

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK  
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2008  
7:30 P.M.**

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

Clerk: Deborah A. Matthews

Also: DPW Superintendent Jeff Voss, Chief Ken Sanford, Consultant Richard Morrow, Richard Messer (W&S), Chris & Sally Sonne, Alan Heywood, Michele Lindsay, Peter Regna, Sally Spooner, Susan Goodfellow

Mayor Stebbins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**2008-2009 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Mayor Stebbins read the notice of hearing and turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor Darby, who is the Budget Officer.

Deputy Mayor Darby gave a very brief overview of the 2008-2009 budgets which included the Operating Budget (General Fund and Water Fund) and the Capital Expenditures Budget.

Mayor Stebbins gave a more comprehensive overview as outlined in the "Background Information Packet" that was available for the public as well.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The public hearing was opened at 7:50 p.m.

**Operating Budget**

Speakers: Chris Sonne, Sally Sonne, Alan Heywood, Michele Lindsay, Peter Regna, Sally Spooner

Comments: Lower the contingency number and reduce tax increase; legal expenses should be budgeted under Legal and not Contingency; since income on rentals low - budget on rentals should be lower; will the number of part time officers be reduced when full time officers are hired; will a part time employee be hired to help in the Village Office; raise taxes and correct infrastructure issues now; where are the funds allotted for buildings, equipment, and dam repairs that weren't spent; have assessments been raised on new construction; is the \$900,000 fund

balance number correct; concern that the fund balance is so high; concern that budgeted number for DPW buildings and equipment is low.

### Capital Budget

Deputy Mayor Darby, in referring to the Capital Expenditures Summary page, explained the funds will be used for major infrastructure repairs over a four-year period from 2009-2012. These funds will be obtained through borrowing and authorized through bond resolutions approved by the Board of Trustees. These

General Fund projects are prioritized as follows: 1) dams, 2) water and sewer systems, 3) road restructuring, and 4) lighting. The Water Fund projects include: 1) water main cleaning and relining or replacement and 2) West Lake Water line system.

Speakers: Alan Heywood, Michele Lindsay, Sally Spooner, Susan Goodfellow, Peter Regna

Comments: \$200,000 for roads over four years doesn't seem like much; more attention needs to be paid to street lighting; is there time for the VIAC to revise their proposed projects and resubmit new estimates; will the Lakes Management project be funded; what additional information does the Board need to make a decision on the lakes study; studies in the past did not amount to any change, so if the Village cannot set aside monies for the lake studies, maybe it's not the proper time to invest in it.

### CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Darby that the public hearing on the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget be adjourned at 10:00 p.m. to be continued on April 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

The Trustees answered questions and further explained comments made by the public.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**VIEWSHED OVERLAY** – The latest draft of the proposed law was previously distributed.

**VILLAGE BOAT CLUB** – Additional information was received regarding their proposed dock.

**SELECTIVE INSURANCE** – A discussion was held on the Village's policy. We received a 60-day notice cancelling our employee theft coverage effective June 4, 2008. Our broker Marshall & Sterling is obtaining quotes from other companies.

### **BOAT PERMITS**

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Trustee Shaw that the boat permit fees be increased to \$120 for Pontoon boats and \$60 for all others.

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

Mayor Stebbins – aye  
Trustee Hansen – aye  
Trustee Shaw – aye

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

**STEAM CLEANING OF BOATS**

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Darby that all boats entering the Village will be steam cleaned at the Village sewer plant by the DPW or Sewer Plant staff between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon Monday through Friday.

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.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Darby, seconded by Mayor Stebbins that the Board enter Executive Session at 11:53 p.m. to discuss litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews  
Village Clerk-Treasurer