

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK  
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2018  
7:00 P.M.**

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

Absent: Trustee John Moon

Clerk: Deborah Matthews

Attendees: Meg Vaught, Sally Sonne, Jim & Nancy Hays, Sue & Kevin Niblo, Dena Steele, Houston Stebbins, Robin Kaplan and husband, et. al.

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

**Public Hearing - Local Law Introductory D3 of 2018 (Tax Cap Override)**

Mayor McFadden made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Deputy Mayor McHugh. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

Mayor McFadden asked for any comments.

Speakers:  
Sally Sonne, Kevin Niblo

Paraphrased Comments:  
\*Combine the Village and Town police.  
\*Keep the gate guards.  
\*Reduce garbage to once a week.  
\*Do not exceed the tax cap.  
\*The tentative budget was lower.  
\*Have budget meetings all year.

There were no other comments.

A motion was made by Trustee Gluck, seconded by Deputy Mayor McHugh that the public hearing on Local Law Introductory D3 of 2018 (Tax Cap Override) be continued at the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Vote of the Board: 4 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

**Public Hearing - 2018-2019 Tentative Budget**

A motion was made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Deputy Mayor McHugh that the public hearing on the 2018-2019 Tentative Budget be opened at 7:12 p.m. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

Mayor McFadden asked for any comments.

Speakers:

Kevin Niblo, Sally Sonne, Dena Steele, Nancy Hays, Jim Hays, Houston Stebbins, Meg Vaught

Paraphrased Comments:

- \*What is the consultant category?
- \*The grant writer results seemed positive.
- \*What happened to the cell tower proposal and possible rental income.
- \*Where are the Race Track donations in the budget?
- \*Is deer culling going to be done?
- \*Will the Salm donation be spent?
- \*If the DPW obtains a chipper, can the chips be used on the Village trails?
- \*There is a larger budget item for lakes. What are the allocations?
- \*Operating expenses and capital expenses should be separate.

Paraphrased Responses:

- \*The consultant category includes part of the salary for Ledwith.
- \*When the grant writer was hired, he indicated we may receive much larger grants than the \$100K the Village received for the dam.
- \*A cell tower must be above the tree line and the income potential is \$2,600 per year.
- \*Race Track donations, the donation for trails, the donation for the Booth and insurance received, and the Salm donation are restricted funds and not part of the general fund budget.
- \*An annual deer survey is done, the last four years the count has been low so there has been no culling. It may be done next year.
- \*The executor of the Salm estate must approve any items purchased, which will include a wood chipper, trees and other plantings.
- \*I&I was not been budgeted in last year's for NYSDEC mandated improvements. The general fund is reimbursing capital projects for the over expenditure on the guide rail project.
- \*Lakes expenditures are allocated in the Water Fund, not the General Fund.

Trustee Barnett stated that the Water Department is in the best shape yet except for some maintenance of equipment and facilities. He and Deputy Mayor McHugh, having been all over the water budget, billings, and collections in detail, found no evidence of malfeasance at all, nor did the State auditor.

Sally congratulated the Board for unearthing problems and addressing them.

*Close Public Hearing*

A motion was made by Trustee Gluck, seconded by Mayor McFadden that the public hearing on the 2018-2019 Tentative Budget be closed at 9:00 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 Trustee Gluck, seconded by Mayor McFadden that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews  
Village Clerk-Treasurer