

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor David McFadden
Deputy Mayor McHugh
Trustee Paul Gluck
Trustee John Moon

Absent: Trustee Allen Barnett

Clerk: Deborah Matthews

Also: John Ledwith, Jeff Voss, Chief Melchiorre, Officer Watt, Brian Nugent, Esq.
Jim & Nancy Hays, Meg Vaught, Dena Steele, Susan Goodfellow, Ellen Gluck,
Greg Libby, Audrey Perry, Peter Regna, Carol Nicholson, and others.

Mayor McFadden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and made a motion to open the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

DPW Report

Superintendent Voss reported that his road salt supply is low, and that this budget category is over by about \$2K. He asked the Board's permission to purchase two more loads this year and asked that the Board increase the salt budget for next year. Deputy Mayor McHugh asked whether salt could be borrowed from the Town.

A motion was made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Trustee Gluck that the Board approve the purchase of road salt for the DPW in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

Superintendent Voss also reported: The department is in need of another dump truck at a cost of \$54K, the crew has been working on the filters at the water plant, plowing roads, and they have been repairing water leaks.

A discussion was held on the purchase of a vehicle and a future replacement schedule.

Construction/Building Report

John Ledwith gave a synopsis of his monthly report. Topics included the Pond #3 bridge, Tuxedo Lake spillway control, Ridge Road water tanks refurbishment, water plant filter repairs, water leak repairs, Wee Wah Dam, Verizon cell tower proposal, active building/renovation projects, and C of O search requests.

Police Report

Chief Melchiorre gave a synopsis of January police activities. In response to an audience question regarding street lights that are out, Chief Melchiorre stated that while out patrolling, his officers compile a list and forward it to O&R.

Committee and Liaison Reports*Dam*

Deputy Mayor McHugh reported that there was only 3% work done on the Wee Wah dam since Christmas, with major issues resulting from the January 12th storm. The project is 74% complete with the revised completion schedule now around April 16th. Because of all the delays, CHA is requesting additional funds for oversight of the project which are included in the \$220K contingency. He and Trustee Gluck met with the Beach Club to discuss their needs, methods to deal with the milfoil, and dates for completion of the dam as it pertains to the lake level.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McHugh, seconded by Mayor McFadden that the Board approve CHA's request for Extra Work Authorization (EWA) #8 for continued construction inspection services related to the Wee Wah Lake and Pond No. 3 Dam rehabilitation in the amount of \$54,000.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

Water Plant

Deputy Mayor McHugh commended John Ledwith for all his work in researching and scheduling the work to be done on the water plant filters. There is a huge cost savings to the Village over the original quotes given by the vendors for the work. He asked that the Board approve the repairs.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McHugh, seconded Mayor McFadden that the Board approve the cost of repairs to Filter #2 at the water plant in the amount of \$91,460 (painting of the tank at \$53,375, media at \$19,140, replacement parts at \$8,649 and technician at \$10,000).

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

Ridge Road Water Tanks

Deputy Mayor McHugh stated that John Ledwith also researched the repairs and refurbishment, inside and outside, of the two water storage tanks on Ridge Road, which are over 20 years old. The original manufacturer of the tanks, Aquastore, was contacted and quotes were received.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McHugh, seconded by Mayor McFadden that the Board approve the refurbishment of the two Ridge Road water storage tanks by Aquastore, the tank manufacturer and sole source provider, in the amount of \$79,040.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

Police Contract Update

Mayor McFadden stated that a major accomplishment was the finalization of the police contract and commended Trustee Moon for his involvement and work on the contract. Trustee Moon commented that it was a fair contract negotiation with the union. The contract includes contributions by officers to their health insurance and pay increases that are in line with neighboring communities.

Lakes Committee

Jim Hays, on behalf of the Lakes Committee, stated that the members feel they would be most useful to the BOT by focusing on two issues, Eurasian Milfoil and blue/green algae blooms. In addition to Jim Hays, members of the committee are Susan Goodfellow, Chiu Yin Hempel, Greg Libby, Howard Shore, Elizabeth Cotnoir, and Dena Steele. They ask that Solitude come to a BOT meeting and make a presentation. Deputy Mayor McHugh stated that Solitude is waiting for data from the CSLAP program to compile the information needed for them to do a report. When complete, Solitude will be scheduled for a presentation, separate from a Trustees meeting.

Public Comments

Speakers: Dena Steele, Susan Goodfellow

- *Road salt can have an effect on the chemical composition of fresh bodies of water.
- *Concern with possible use of chemicals to treat the milfoil.
- *Bears are out and about.
- *The eagles are back in their nest.
- *The Village needs somebody with certification, i.e. lake biologist to take charge of the lake issues.
- *Set up on going conservation committees to look at the issues and help end the problem of politicization of lakes matters.

Old Business

RFP for Reassessment

Attorney Nugent, when asked by Trustee Moon, stated that an RFP has not gone out yet as the Board needs to review it and make some decisions.

New Business

Rental Agreement for Garage Units

Attorney Nugent stated that the Village has garage units that are rented but there is nothing in place in writing for their use or restrictions. At the Boards request, he drafted a license agreement that outlines parameters and conditions on the use of the units and penalties for non-payment, etc.

A brief discussion was held.

A motion was made by Trustee Gluck, seconded by Deputy Mayor McHugh that the proposed license agreement (for garage rental units at the Village Hall facility) be approved by the Board of Trustees, to include any changes authorized at the meeting, and provide that the quarterly rental amount will be established by the Mayor and any other Trustees as well as provisions for late fees and security deposits.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

Surplus DPW Vehicles

A motion was made by Trustee Gluck, seconded by Deputy Mayor McHugh that the 1998 K3500 Chevrolet Pickup Truck, VIN #1GBHK34F9WF011117, with 107,000 miles on the odometer and the 2008 Chevrolet K3500, 1-ton Dump Truck, VIN #1GBJK34698E154336, with 42,000 miles on the odometer be declared surplus to the municipal needs of the Village.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

Authorize Advertising for Bidding of Sludge Removal Services/Set Bid Opening Date

A motion was made by Trustee Gluck, seconded by Deputy Mayor McHugh that sludge removal services for the Sewer Plant and the Water Plant be advertised for bid and that a bid opening date be set for March 13, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

Amendment to Orange County Urban County Agreement

A brief discussion was held.

A motion was made by Trustee Gluck, seconded by Deputy Mayor McHugh that the Mayor be authorized to sign the 2018 'Amendment to Cooperation Agreement' (to the existing July 8, 1993 agreement) between the County of Orange and the Village of Tuxedo Park and to sign the 'Municipal Resolution-Urban County/Village of Tuxedo Park' amendment to the 1993 agreement for the program year commencing fiscal years 2018, 2019 and 2020 (and successive three year qualification periods as provided in the automatic renewal provision), pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, subject to Village Counsel communicating with the County regarding participation vs. non-participation.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

Public Comments

In response to a question about a discussion of the proposed short term rental law, Mayor McFadden stated that the public hearings that were held at 6:00 p.m. will be continued on March 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Gluck, seconded by Mayor McFadden that the minutes of the January 17, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting be approved.

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 \$297,265.07 in the General Fund, claim numbers 2-1 to 2-225; \$31,513.20 in the Water Fund, claim numbers W2-1 to W2-23; and \$93,022.11 in Capital Projects, claim numbers CP2-1 to CP2-6 be audited and ordered paid.

Adjourn to Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Gluck, seconded by Mayor McFadden that the Board adjourn to executive session at 8:26 p.m. for the purpose of a discussion of matters relating to the employment of a particular person, matters relating to pending litigation, and matters related to water account settlements.

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 at 9:25 p.m. and reopen the regular meeting.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Gluck, seconded by Mayor McFadden that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m. The vote was 4-0 in favor of adjourning.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews
Village Clerk-Treasurer