

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 21, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Thomas Wilson
Trustee Alan Heywood
Trustee Liane Neuhauser
Trustee Robert Zgonena

Absent: Deputy Mayor David du Pont

Clerk: Deborah Matthews

Also: John Ledwith, Chief Sanford, Sue Heywood, Nancy & Jim Hays, Mary Graetzer, Kristian and Leeann Matthews, David McFadden, Mary Grimmig, Meg Vaught, Mary Bullartd, Peter Regna, Jack & Audrey Perry, John Kilduff

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

Mayor's Update

Numerous e-mails and photographs have come in over the last week from concerned residents regarding the Four Corners Pond. The New York Office of Fish and Wildlife as well as officials from the DEC have been contacted, and the DEC has been onsite at the mulch facility. The issue is the alarming number of dead fish in Four Corners Pond which feeds directly into Warwick Brook which in turn runs into Wee Wah Lake. At the bottom of the brook where it joins the Wee Wah there is an orange foam has been discovered and there is concern it's linked to the Four Corners Pond. Superintendent Voss has been monitoring the situation by boat for the last several days. Watershed Assessment Associates recommends testing the water in 2 to 4 stations, with each test costing \$1,500.

Police Update - Chief Sanford gave a synopsis of February Police activities and reported a quiet month.

Building Department Update

John Ledwith reported that no building permits were issued this month. There are a few active applications before the Planning Board and the BAR. In addition, the BZA has scheduled a meeting in April to address some gate and fence issues.

Committee Update

Public Health Committee – Since Committee Chair Fischer was not yet present, Mayor Wilson reported that Mrs. Fischer was going to update the Board on a tick survey that she would like to implement. However, the survey is something the Board is not going to consider this year.

Environmental Committee – Committee Chair Susan Goodfellow was not present, but the Mayor reported she has been working with Carol Ash and Mary Yrizzary on the Warwick Brook issue.

Public Comments

Speakers: Jim Hays, David McFadden, Jack Perry, Audrey Perry, Sue Heywood

Comments: The Village should ban use of pesticides on surfaces that can be washed into the lakes; Town expenses related to the Tuxedo Land Trust will have an effect on taxes for Village residents; what is the status of the standing water at the south end.

Mayor Wilson assured the Perry's that the Village will continue to investigate the situation and would follow up with them.

Set Date for Public hearing on Budget

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Neuhauser that the public hearing on the Tentative Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 be scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Office.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

Town of Tuxedo Recreation Request to Use Wee Wah Beach

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Heywood that the Board approve the request of the Town of Tuxedo Recreation Department to use the Wee Wah Beach for their six-week summer recreation program from July 2-August 10.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

Watershed Assessment Associates and Water Studies

Environmental Committee Chair Susan Goodfellow submitted a proposal to the Board from Watershed Assessment Associates for four studies to be completed, 3 along Warwick Brook and one above Four Corners Pond at a cost of \$1,500 per study. A fifth one could be added as well for Patterson Brook bringing the total to five.

A lengthy discussion was held. It was agreed that the Board would wait for more information to be submitted so they can then make a decision regarding the testing. When received and reviewed, a special Trustees meeting would be scheduled.

O&R Proposal for Residential Natural Gas Line into the Village

John Ledwith, in his contact with O&R, gave a brief outline on the possibility of an extension of a natural gas main into the Village near the entrance by the Main Gate, running from Fox Hill or Pepperidge Road to East Lake Road to the Water Plant. The cost to the Village, if we dig the trench and get about 39 houses to connect, would be about \$200,000 and \$7,500 per hookup. Most people would have to change their heating system or convert their existing system. Lines would have to be 6' apart and couldn't be put in the same trench as a new water line.

A discussion was held.

Audit of Claims - Bills in the amount of \$159,425.44 in the General Fund, claim numbers 3-1 to 3-97; \$42,869.19 in the Water Fund, claim numbers W3-1 to W3-21; \$2,940.00 in Capital Projects, claim numbers CP3-1; and \$5,715.00 in Professional Fees, claim number PF3-1 to PF3-2 were audited and ordered paid.

Adjourn to Executive Session

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Neuhauser that the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. to discuss a specific Police employee. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Heywood that the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 a.m. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews
Village Clerk-Treasurer