

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JULY 14, 2010
7:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Houston Stebbins
Deputy Mayor Gerard Pompan
Trustee Christopher Hansen
Trustee Thomas Wilson
Trustee Robert Zgonena

Clerk: Deborah A. Matthews

Also: John Ledwith, Chief Ken Sanford, Jeff Voss, Richard Golden, Esq.
Alyssa Dragone, David duPont, Meg Vaught, Richard Messer, Peter Regna,
Mary Grimmig, Mary Graetzer, Dena Steel, Audrey Perry, Rev. Betty Whorter

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

REPORTS

Mayor Stebbins

Acknowledged the unfortunate events of July 7th and offered his sympathies to Jackie Green and her family. He thanked the Tuxedo Park Police and surrounding police agencies for their rapid response and the arrest of Jesse Green, as well as the Tuxedo Ambulance Corp and Tuxedo Fire Department for their assistance.

During the recent heat wave, O&R struggled to provide sufficient power to the water plant. The pumps shut down resulting in inadequate water levels in the water tanks, voluntary restrictions on outside water usage, and the need to use the Village's generator to provide adequate power to the Plant. He thanked Jeff Voss and Tom Smith for quickly identifying the problem, contacting Orange & Rockland and monitoring the situation closely until the tanks were refilled.

As of May 31st, the expected surplus in the General Fund totals \$600,000 and is considered favorable as it represents 17% of the total budget.

The current cash balance is about equal to July 2009. When long term financing is complete, the general fund will be reimbursed for capital expenditures paid out of Village operating cash over the last two years.

Police - Chief Sanford gave an overview of June Police activities. He also gave an update on the unfortunate July 7th incident involving resident Jesse Green and extended his sympathies to the Green family. The investigation is ongoing.

DPW

Jeff Voss recommends replacing the inefficient 100 gallon per minute high lift pump at the water plant with a 360 gallon per minute new pump, which is one of three existing pumps. The remaining two are higher capacity. One cost estimate is \$10,000 for just the pump.

The Board asked that a letter be written to Orange & Rockland requesting reimbursement for the cost of running the water plant generator for several days due to low electrical voltage to the water plant.

Advisory Committees – None

Building Permits:Slep & Gorda

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Trustee Pompan that the Performance Bond being held by the Village in the amount of \$26,250 be returned to Vladimir Slep and Svetlana Gorda as their house is complete and a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.

Vote of the Board: Trustee Hansen – aye
Trustee Wilson – aye
Trustee Zgonena – aye
Deputy Mayor Pompan – aye
Mayor Stebbins – aye

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

Water Department

John Ledwith reported on: 1) the consumption of the top ten water accounts from July 2009-July 2010; 2) the amnesty payment plan status, 3) violation letter to and fees owed (\$4,642) by the former Duck Cedar Inn property; and 3) the reimbursement request (\$4,163) for damages to a hydrant on Route 17 by a passing motorist.

A discussion was held.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Peter Regna: Publicly refuted ill rumors of impropriety in any Board approvals or work done on his property and denounced that he has any link or association with Jesse Green.

NEW BUSINESS**PURCHASE OF GPS UNIT FOR DPW AND WATER DEPARTMENT**

A discussion was held on the need to continue logging in data into digital maps for water line, sewer line and infrastructure which can be accomplished using a GPS unit. Engineer Rich

Messer proposed a model that lists for \$5,695. The Board asked him to research purchasing a unit coming off lease at a lower cost.

NEW COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT – A discussion was held on the need during emergencies.

ROOF REPAIRS FOR DPW BUILDING

Jeff Voss obtained two quotes for repairing the roof, the lowest being \$5,000. The Board asked that he obtain a third quote and present them at the August meeting.

WATER SAVING PROJECT AT SEWER PLANT

Because the clarifier at the sewer plant uses processed water for cleaning, Engineer Rich Messer is obtaining proposals to modify the system so that the effluent can be re-circulated back and used instead. This would save about one million gallons of processed water per year. The estimated cost is about \$32,000.

NEW BULLETIN BOARDS FOR THE FRONT AND SOUTH GATES FOR PUBLIC POSTING - A discussion was held. The consensus of the Board's is that posting be limited to Village related issues.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATES - VARIOUS PROJECTS

FLOW TESTING & SEWER MAIN RELINING PROJECT

Engineer Rich Messer reported that his firm is compiling the data collected in the manhole flow testing that was done in various areas of the Village which will help prioritize 16 sub-areas for smoke and dye testing for determining I&I infiltration. A report on this data is due to the NYSDEC by the end of July with a final report due mid-October. Because of a manhole overflow in the West Lake Road area during a heavy March rain, he recommended televising be done there as soon as practicable.

VILLAGE PLANS TO ISSUE \$1.5 MILLION OF PUBLIC DEBT

Mayor Stebbins reported that in late July or early August the Village will issue \$1.5 million General Obligations Bonds for various projects – 56% for the General Fund and 44% for the Water Department based upon pro rate amounts of the projects being funded. The term would be 15 to 20 years with prepayment any time after the 8th year.

TUXEDO LARK DAM AND CLUBHOUSE ROAD WATER MAIN PROJECT

Engineer Rich Messer briefly reviewed the plans with the Board. He noted a pre-bid meeting was held today and the bid opening is on July 23rd.

CHLORINE BUILDING

Engineer Rich Messer noted the repairs are progressing and are almost complete. When the building is complete, the mechanicals will be tested.

WEST LAKE ROAD WATER LINE RELOCATION

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Trustee Hansen that the Board approve Task 3 (Full time Construction Engineering and Closeout Services) of the Weston & Sampson Proposal dated August 20, 2009 for Engineering Services for the West Lake Road Water Line Relocation in the amount of \$68,900.

Vote of the Board: Deputy Mayor Pompan – aye
Trustee Zgonena – aye
Trustee Hansen – aye
Trustee Wilson – aye
Mayor Stebbins – aye

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Trustee Hansen that the minutes of the April 25, 2010 Special Board of Trustees Meeting be approved as presented.

Vote of the Board: Deputy Mayor Pompan – aye
Trustee Hansen – aye
Mayor Stebbins – aye
Trustee Wilson – abstain
Trustee Zgonena – abstain

The motion was passed by vote of 3 ayes and 2 abstentions.

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Trustee Zgonena that the minutes of the July 5, 2010 Special Board of Trustees Meeting be approved as presented.

Vote of the Board: Trustee Hansen – aye
Deputy Mayor Pompan – aye
Trustee Wilson – aye
Trustee Zgonena – aye
Mayor Stebbins – aye

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS - Bills in the amount of \$119,288.36 for the General Fund, claim numbers 7-1 to 7-114, \$11,883.85 for the Water Fund, claim numbers W7-1 to W7-15, and \$8,226.00 for Professional Fees, claim numbers PF7-1 to PF7-3 were audited and ordered paid.

ADJOURN TO ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pompan that the Board adjourn to Attorney-Client Session at 9:37 p.m. a.m. to discuss the proposed DPW Union Contract and employee matters. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews
Village-Clerk Treasurer