

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JULY 24, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Thomas Wilson
Deputy Mayor David du Pont
Trustee Alan Heywood
Trustee John Kilduff
Trustee Liane Neuhauser

Clerk: Deborah A. Matthews

Also: John Ledwith, Chief Sanford, Jeff Voss, Rick Golden, Esq., Meg Vaught, Susan Goodfellow, Mary Graetzer, Mary Grimmig, Jack & Audrey Perry, Steve Maurer, Joan Alleman, Mr. & Mrs. Jake Matthews

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Trustee Neuhauser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Update

Over the past month there has been more concern and oversight of the Village's three lakes. Mayor Wilson expressed his gratitude to Susan Goodfellow for her relentless and unbelievable help in monitoring the lakes and taking appropriate action where needed. Problems were identified early, such as the Milfoil issue, and the harvesting of it in the three lakes. It will be important to stay on top of the maintenance of the lakes.

Mayor Wilson also offered his gratitude and appreciation to Trustee Neuhauser for her work with the renovations at the South Gate house as well as the painting of the DPW Building, the Village Hall, and the Water Treatment Plant building and rental house.

Police Update – Chief Sanford gave a synopsis of June police activities and reported a quiet month for July.

DPW Update

Superintendent Voss reported:

- 1) There was a water main break of an asbestos water line near SOS and needs replacing as well as the water line that crosses under Route 17 and goes through the tunnel. Since SOS will be replacing a bridge that goes over the water line on their property, it would be prudent for the Village to coordinate the water line replacement with SOS and work together. We are awaiting the revised plans from SOS, and they will be re-reviewed by the Village Engineer. Mr. Voss asked the Board to consider this project sooner rather than later.
- 2) Reclamation and paving will be taking place within the month on various Village roads. He asked the Board about the option of using tar & chip on the lesser traveled roads since it is cheaper.
- 3) Since the 2013 dump truck that was approved for purchase is no longer available on State bid, the Village needs to go out to bid for the truck.

4) A full time employee needs to be hired for the DPW to replace Dan Jones.

Authorize Advertising for Bids - New 2013 Dump Truck

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Heywood that the Board authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for bid on a 2013 SFA 4x2 heavy duty single-axle truck with dump body, hoist and snow plow and the bid opening be set for August 7, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Vote of the Board: 5 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

Building Department Update

Building Inspector John Ledwith reported: The Hatsis and Levenbrown properties (grass and fallen tree limbs) are not being maintained by the owners; residents have responded to the Village's request for them to trim trees and shrubs on their properties along East Lake Road, Circuit Road and West Lake Drive; O&R has been contacted regarding trees near wires; Tuxedo Park Estates met with John for direction on the dead/fallen trees to be removed along their property on Tuxedo Road; and a letter of inquiry will be sent to property owners in the area that may be affected by the installation of a natural gas line.

Building Permit Approvals

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Neuhauser that the building permits of Michael Bruno, Tax Map No. 103-1-29 for a porch addition and renovation of an existing porch; Gregory & Laurie Beard, Tax Map No. 105-1-20, 21 & 48 for restoration of terraces, covered porch, new garage and tennis court; and William Givens, Tax Map No. 103-1-13.23 for replacement of doors and windows, all approved by the BAR, be approved by the BOT.

Vote of the Board: 5 ayes and 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

Committee Updates

Environmental Committee: Susan Goodfellow gave an update on the Eurasian Milfoil removal in all three lakes, the recent blue algae bloom in Pond #3, and the need for continued monitoring and maintenance of the lakes.

Public Comments

Speakers:

Audrey and Jack Perry asked for an update on the removal of the fallen and potentially dangerous trees near their property. Since the culvert in the turnaround was installed, there is an improvement in the flow of water from behind their property.

The Board agreed to have the Village hire its arborist to look at the trees in question and render a recommendation to the Village.

Jake Matthews asked if the Village has recourse from properties not maintained and he feels tar & chip is an acceptable surface for the Village roads.

Steve Maurer thanked the Board and Mrs. Goodfellow for their hard work in addressing the issues of the lakes, he would be interested in connecting to a natural gas line, and he has concerns with the lack of cell phone service in the Village.

Approve Police Chief Agreement

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor du Pont that the Board approve the Police Chief Employment Agreement subject to the Village Attorney making nonsubstitutive clarifications to the agreement with the exception of the defense indemnification clause.

Vote of the Board: 5 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

Letter Regarding Assessment

A letter was received from a Village resident asking the Board to consider lowering his assessment at this time because he feels his property value is affected by the low level of Wee Wah Lake on which his house is located. The Board agreed that he be sent a letter advising him that February is the appropriate time to file a grievance application regarding his assessment.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Heywood that the minutes of the May 21, 2012 and June 29, 2012 Board of Trustees minutes be approved.

Vote of the Board: Trustee Neuhauser – aye
Deputy Mayor du Pont – aye
Trustee Heywood – aye
Mayor Wilson – aye
Trustee Kilduff – abstain

The motion was passed by vote of 4 ayes and 1 abstention.

Trustee du Pont asked that in the June 29th minutes, the reference to a pedestrian walkway along Tuxedo Road made during public comments be clarified - there are no formal walkways along most of the Village's roads and Tuxedo Road was not built with a walkway.

Audit of Claims

Bills in the amount of \$120,010.89 in the General Fund, claim numbers 7-1 to 7-86; \$32,628.88 in the Water Fund, claim numbers W7-1 to W7-17; \$15,715.00 in Capital Projects, claim numbers CP6-1; and \$6,256.25 in Professional Fees, claim numbers PF7-1 to PF7-3 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 enter Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss a specific certiorari litigation matter. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Reopen Executive Session

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Neuhauser that the Board reopen Regular session at 8:50 p.m. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Certiorari Decision

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Heywood that the Board give direction to the Village Attorney with respect to settlement parameters for property location Section 103, Lot 1, Block 42.

Vote of the Board: 5 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

Property Maintenance and Village Code – A brief discussion was held.

Village Boat Club Dock Issues – A brief discussion was held.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor du Pont that the meeting be adjourned at 9:04 p.m. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews
Village Clerk-Treasurer