

Board of Trustees
Village of Tarrytown
Special Meeting No. 13
Via Zoom Video Conferencing
April 27, 2020
8:00 p.m.

PRESENT via Zoom Video Conferencing: Mayor Fixell presiding; Trustees: Butler, Hoyt, McGovern, Rinaldi and Zollo; Village Administrator Slingerland; Village Attorney Kathy Zalanta; Village Treasurer Hart and- Village Clerk Booth

ABSENT: Assistant Village Administrator Ringel

The meeting began with the Pledge to the Flag.

Members of the Public interested in viewing the meeting should visit <https://www.tarrytowngov.com/home/events/30014> for instructions on how to join & participate.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Village Administrator Slingerland requested a Moment of Silence for the people in our Community, in our State and in the World who have succumbed to the Coronavirus. We all know or have family and/or friends who have passed away. Peter Lombardi, an MEO in the Department of Public Works lost both his parents last week. His father, Albert Lombardi, was a former Tarrytown Police Detective. Trustee Zollo also noted that Tom Lauro, Tarrytown resident and former Westchester County Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Facilities had recently passed away to COVID-19. We send our deepest sympathy to all the families and friends.

REPORTS

Trustee Hoyt noted that tomorrow at 12 noon, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and the Air Force Thunderbirds will be flying in formation over the Mario Cuomo Bridge on their way down to New York City in a tribute to coronavirus front-line workers. He noted that tomorrow is going to be a sunny day and encouraged everyone to come out and honor our health and medical workers.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ONLY ON AGENDA ITEMS. SPEAKERS SHALL HAVE THREE (3) MINUTES EACH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There were no speakers.

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION APRIL 27, 2020

BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET ADOPTION RESOLUTIONS FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

A. VOTE BY THE BOARD TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2020-2021 BUDGET

Trustee Zollo moved, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi and unanimously carried, that the hearing be opened.

There were no other speakers.

On the motion of Trustee Zollo, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried that the following resolution be approved: Yes 7; No 0; Abstain 0.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby close the public hearing on the 2020-2021 Tentative Village Budget originally opened on Monday, March 16, 2020.

B. RESOLUTION TO DECLINE ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE 2% TAX CAP LIMITATION

RESOLUTION TO DECLINE ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE 2% TAX CAP LIMITATION

On the motion of Trustee Hoyt, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried that the following resolution be rejected: Yes: 7; No: 0; Abstain: 0

Whereas, the Village of Tarrytown Board of Trustees, Village Administrator's Office and Village Treasurer's Office of the Village of Tarrytown, after introduction of the Tentative Village of Tarrytown Budget for Fiscal Year 6/1/2020 through 5/31/2021, have been monitoring the significant economic impacts of the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and

Whereas, a number of revenue streams are being significantly reduced due to the temporary closure or restriction of non-essential businesses, and the Village is seeing and projecting severe declines in revenues from Sales Tax, Hotel Tax, Parking revenues, Mortgage Tax and Building Permits, among others; and

Whereas, upon performing a review and amending the tentative Budget to include austerity measures, noting significant cuts in operating revenues and corresponding expenses, the Village Board and staff have been able to reduce the budget and the tax levy and at this time have determined it is not necessary to override the 2% tax cap limitation.

Whereas, the Board closed the public hearing on April 20, 2020 and directed that Village staff prepare the appropriate resolution for the Board's consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby determines that it is not necessary at this time to adopt a local law to override the 2% Tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c and withdraws the proposed local law, and directs the Village Clerk, Treasurer, and Administrator to take the necessary and appropriate actions to record that the village did not adopt the local law to override the 2% tax cap for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

C. TENTATIVE BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION:

On the motion of Trustee McGovern, seconded by Trustee Zollo, and unanimously carried that the following resolution be approved: Yes: 7; No: 0; Abstain: 0

Roll Call – Trustee McGovern, Yes, Trustee Zollo, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Butler, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Mayor Fixell, Yes.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following changes to the Village of Tarrytown Fiscal Year 2020-2021 appropriations, expenditures, revenues, and appropriations of fund balances, are enacted as follows:

Summary of Changes to 2020-21 Tentative Budget (revised 4-23-2020)					
<u>Changes in Appropriations</u>					
<u>Page #</u>	<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Change</u>
13	1930.450	Judgements and Claims	767,500	566,500	-201,000
14	3120.103	Police - Overtime	320,000	290,000	-30,000

14	3120.250	Police New Equipment	121,000	15,000	-106,000
14	3120.406	Police - Gas & Oil	43,000	23,000	-20,000
14	3120.408	Police - Radio Maintenance	10,000	4,500	-5,500
14	3120.409	Police - Materials & Supplies	27,500	20,000	-7,500
14	3120.417	Police - Training	45,000	30,000	-15,000
15	3310.250	Traffic & Parking - New Equipment	25,000	10,000	-15,000
15	3310.409	Traffic & Parking - Materials & Supplies	17,100	8,100	-9,000
18	5110.101	Street Maintenance-Personnel (to sewer fund)	894,720	825,720	-69,000
19	5142.409	Snow Removal - Salt	168,000	108,000	-60,000
22	7141.103	Parks – OT	60,000	45,000	-15,000
22	7141.250	Parks - New Equipment	10,000	0	-10,000
22	7141.409	Parks - Materials and Supplies	7,500	4,000	-3,500
22	7141.420	Parks - Contractual	125,500	75,500	-50,000
22	7141.421	Parks - Playgrounds	5,000	2,000	-3,000
22	7141.425	Parks - Maintenance	55,000	35,000	-20,000
22	7141.431	Parks - Facility Improvements	5,000	2,000	-3,000
22	7141.450	Parks - Miscellaneous	2,000	1,000	-1,000
24	7550.450	Celebrations - Misc (summer concerts)	31,000	7,000	-24,000
25	8160.103	Refuse Collection - OT - (cut Sunday)	15,000	3,000	-12,000
26	8170.103	Street Cleaning - OT (cut Sat St Sweep)	10,500	2,500	-8,000
27	8650.420	Shade Trees - Contractual	20,000	10,000	-10,000
29	9950.900	Transfer to Capital Fund	500,000	200,000	-300,000
					-997,500
<u>Changes in Revenues</u>					
<u>Page #</u>	<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Change</u>
39	1120	Sales Tax	2,100,000	1,800,000	-300,000
40	1720	Parking Lots (Permits)	830,000	577,500	-252,500
40	1740	Street Parking	990,000	686,000	-304,000
42	2590	Building Permits	590,000	420,000	-170,000
43	2610	Fines and Bails	615,000	461,250	-153,750
45	3001	State Aid Per Capita	82,500	41,250	-41,250
45	3005	Mortgage Tax	250,000	175,000	-75,000
45	2006	Hotel Tax	575,000	345,000	-230,000
					Total -1,526,500
<u>Appropriation of Fund Balances:</u>					
44	2851	Transfer from Water Fund	500,000	900,000	400,000
45	4795	Use of undesignated surplus - Gen Fund	600,000	1,200,000	600,000
					Total 1,000,000

D. BUDGET ADOPTION RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JUNE 1, 2020 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2021

On the motion of Trustee McGovern, seconded by Trustee Zollo, and unanimously carried that the following resolution be approved: Yes: 7; No: 0; Abstain: 0

Roll Call – Trustee McGovern, Yes, Trustee Zollo, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Butler, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Mayor Fixell, Yes.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees met on March 16 in the Board Room of the Village Hall, at 1 Depot Plaza, and on April 6 and April 20, 2020, at 8 p.m., via Zoom Video Conference, and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon, and there was one person who attended and commented on the Tentative Budget; and

WHEREAS, during the budget process, changes were made to the budget, which are reflected in the Tentative Budget Amendment Resolution, which was adopted prior to this one.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, as amended and set forth below, is hereby adopted and the Village Board of Trustees authorizes the appropriation of funding for the objects and purposes specified, including the amounts set forth required for the payment of principal and interest on indebtedness, in the following amounts:

	General Fund	Water Fund	Library Fund	Sewer Fund
Appropriations	\$ 26,417,277	\$ 6,047,859	\$ 1,715,139	\$ 270,385
Estimated Revenues	\$ 8,549,314	\$ 6,047,859	\$ 1,715,139	\$ 270,385
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000	\$ -

Total General Fund Appropriations: \$ 26,417,277
Total Appropriations to be raised by Real Estate Tax Levy: \$ 17,867,963
Taxable Assessed Value: \$ 2,153,947,713

Tax Rate per Thousand Dollars of Value (M) \$8.2954

E. FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 TAX LEVY AND WARRANT

On the motion of Trustee Zollo, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried that the following resolution be approved: Yes: 7; No: 0; Abstain: 0

Roll Call – Trustee Zollo, Yes, Trustee McGovern, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Butler, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Mayor Fixell, Yes.

WHEREAS, the budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2020, has been duly adopted and filed with the Village Clerk, and it has been thereby determined that the sum of \$26,417,277 will be necessary to meet the obligations of the Village, and there has been duly credited against said sum estimated revenues and appropriated fund balance that total \$8,549,314 leaving \$17,867,963 to be raised by the property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, it appears from the Assessment Roll established in 2019 and updated in March, 2020 for taxes for the fiscal year June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021 that the total assessed valuation of real property in the Village is \$2,153,947,713.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the tax rate for the Village of Tarrytown for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2020 is fixed at the rate of \$8.2954 on each \$1,000 of assessed valuation for properties in the Village of Tarrytown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of \$17,867,963 shall be the taxes set for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2020 and is hereby levied on the taxable property in the Village of Tarrytown and that the Village Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes is hereby authorized and directed to extend and carry out upon the roll the amount to be collected from each of the persons named thereon, and the respective amounts of said tax roll against each parcel of taxable property set forth thereon are hereby levied upon each parcel of taxable property respectively which said levy includes items shown on the budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2020.

F. LEVY OF ADDITIONAL TAXES UPON TERMINATION OF EXEMPT STATUS:

On the motion of Trustee McGovern, seconded by Trustee Zollo, and unanimously carried that the following resolution be approved: Yes: 7; No: 0; Abstain: 0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Assessor and Village Receiver of Taxes during the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2020 are authorized to levy and collect additional Village taxes upon termination of exempt status of real property in accordance with provisions of Section 494 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Village Administrator Slingerland noted that the County Executive worked with the Town Supervisors and have decided that the County and Town taxes that are due by April 30, 2020, can be paid up to July 15, 2020, without penalty if taxpayers show a hardship. For example if the taxpayer was laid off or had to close down their business or show a similar hardship, they can file to pay their taxes late. If people pay late and do not show a hardship, they will be required to pay a reduced penalty. The town is responsible to administer the process and can decide which people would require certification.

This is only for County and Town taxes right now. This does not include School or Village taxes. The Village tax bills will be mailed out by May 31, 2020 and the taxpayers have until June 30, 2020 to pay without penalty.

Trustee Hoyt asked if the Village should consider waiving credit card fees for people to pay their tax bills by credit card. This would make it easier for the taxpayers, especially now that Village Hall is closed. Administrator Slingerland noted that they can pay either by mail or the Village has a drop box in the lobby of Village Hall. The Village can also arrange pickups with people on a case by case basis. Trustee Hoyt noted that is fine, but he wants to be sure that the seniors stay safe.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. SPEAKERS HAVE FIVE (5) MINUTES BEFORE YIELDING TO THE NEXT SPEAKER; THEN THREE (3) MINUTES FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

There were no speakers.

Mayor Fixell urged everyone if they go out in public to wear a face covering or mask.

Village Administrator asked everyone to stay safe, stay healthy and stay home.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Trustee Hoyt, seconded by Trustee McGovern, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m. by vote of seven in favor, none opposed.

Carol A. Booth
Village Clerk