

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 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: Chief Ken Sanford, John Ledwith, Jeff Voss, Jim & Nancy Hays, Dena Steele,
Alan & Sue Heywood, Mary Grimmig

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

REPORTS

Mayor Stebbins

Expressed his gratitude to Trustee Wilson (communication system) and Trustee Zgonena (trees) for their recent help with important Village projects.

An e-mail regarding an increase in deer ticks and Lyme disease in the Village was received from a Village resident. The Mayor has asked the Environmental Committee to research the issues and also asked the Village Police to look into implementing a safe and legal DEC deer culling program.

Village projects taking place in 2010 are: 1) East Lake Road wall and road repair, 2) West Lake Road water line, and 3) Clubhouse Road water line. These will be funded from the Capital Expenditures account, which has a cash balance of \$1.5 million.

Bulk trash pickup will take place on Saturday, October 9, 2010 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The General Fund cash balance to date is running even with September of last year. The budget expenditures are consistent with plan.

Deputy Mayor Pompan

A Tree Committee has been formed with members Susan Goodfellow, Joe McCann, Cami Fischer, Tamer El-Rayess, Anne Madden and Chaired by Jennifer Cacioppo. They are having a second meeting this weekend and will submit an initial report in October or November.

He and the Mayor are moving forward on exploring a new health insurance plan for Village employees. The Town of Tuxedo has just implemented a new plan for Town employees. An informational meeting will be held with the Town very soon and results reported to the BOT.

Police - Chief Sanford gave an overview of August Police activities. He sent letters to residents having numerous false alarm calls. He reported that he has been working with the DEC on a NYSDEC approved deer culling program for the Village. The following were also discussed.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF 'CODERED' SYSTEM

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pompan that the Board approve the purchase of the 'CodeRed' communication system for the Police Department at a cost of \$3,750 per year as quoted in their proposal dated September 8, 2010.

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.

ORANGE COUNTY'S AUTOMATIC POLICE VEHICLE LOCATOR PROGRAM – A discussion was held on the benefits of the program for a large police department vs. Tuxedo Park. No action taken.

DPW***APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEW DPW TRUCK***

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Trustee Zgonena that the DPW Superintendent be authorized to purchase a Class 8 7-yard dump truck under NYS bid at a cost not to exceed \$165,000.

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

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEW PUMP FOR WATER PLANT – Three price quotes were received.

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Trustee Wilson that the Board approve the purchase of an Aurora Horizontally Mounted Two-Stage Splitcase Centrifugal Pump Model 421, including installation service, for the water plant at a cost of \$9,775.00, the lowest of the three quotes received.

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

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

Water Department Report

John Ledwith reported on: 1) payment plan status, 2) 3rd quarter water bills going out September 30th, 3) Town Building Inspector was sent a letter regarding building structures over water lines, and 4) he prepared a 14 year water production vs. water billing analysis.

IDENTIFY AND REDUCE LOST WATER IN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM – A discussion was held regarding further steps to take to identify where processed water is being lost and ways to reduce the loss, such as the installation of a meter on the water distribution line that feeds the Hamlet, continue to use leak detection companies on Village mains, the DPW immediately repair any leaks on Village lines that are found, and notifying homeowners immediately when a leak occurs on their service line.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speakers: Nancy Hays, Alan Heywood

Comments: What is the proposed deer culling about? It's illegal to pay for culling. Are the water hydrants metered, how much water do the fire trucks and sewer jet machine use when filling up, and how many times do they fill? There are major potholes throughout the Village.

Advisory Committees

VIAC – Alan Heywood reported the committee continues to work on various projects, including trees and guide rails. Jim Hays has joined the committee as a member.

BUILDING PERMITS – No new permits.

Building Inspector John Ledwith reported: 1) that he received no response from a certified letter sent to Ken Kaufman regarding his boathouse. He asked that the Board authorize the Village Attorney to issue an appearance ticket for Mr. Kaufman for Village Court; 2) O&R has started to make some repairs on the list of items previously sent to them in August; 3) Verizon was also notified of low hanging wires; and 4) replacement of a faulty propane tank is scheduled at the DPW shop and a \$2,506.14 credit received.

APPROVE DEAD TREE CUTTING ON VILLAGE PROPERTY

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pompan that the Village hire the company Ornamental Tree, Wyckoff, NJ, as recommended by Trustee Zgonena, to remove 4 very large trees located on Village property at a cost of \$2,500.

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

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

DISCUSS CONSULTING ARCHITECT BARRY RICE TERM RENEWAL

A lengthy discussion was held on whether to renew Mr. Rice's contract for another year. It was the consensus of the Board that the BAR prepare a report for the Trustees, based on Mr. Rice's one year of service, and include a response as to: 1) are Mr. Rice's services cost effective from the standpoint of the process as well as the applicant, 2) what is the protocol for his services being utilized, 3) is he a valuable addition to the BAR, 4) and is he considered to be both helpful and positive to the BAR and the applicant alike.

APPROVE TAX PENALTY REFUND

A motion was made by Mayor Stebbins, seconded by Trustee Hansen that the Estate of Douglas Dyne be reimbursed for the \$515.83 penalty paid on the payment of its 2010 Village Tax Bill due to the settlement timeline of Mr. Dyne's estate in July, where June 30th was the non-penalty cutoff date.

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

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

MINUTES – July 1, 2010, July 23, 2010 and August 18, 2010 were tabled.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS - Bills in the amount of \$325,340.40 for the General Fund, claim numbers 9-1 to 9-81; \$133,920.88 for the Water Fund, claim numbers W9-1 to W9-15; \$175,689.26 for Capital Projects, claim numbers CP9-1 to CP9-7; and \$4,218.22 for Professional Fees, claim numbers PF9-1 to PF9-4 were audited and ordered paid.

ADJOURN TO ATTORNEY- CLIENT SESSION

Mayor Stebbins adjourned the meeting to an attorney-client session at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews
Village Clerk-Treasurer