

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2011  
7:00 P.M**

Present: Mayor Thomas Wilson  
Deputy Mayor David duPont  
Trustee Alan Heywood  
Trustee Robert Zgonena

Absent: Trustee Liane Neuhauser

Clerk: Deborah Matthews

Also: John Ledwith, Chief Ken Sanford, Claudio Guazzoni de Zannetti, Mary Graetzer,  
Meg Vaught, Mary Grimming, Cami Fischer, Joan Alleman, Susan Goodfellow, Tom  
Salierno

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Trustee Zgonena led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mayor's Update**

Yaboo Fence – The Tuxedo Road guide rail project has been recognized as a great success. The Mayor thanked former Mayor Stebbins for his leadership in bringing the project to fruition and completion as well as the members of the VIAC and the BAR.

Financial Update – The Village is in a very strong financial position with about \$3.1 (General Fund) in the bank. This is little under \$70,000 ahead of the balance at the same time last year.

Town Recycling Facility – Due to problems with the NYSDEC, the facility has been shut down to local contractors for leaf disposal. Alternate disposal methods are being researched within the Village and suggestions are welcome. Illegal blowing of leaves onto neighboring properties will be closely monitored by the Police and the issuance of fines to violators may be an option. A discussion followed.

Milfoil Update – Gratitude was expressed to Jim and Nancy Hays for discovering the invasive Milfoil weed near the Tuxedo Lake Dam. They took a sample and had it professionally tested for verification. Susan Goodfellow, Environmental Committee Chair, has spoken with the Lake Wardens, NYSDEC and also Allied Biological. Allied Biological has submitted a proposal to do an identification and location mapping of the Milfoil in Tuxedo Lake. A discussion followed.

**Police Update**

Chief Sanford gave a synopsis of September Police activities. Trustee Heywood inquired as to the status of updating the expired white TP tags, which the Chief said is continuing to be worked on.

### **DPW Update**

In Superintendent Voss' absence, Mayor Wilson asked Trustee Zgonena, as DPW liaison, to give an update. Trustee Zgonena reported that the DPW is trying to finish road paving, but has been hampered by inclement weather. Also the DPW will make a concerted effort to trim back overgrowth along the roadways. Some projects that he suggested are in need of attention are East and West Lake Road surfaces, the West Lake Road shoulder along the lake and the road width on the cliff side. Some other issues discussed were the paving of Tuxedo Road, road drainage and storm water run-off issues throughout the Village, lowering of Tuxedo Lake for dam repair, the FEMA application for the Village, and a new water truck.

### **Building Department Update**

John Ledwith reported: 1) Several inspections of on-going projects were performed; 2) the remaining energy grant money was received; 3) documentation and photographs for FEMA storm reimbursement were prepared; 4) he had meetings with contractors and prepared documentation regarding repair of the South Gate rental house; 5) he met with contractors to obtain estimates for a Village Office generator; 6) he notified Verizon and O&R of wires and equipment problems that need attention; and 7) he met with Donald Hanson and provided him an inspection progress report. A copy of the report is attached.

### **Committee Update**

#### **Environmental Committee**

Susan Goodfellow reiterated the discussion held during the Mayor's update. Since the Milfoil weed is very aggressive, it is recommended the Village take immediate action to address the problem. The first step is to identify all the locations where the Milfoil has been found. A GPS mapping would be done, which can become a useful tool in sectioning the lake for observation and for Milfoil removal purposes. She asked that the Allied Biological proposal be approved.

#### **Public Health Committee**

Cami Fisher, Chair, read from an excerpt from an article written by Richard Ostfeld, Lyme Disease expert, disease ecologist and research scientist. She and Claudio also met and spoke with him in Millbrook, NY, about the disease, deer, ticks and mice. He recommended spraying areas with pyrethroids (a derivative of the chrysanthemum plant) for ticks. However, the spray could be harmful to water sources, honey bees and other insects. The removal of leaves and the use of bait boxes for the trapping of mice or other small rodents are also recommended. The final recommendation is deer control. A discussion followed.

#### **Advanced Technology & Website**

Claudio Guazzoni de Zanetti, Chair, reported the committee is continuing to work on a website and funding is needed (\$5,000-\$7,000) to include webcasting. A discussion followed.

### **Public Comment**

Speaker: Joan Alleman

Comment: Thank you to the Board for the beautiful new guide rails on Tuxedo Road.

### **Sterling Carting Garbage Contract Extension**

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Zgonena that the Board approve the one-year contract extension of Sterling Carting, Inc., under Article 2.2 of our existing contract, for refuse removal and recycling service for the Village of Tuxedo Park, contract to run December 1, 2011 to November 30, 2012, at the current rate of \$12,293.00 per month.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

### **Approve Medical Leave of Dennis Jones (DPW)**

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor du Pont that the Board approve the medical leave of DPW employee Dennis Jones, effective October 18, 2011.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

### **Approve BOT Minutes**

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Heywood that the minutes of the June 15, 2011, August 17, 2011 and September 7, 2011 Board of Trustees meetings be approved.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

### **Appoint Additional Lake Warden**

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor du Pont that Glen LaBar, President of the Wee Wah Fishing Club and resident of the Town of Tuxedo, be appointed as an additional Lake Warden for the Village of Tuxedo Park, effective immediately.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

### **Allied Biological Proposal**

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor du Pont that the proposal received from Allied Biological, at the request of the Environmental Committee, for an Aquatic Vegetation Mapping Survey of Tuxedo Lake to document a baseline density and diversity of Eurasian water milfoil plants, and a final findings report, at a cost of \$3,395.00 be approved.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

**Allocate Monies for Divers to Remove Milfoil**

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor du Pont that the Board allocate \$5,000 for the purpose of hiring divers to remove Eurasian water milfoil weeds from the Village lakes.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

**Audit of Claims** – Bills in the amount of \$140,805.24 for the General Fund, claim numbers 10-1 to 10-95, \$14,988.70 for the Water Fund, claim numbers W10-1 to W10-13 , \$219,417.32 for Capital Projects, claim numbers CP10-1 to CP10-4, and \$3,225.00 for Professional Fees, claim numbers PF10-1 to PF10-2 were audited and ordered paid.

**Adjourn to Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor du Pont that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a specific Police personnel matter and the proposed Police contract. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews  
Village Clerk-Treasurer