrier.

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

The motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.

WEE WAH FISHING CLUB LICENSE AGREEMENT – Tabled

VILLAGE COURT FINES REPORT – A discussion was held. As part of internal financial controls, a copy of the monthly report will be distributed to the Trustees.

VILLAGE ELECTION

Two Trustee seats will be open in June, that of Trustee Worthy and Trustee Darby.

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Trustee Worthy that the Village Election be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

The motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Darby that the Board enter Executive Session at 9:26 p.m. to discuss litigation and Village employee matters. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

RE-OPEN REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Trustee Worthy that the Board re-open regular session at 11:00 p.m. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

CLIMATOLOGIST CONSULTANT

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Darby that Applied Weather Associates of Colorado be hired as a consultant to assist with data analysis relative to the Tuxedo Lake Dam.

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

The motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS - Bills in the amount of \$160,749.10 for the General Fund, claim numbers 3-1 to 3-101, and \$35,126.76 for the Water Fund, claim numbers W3-1 to W3-14 were audited and ordered paid.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Darby that the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews
Village Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes were approved by the BOT on 7/8/09.