

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

Present: Deputy Mayor Alan McHugh
Trustee Allen Barnett
Trustee John Moon

Absent: Mayor David McFadden
Trustee Paul Gluck

Village Attorney: Brian Nugent, Esq.

Attendees: John Ledwith, Meg Vaught, Dena Steele, Kathy Norris, Jim & Nancy Hays, Sue Niblo, Elizabeth Cotnoir, Peter Regna, Mary Jo Guinchard, Lili Neuhauser, et al.

Deputy Mayor McHugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Continuation of Public Hearing from 2/21/18 – Local Law Introductory D1 of 2018 (Short Term Rentals)

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McHugh, seconded by Trustee Moon that the public hearing be opened at 7:02 p.m.

Deputy Mayor McHugh stated that five letters were received in favor of the legislation. He asked if there were any comments.

Speakers:

Dena Steele, Jim Hays, Sue Niblo, Elizabeth Cornoir, Mary Jo Guinchard, Peter Regna, Kathy Norris, Nancy Hays, Lili Neuhauser,

Paraphrased Comments:

- *Enforce the Village Code and reduce the burden on neighbors.
- *Don't let rentals become commercial.
- *Enforcement should begin at the front gate.
- *Renters are wandering around the neighborhoods.
- *A lot of money was spent defending the front gates.
- *30 days is too short, 60-90 would be better.
- *Having transients is a bad idea.
- *Short term rentals will change the climate and atmosphere of the Park.
- *Garbage doubles, sewage use increases, roads and police are used more.
- *Village is zoned for single family residences.
- *Renters don't know what the laws of the Village are.
- *What about levying penalties for violators.

Attorney Nugent recommended not voting on the legislation tonight as the Village advertised that comments will still be received 15 days after the hearing is closed. Voting can take place after the 15 days have passed. The legislation had been referred to the Orange County Planning Department and their response was that it was up to local discretion.

Trustee Moon thanked everyone for their comments. He stated that the Village paid \$400K to defend the gates in a lawsuit and it was time to dust off the opinion rendered by Judge Seidel. He proceeded to read from the decision; in summary, the roads are restricted to Village residents and their guests exclusively. The 'right to travel does not provide access to particular places'.

Close Public Hearing

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McHugh, seconded by Trustee Moon that the public hearing on Local Law Introductory D1 of 2018 be closed.

Vote of the Board: 3 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.

Continuation of Public Hearing from 2/21/18 – Local Law Introductory D2 of 2018 (Utility Poles)

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McHugh, seconded by Trustee Moon that the public hearing be opened at 7:30 p.m. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

Deputy Mayor McHugh asked Attorney Nugent to give a synopsis of the law and then called for any public comments.

Attorney Nugent explained that the law pertains to anything at the bottom of a telephone pole. The Village cannot regulate the utilities at the top of the pole

Speakers:

Jim Hays, Sue Niblo, Elizabeth Cotnoir, Peter Regna

Paraphrased Comments:

*Poles are owned by O&R

*Some poles also owned by NY Telephone & Verizon

*Concern with possible installation of a Eruv with O&R's permission and need for a law ensuring construction fitting with the Village's National Historic Register listing and visual standards

*The Village put reflectors on the poles

Paraphrased Response:

*The Village has regulations

*Reflectors put on the poles for safety reasons

Close Public Hearing

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Moon that the public hearing on Local Law Introductory D2 of 2018 be closed at 7:40 p.m.

Vote of the Board: 3 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Immediately following the close of the public hearings, the Board entered a budget workshop. Trustee Barnett presented the 2018-2019 proposed budget in preliminary form, with John Ledwith assisting with the overhead projector.

A discussion of the budget was held.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McHugh, seconded by Trustee Barnett that the meeting/budget workshop be adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews
Village Clerk-Treasurer