

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 13, 2017  
7:00P.M.**

Present: Mayor David McFadden  
Deputy Mayor Alan McHugh  
Trustee Allen Barnett  
Trustee Paul Gluck

Absent: Trustee John Moon

Clerk: Deborah Matthews

Also: Jeff Voss, Officer Sutherland, Pat Hines, Brian Nugent, Esq., Meg Vaught, Dena Steele, Sally Sonne, Chauncie Rodzianko, Audrey Perry, Mary Graetzer, Claudio Guazzoni, Bill Bortnowski, Adrienne Lucas, Gary & Sheila Pompan, and others.

Mayor McFadden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Appoint Part Time Police Officer**

Mayor McFadden stated that in the past, any candidate for appointment as a police officer would be interviewed by at least one Trustee as well as the Police Chief. However, this practice hasn't been done in a number of years, but will now be reimplemented. Trustee Moon has interviewed the newest candidate, who has very strong credentials, but he is not here to report to the Board. The vote will be tabled to the end of the meeting.

**Police Report**

Officer Sutherland gave a synopsis of June Police activities.

Deputy Mayor McHugh noted that the non-resident tags would be changing next month and would be mirror opposite of the resident tags. Resident tags are a white background with green lettering and the new non-resident tags will be a green background with white lettering.

**DPW Report**

Superintendent Jeff Voss reported that the department has been busy patching roads and getting ready to do oil & chip work. The roads that they are planning to oil & chip are Ontio Rd, West Lake Stable Road, part of Lorillard Road, Ridge Road, Pepperidge Road, East Lake Stable Road, Circuit Road and Clubhouse down past the Race Track. Mayor McFadden requested the DPW monthly report be posted on the Village Website. Mr. Voss requested the Board appoint two summer workers for the DPW.

A discussion was held.

**Appoint Part Time Summer Workers**

A motion was made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Deputy Mayor McHugh that Superintendent Voss be authorized to hire Dustin LaBar and Matthew Voss as part time summer workers in the DPW at the rate of \$10.00 for the period July 18 through August 30, 2017.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

### **Dam Construction Update & TAB/Dam Landscaping**

#### *Dam*

Mike Quinn, CHA, was not present, but had submitted an update report on the dam which was read by Trustee McHugh. Trustee McHugh noted that going forward, an update/report will be provided bi-monthly and posted to the Village website. To date there have been no change orders, all work is on schedule and on budget. The contractor has asked the engineer and the Village to review the stone overlay for the parapet wall.

A motion was made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Deputy Mayor McHugh that in addition to the Board, at least two members of the BAR consult with the engineer in the approval of the stone overlay of the parapet wall.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

#### *TAB/Landscaping*

Dena Steele, member of TAB, asked permission to plant grass (which is meant for steep slopes) and flowers on the slope of the dam. Deputy Mayor McHugh noted that the original plan called for hydro seeding of the slope and asked whether the Engineers and/or the DEC had signed off on it.

Ms. Steele stated that the engineer had told her that as long as the area was mowed bi-annually, there should not be any issue. The DPW would be mowing it anyway. Ms. Steele also asked if the same materials could be planted on the southeast side of the Pond #3 dam. The cost of the seed would be minimal, about \$40 per year. Mayor McFadden stated that the matter will be checked with the Engineer, and if necessary the DEC.

A motion was made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Deputy Mayor McHugh that the Board approve TAB's request for a change in the type of grass to be planted on the slope of the dams and that the approved plans for the Dam be updated to reflect the change.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

### **Mayor's Comments**

Mayor McFadden thanked everyone in the community for their support and for turning out for the election. He congratulated and thanked the two new Trustees as well as Deputy Mayor McHugh for all of their support. He commented that since the transition began, he has had a collaborative, independent, productive, and hardworking Board. Mayor McFadden said "People are willing to listen to each other and I am really looking forward to working with them. I think it is going to be a terrific two years."

**Public Comments**

Concerns raised: Posting of minutes on the Village website and who the website person is.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Village Website** – Mayor McFadden is exploring options on updating the website.

**Police Contract**

Michael Richardson, the Village's labor consultant, has requested the assistance of a specialized labor attorney, but a fee schedule has not been established. The matter will be tabled to next month pending receipt of the schedule.

**Lakes Update**

Deputy Mayor McHugh reported that AE diving had been doing a vacuum harvesting of milfoil exclusively in Tuxedo Lake, with a focus on the high traffic areas including the Village Boat Club and the Tuxedo Club. They have also been going around the barrier curtain at the south end of the lake cleaning and making sure that the barrier is intact. Solitude Lake Management will be coming on Monday to do a cursory overview of all three lakes. Tuxedo Lake is scheduled to be stocked next week with Bluegill Sunfish (4-6" in length). The Village is ¼ way into the CSLAPS program and things are running smoothly. Two Tuxedo Lake water front property owners have agreed to put in vegetative buffers along the lake, and the hope is that other property owners will follow.

**NEW BUSINESS****Traffic Booth Kick Off**

Mayor McFadden stated that the booth will be built. With input from the Trustees and comments from the public, the list of priorities will be: 1) establishing a budget, 2) talking to other professionals for a workable design, contingencies and equipment, 3) there is \$67k left from insurance proceeds, 4) a realistic rebuild number is \$150k, 5) scope out the project first then establish an estimate of the cost, and 6) some residents have offered to donate money towards the cost.

A lengthy discussion was held.

**Appoint Part Time Officer**

A motion was made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Deputy Mayor McHugh that the Board appoint Max Serrine to the position of part time Police Officer in the Village of Tuxedo Park Police Department at the rate of \$24.00 per hour, effective July 24, 2017.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

**Audit of Claims**

Bills in the amount of \$102,816.01 in the General Fund, claim numbers 7-1 to 7-98; \$15,398.89 in the Water Fund, claim numbers W7-1 to W7-13; \$318,400.42 in Capital Projects, claim number CP7-1 to CP7-9, and \$19699.52 in the Professional Fees, claim numbers PF4-1 to FP4-19, PF5-1 to PF5-9, PF6-1 to PF6-14, and PF7-1 to PF7-6 be audited and ordered paid.

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Trustee Gluck, seconded by Mayor McFadden that the Board adjourn to executive session at 7:50 p.m. for the purpose of a discussion on pending and current litigation on the Article 78 in Supreme Court, a discussion regarding the status of the Police contract negotiations, and a discussion regarding matters leading to the employment of a particular person.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

**Exit Executive Session and Reopen Regular Session**

A motion was made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Trustee Barnett that the Board exit executive session and reopen regular session at 9:15 p.m.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Trustee McHugh that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews  
Village Clerk-Treasurer