

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
JANUARY 22, 2013  
7:00 P.M.**

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

Clerk: Deborah Matthews

Also: Chief Ken Sanford, John Ledwith, Jeff Voss, Mary Graetzer, Meg Vaught,  
Steven Brodheim, Bonnie Takeuchi

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Neuhauser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mayor's Update**

Mayor Wilson listed some past and present Village issues in his "State of the Village" report. He commented that he had a great time at the Ambulance Corps Dinner courtesy of Trustee (and Ambulance Corps President) Kilduff. He had the opportunity to have dinner with Town Supervisor Peter Dolan and his wife as well as Town of Tuxedo Police Chief Welsh and Detective Christian. In reference to the Village Budget, Mayor Wilson reported that income and expenses are running at roughly 57% of the projected number, which is right on target. He noted that Deputy Mayor du Pont would be giving a more in depth budget review later in the meeting. As yet the Village has not had to tap into the appropriated surplus.

He has heard many positive comments about the Board of Architectural Review. The Planning Board has done a lot of good work with the Overton Subdivision. The Zoning Board has not been too busy, which is generally a good sign.

The Village has been looking at the "Keep" (the old Police station building) and is soliciting bids for re-pointing, as well as looking into roof repairs and new windows.

The South Gate house been renovated and the property is being rented to a Town of Tuxedo Police Officer.

The Village continues to work on the Wee Wah Dam engineering plans with the DEC and hopes to have finalized plans by the summertime, allowing the Village to begin bidding out the project either in the Fall or the beginning of 2014.

With the help of John Ledwith, the Village was successful in getting a natural gas line into the Park and to St. Mary's, which will help the church with expenses moving forward. Long term, the Village will pursue possibly bringing the line further into the Village and up to the Water Plant. The Mayor has begun talking to both the Dish Network and Novarm about a super wi-fi network, which he believes could be helpful during extended power outages and allow people to stay connected, but is still in the early stages.

John Ledwith was successful in getting generators installed at the Village Office, the DPW, and connecting the Police Booth to the existing Police station generator.

The Village has ongoing Lake Management studies, focusing on Eurasian Milfoil and possible contamination from the mulch pile in the Town of Tuxedo.

The Deer Management program should be starting within the next month or two. There are some issues with the DEC that need to be addressed as a result of a lawsuit between Vassar College and the DEC. The number of permits, if issued, may not be the same as last year.

Most importantly, the Village is not currently involved in any lawsuits – definitely a good thing.

**Police Update** - Chief Sanford gave a synopsis of December police activities. He reported that Officer Taback met with the Tuxedo Park School and teachers regarding the training that is scheduled and taking place with the Orange County SWAT team, Village Officers, Town Officers, Ambulance Corps, etc. The training is being funded through a grant, and the Village will be reimbursed for the Officer's time.

**DPW Update** – Supervisor Voss reported that his crew is still cleaning up on West Lake Road. Almost all the logs have been removed from the Wee Wah Beach area and they are in the process of removing the brush.

The Board agreed that the Village continue to provide dumpsters through the end of March for residents/landscapers to deposit the storm debris that they are continuing to clean up.

### **Building Department Update**

John Ledwith reported: one building permit was approved by the BAR; letters were sent to four property owners about storm related tree removal, he contacted O&R regarding removal of damaged or replaced utility poles and inoperative street lights, he contacted two Village residents in the communications business regarding Satellite and Internet services, he coordinated removal of the small sheds at the South Gate House and the Main Police Gate, and other administrative items. He reported the water loss for the last billing quarter was at 62%. A discussion was held.

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor du Pont that the Board approve the building permit application of Michael Schmidtberger, Tax Map No. 104-1-1.3, for construction of a potting shed.

Vote of the Board: 5 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

**Committee Updates** – Mayor Wilson, referring to Michele Lindsay's presentation several months ago of the VIAC idea of replacing posts of some mailbox groups, added a suggestion of replacing the Village's street signs with something less suburban. A brief discussion was held.

**Public Comments** - none

### **Budget Overview**

Deputy Mayor du Pont reported the following:

December is the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the fiscal year and 58% of the budget.

In the Water Fund revenue is at 55.1% with no appropriated surplus used. Also \$18.1K of water levies has yet to be transferred to the Water Fund budget. Expenses less debt service is at 59%.

Included in expenses are \$4,800 to repair a water leak on Route 17 and \$7,500 for engineering done on the Mt. Farm Pump Station.

In the General Fund the income, which has 88% of the total \$3.8MM budget coming from property taxes, is at 87% with no appropriated surplus included. An additional \$195.6K of tax levies will be coming in April along with \$17.6K of tax penalties fees (\$213.2K).

Total Expenses less debt service is a \$2,045MM verses a seven month budget excluding debt service of \$3,546M or 57.7%.

Total refunded this fiscal year on property taxes is \$18,126.

Total spent year to date on Lake Management and Watershed Studies is \$40.9K.

### **Wee Wah Beach Club**

Mayor Wilson reported that he met with Bonnie Takeuchi and Mary Graetzer regarding the Wee Wah Beach Club Agreement which is up for renewal. It was agreed that Item #17, which requires the Club to have a beach manager present at all times, be deleted. Because of the condition of the lake and the water level, it was agreed that membership is down and the \$5,000 license fee should be renegotiated. A discussion was held regarding personnel on site when in operation, life guards, insurance, speeding in the area, Town Recreation use of the beach area and the license fee.

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Neuhauser that the License Agreement with the Wee Wah Beach Club be renewed for three years (2013-2015), that item #17 be deleted, and that the annual license fee be \$1.00 for each year.

Vote of the Board: 5 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

### **Weston & Sampson SSES Phase 2 Proposal**

A brief discussion was held regarding the December 19, 2012 proposal for Phase 2 of the SSES project that was deferred from the December Trustees meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor du Pont that the Board approve Weston & Sampson's December 19, 2012 Proposal for Engineering Services – SSES Phase 2 – Part 2, Sub-Basin 2, 10, & 13 in the amount of \$99,600.

Vote of the Board: 5 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

**Audit of Claims** - Bills in the amount of \$132,949.92 in the General Fund, claim numbers 1-1 to 1-108; \$17,398.26 in the Water Fund, claim numbers W1-1 to W1-19; \$1,767.00 in Capital Projects, claim number CP1-1; and \$1,677.75 in Professional Fees, claim number PF1-1 were audited and ordered paid.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Neuhauser that the meeting be adjourned at 7:54 p.m. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews  
Village Clerk-Treasurer