

Board of Trustees  
Village of Tarrytown  
Regular Meeting No. 4  
One Depot Plaza  
Tarrytown NY 10591  
January 17th, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT in person: Mayor Brown presiding; Trustees: Hoyt; Kim: McGovern; Mitchell; Rinaldi and Phillips-Staley; Village Administrator Slingerland; Village Attorney Zalantis; Village Treasurer Morales; Village Clerk Gilligan and Deputy Clerk Fasman

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

The meeting began with the Pledge to the Flag.

Note – The Public Hearing on a Zoning Code Amendment for a Pilot Program to allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) has been postponed until the next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

#### BOARD MISCELLANEOUS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor Brown wished to note that the public hearing regarding ADUs that was previously scheduled for this meeting has been postponed until the next regular Board of Trustees Meeting on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Deputy Mayor McGovern that Tarrytown is looking for someone to run the computer program for the seniors. We are looking for someone with basic knowledge to assist our seniors with emails, Facebook and other basic programming.

#### CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Slingerland did not have a report for this evenings meeting.

#### PRESENTATION – NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY SERVICE PROJECT: RETIRING AMERICAN FLAGS

Dylan Smith representing the National Junior Honor Society from Sleepy Hollow Middle School along with Bill McCarthy, Graham Nolan and several other members gave a presentation on U.S. Flag retirement donations. The proper way to retire an American flag is through a bonfire ceremony. The US Flag Code states that when a flag is in such a condition that it is no longer fit for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. The Honor Society and Scout Troops 22 and 5022 are looking to obtain boxes that will be decorated and ideally one would be placed in Village Hall. Every six to eight weeks someone would be responsible to come and pick up the flags and the troops would make sure the flags are disposed of properly. Flyers will be printed and placed around the Village and they hope that it will also be put in the Village newsletter. Administrator Slingerland stated that the Village would work with them to help their project become a reality.

#### PRESENTATION – TARRYTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (TEAC) ANNUAL REPORT\

Rachel Tieger and Dean Gallea from TEAC noted that TEAC is a volunteer organization that was established by the Village in 1974. They advise the Mayor, Board of Trustees and Village Administrator on Environmental issues in Tarrytown. TEAC is an Advisory Board that is committed to creating a cleaner, greener and safer place to live and work. A full copy of their annual presentation can be found attached to these minutes.

MAYOR BROWN MESSAGE REGARDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARTICLE

Mayor Brown wished to address an article that was published in the press regarding a November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 work session in which a Board of Trustees request for financial reporting from the Fire Department was discussed. The article was published without any personal quotes or updates of the situation and may have been misinterpreted by members of the community. Since the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, myself and the trustees have had several conversations with the fire department including a meeting with the Chiefs. Mayor Brown wished to state publicly that she is sorry if this article cast any shade on the integrity of the fire department. She feels blindsided by the article, and feels terribly about it. There was and still remains a difference of opinion on issues of accountability and fiduciary responsibility. The laws that govern villages and volunteer fire departments are steepen in state law, village law, and fire department bylaws that are not easily interpreted. This is not an issue of trust. The Board of Trustees has every faith in our fire department. However, we feel it is our fiduciary responsibility to be aware of the basic financial workings of the fire companies. To any fire department member who felt defensive or unappreciated as a result of what was written in the Hudson Independent, she offers her sincere apologies. Some chiefs and wardens are in attendance, and she defers to them to explain their feelings towards this financial request. Mayor Brown thanked the volunteers who continue to serve and protect our community. They spend countless hours training, and drop everything all hours of the day and night to respond to emergencies in Tarrytown and beyond. She encourages the young and new residents to consider volunteering for our fire department or ambulance corps. Aside from being a great way to serve your community, there are opportunities for tuition assistance, property tax breaks and a pension for years of service. In closing, she wishes to reaffirm her trust and gratitude to the Tarrytown Fire Department, and thanks them for coming out this evening.

Chief Rick Tucci stated that on behalf of the Chiefs, Officers, Wardens and members of the fire department we accept your apology and ask that it be forwarded to the Hudson Independent so the public can view it like the article. The fire department will continue to work with village on all subjects they have, and just ask for communication to be improved on both ends so that they will not have these issues in the future. We are here to protect the life and property in the village along with every resident in this community. He is proud of every member that gets up and do what they do. It's not easy. Without them we would be in trouble, and deserve all the respect in the world. If you have any questions, come to the fire department directly and we will answer your questions.

PUBLIC HEARING- GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT RESTORE NY ROUND 7 FOR FUNDING THE VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN'S ADAPTIVE REUSE OF EASTVIEW PUMP STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT.

A motion was made by Mayor Brown, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern to open the public hearing.

Administrator Slingerland reported that the village had performed a request for proposals prior to 2017. One response was received which was from Justin DiNino who owns a local brewery Duncan's Abbey. The village began negotiations, but one of the key issues is funding to address issues with the building. While the EastView Pump Station building is in need of a major repairs, it is still an asset to the village. The grant that we are applying for would help fund remediation of hazardous materials within the building, including asbestos, and it would contribute funds to replace the roof of the building. These are two critical elements towards stabilizing the building, make it more weather tight, and hopefully stop any additional damage from happening.

Mark Frey thanked Rachel and Dean for a wonderful TEAC presentation. Ten years ago he was the Chair of the Lakes Committee and he is happy to see the progress that has been made. This type of project is everything he lives for. It is the gateway to the village and served the village well for over 100 years. When the water from New York City became less expensive, the cost to redo the building was phenomenal. The building is an architectural marvel and it needs adaptive reuse to give it economic purpose.

John Stiloski from Wildey Street asked if remediation was done to the building in the past and Administrator Slingerland replied that mercury had been removed and some other items, but not to the extent of what we are talking about now. What is on the table tonight is a grant application to begin restoration of the building. Mr. Stiloski inquired what the total estimate the village will have to match for the grant. How much are we applying for and how much is the grant? Administrator Slingerland replied the amount of the grant application is \$2.15 million dollars which includes asbestos remediation at various locations throughout the building and fund the roof replacement. The asbestos removal cost is estimated at six to seven hundred thousand. Mr. Stiloski says that in 2016 \$175,000 was spent on remediation for hazmat. Administrator Slingerland replied that was not asbestos related. Mr. Stiloski asked what the costs are for the roof replacement and asbestos remediation. Deputy Clerk Fasman replied that the roof replacement and asbestos abatement of the roof is estimated at one point four five million, and the other hazardous waste removal was estimated at seven hundred thousand. Administrator Slingerland reported that the village's responsibility would be ten percent of the estimated cost. Mr. Stiloski commented that there was a grant for the rescue plan for the firefighters, but the village stated they did not have the money, but now you have the money to invest in a building that's been vacant for years. The village looked into this building in the past and the estimated costs to repair were seven million dollars. In order to do this project now you are looking at ten million dollars. He doesn't think it's fair to put this out to the public and not pay the first responders for the American Rescue Plan. What about the people who risked their lives? Mr. Stiloski concluded by stating that the renovation will cost a lot of money, and he doesn't think we should be putting taxpayer money into a facility that is going to be privatized. Mayor Brown stated that the pump houses roof is going to cave in and we have an entrepreneur who has come up with an interesting project. We need to save the building before anything is possible. It may be that a business opens up there, and investors will wish to invest. The village does have to act before the roof caves in. If we get this grant, we will move forward with funding the project.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McGovern to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Trustee Mitchell, with all voting aye.

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Kim with all voting aye, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 7-0

Deputy Mayor McGovern wished to clarify that this is only the first step in the process. We are not giving the green light on the project at this time, just taking steps to see if we can do something with the building in lieu of tearing it down.

WHEREAS the Village of Tarrytown is eligible for grant funding under Round 7 of the Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program, and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has considered proposals that qualify for funding under the program and selected one project to be included in an application that will be submitted to Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) as follows:

Rehabilitation of Eastview Pump Station, located adjacent to the Tarrytown Lakes along Neperan Rd Tax Map Id 1.61-28-1.SP. The project will restore the untended 15,000 square foot building and convert it for commercial use in partnership with Duncan's Abbey.

WHEREAS this project was included in the Implementation Action chapter (p.120) of the Comprehensive Plan (2018) to help achieve the goal "to preserve and enhance historical resources and institutions"; and

WHEREAS over the past ten years several major steps have been taken by the Village toward the restoration of the building including a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, the partial removal of hazardous materials and asbestos, and the issuance of an Economic Development Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify a private partner willing to work with the Village on the building's revitalization; and

WHEREAS as the result of the RFP, the chosen respondent to the request for proposals, Duncan's Abbey, a private developer/craft beer manufacturer based in Tarrytown and led by Justin DiNino, a civil engineer by training, remains committed to the transformation of the

historic structure into a lakefront brewery and destination featuring New York-sourced and crafted beer, while also providing important amenities including public restrooms for visitors to the Empire State and North County trailways; and

WHEREAS the restoration of the historic structure requires additional removal of hazardous materials and asbestos, as well as a replacement of the roof and structural stabilization; and

WHEREAS the Village seeks grant funds from the Restore NY program in the amount of \$2,150,000 for the roof replacement, structural stabilization the removal of hazardous materials based on third party estimates; and

WHEREAS the Village of Tarrytown will commit to a match of 10% of the project cost in cash or in-kind contributions; and

WHEREAS, a notice of public hearing was published in the Journal News on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2023, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and a public hearing was held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023; and

WHEREAS this project is consistent with all existing local plans, the proposed financing is appropriate for the project, the project will facilitate effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources and the project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create, and sustain employment opportunities in the Village of Tarrytown.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby supports and will sponsor an application for Restore NY funding for the Eastview Pump Station, Tax Map Id 1.61-28-1.SP in the amount of \$2,150,000 for the roof restoration, structural stabilization and for the removal of hazardous materials, and will administer the grant in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations established by the ESDC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator is authorized to sign the applications and any agreements required by ESDC for grant funding that results from the application.

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

Mark Frey mentioned there was a typo on the agenda regarding the family pool membership.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH HACKLEY SCHOOL FOR SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Robert Aldrich the Director of Operations and Campus Planning for the Hackley School noted that the project dates back to 2017-2018. The Board of Trustees from Hackley voted in November to support this work to the tune of \$50,000. An estimate was drawn up and we think \$50,000 is enough to do the final engineering and to perform the work. It's possible we might need to ask the village for additional funds, but we feel confident at this point that the \$50,000 will support the work that has been requested. Administrator Slingerland noted that the village also stated in the resolution that any additional monies required cannot exceed \$20,000. If it reaches that point, we will have to come back to the board.

On a motion made by Trustee Kim, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi with all voting aye, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 7-0

WHEREAS the Hackley School is constructing a Center for the Creative Arts and Technology (CCAT) on its campus within the Town of Greenburgh town limits and requires acceptance from the Village of Tarrytown to connect to the sewer system maintained by the Village of Tarrytown; and

WHEREAS as part of the construction of the CCAT building, the Hackley School agrees to make improvements to the existing municipal system by installing a new 8” sewer main and replace the existing sewer from Midland Avenue to Benedict Avenue by September 30, 2023 in order to improve flow characteristics and provide the funding for that project; and

WHEREAS the Village of Tarrytown agrees that if the funding for the project exceeds \$50,000 the Village will contribute up to \$20,000 for the project to be funded from sewer fund reserves, and if additional funds are required for this project that will require further negotiations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize the Village Administrator to sign a Letter of Agreement with the Hackley School for the Sewer Main Project between Midland Avenue and Benedict Avenue, with a commitment, if necessary, of matching funds not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

UPDATE TO THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi with all voting aye, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Master Fee schedule for the Village of Tarrytown is hereby amended as follows:

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>2022 RATES</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2023 RATE</b>
<b><u>DAY CAMP</u></b>		
Per 1 Week Resident	By 4/30: \$176 By 5/31: \$187 By 6/30: \$198	EARLY BIRD RATE by 4/30: \$187 REGULAR RATE: \$211
Per 1 Week Non Resident	By 4/30: \$198 By 5/31: \$210 By 6/30: \$221	EARLY BIRD RATE by 4/30: \$211 REGULAR RATE: \$235
Per 1 Week Scholarship	By 4/30: \$130 By 5/31: \$142 By 6/30: \$153	EARLY BIRD RATE by 4/30: \$138 REGULAR RATE: \$163
<del>Per 2 Week Resident</del>	By 4/30: \$351 By 5/31: \$374 By 6/30: \$397	N/A
<del>Per 2 Week Non Resident</del>	By 4/30: \$397 By 5/31: \$419 By 6/30: \$442	N/A
<del>Per 2 Week Scholarship</del>	By 4/30: \$261 By 5/31: \$284 By 6/30: \$306	N/A

Per 6 Week Resident	By 4/30: \$1,054 By 5/31: \$1,122 By 6/30: \$1,190	EARLY BIRD RATE by 4/30: \$1,123 REGULAR RATE: \$1,267
Per 6 Week Non Resident	By 4/30: \$1,190 By 5/31: \$1,257 By 6/30: \$1,326	EARLY BIRD RATE by 4/30: \$1,267 REGULAR RATE: \$1,412
Per 6 Week Scholarship	By 4/30: \$782 By 5/31: \$850 By 6/30: \$917	EARLY BIRD RATE by 4/30: \$833 REGULAR RATE: \$977
<del>Per 8 Week Resident</del>	By 4/30: \$1,408 By 5/31: \$1,496 By 6/30: \$1,584	N/A
<del>Per 8 Week Non Resident</del>	By 4/30: \$1,584 By 5/31: \$1,680 By 6/30: \$1,768	N/A
<del>Per 8 Week Scholarship</del>	By 4/30: \$1,040 By 5/31: \$1,136 By 6/30: \$1,224	N/A
Early Arrival	\$25/child per week	\$25/child per week
Extended Day	\$50/child per week	\$50/child per week
<b><u>TOT CAMP</u></b>		
Per 1 Week Resident	By 4/30: \$153 By 5/31: \$164 By 6/30: \$176	EARLY BIRD RATE by 4/30: \$163 REGULAR RATE: \$187
Per 1 Week Non Resident	By 4/30: \$182 By 5/31: \$193 By 6/30: \$204	EARLY BIRD RATE by 4/30: \$194 REGULAR RATE: \$217
Per 1 Week Scholarship	By 4/30: \$108 By 5/31: \$119 By 6/30: \$130	EARLY BIRD RATE by 4/30: \$115 REGULAR RATE: \$138
<del>Per 2 Week Resident</del>	By 4/30: \$306 By 5/31: \$329 By 6/30: \$351	N/A
<del>Per 2 Week Non Resident</del>	By 4/30: \$363 By 5/31: \$385 By 6/30: \$408	N/A

<del>Per 2 Week Scholarship</del>	By 4/30: \$216 By 5/31: \$238 By 6/30: \$261	N/A
Per 6 Week Resident	By 4/30: \$917 By 5/31: \$986 By 6/30: \$1,054	EARLY BIRD RATE by 4/30: \$977 REGULAR RATE: \$1,123
Per 6 Week Non Resident	By 4/30: \$1,088 By 5/31: \$1,156 By 6/30: \$1,223	EARLY BIRD RATE by 4/30: \$1,159 REGULAR RATE: \$1,302
Per 6 Week Scholarship	By 4/30: \$646 By 5/31: \$714 By 6/30: \$782	EARLY BIRD RATE by 4/30: \$688 REGULAR RATE: \$833
<del>Per 8 Week Resident</del>	By 4/30: \$1,224 By 5/31: \$1,312 By 6/30: \$1,408	N/A
<del>Per 8 Week Non Resident</del>	By 4/30: \$1,456 By 5/31: \$1,544 By 6/30: \$1,632	N/A
<del>Per 8 Week Scholarship</del>	By 4/30: \$864 By 5/31: \$952 By 6/30: \$1,040	N/A
Early Arrival	\$25/child per week	\$25/child per week
Extended Day	\$50/child per week	\$50/child per week
<b><u>POOL</u></b>		
Family Membership	\$475	\$45
Adult Membership	\$235	\$240
Senior Membership	\$115	\$120
Nanny/Au Pair Membership	\$235	\$240
Daily Membership	\$50	\$55
+Day Rate	\$10/weekday, \$15/wknd	\$10/weekday, \$15/wknd
Guest Fee Weekday	\$10	\$10
Guest Fee Weekend/Holiday	\$15	\$15
<b><u>ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE</u></b>		
Team Entry Fee	\$1,600	\$1,600
<b><u>OUTDOOR PAVILION RENTAL</u></b>		
Resident Rate	\$300	\$300
Non Resident Rate	\$600	\$600
Refundable Deposit	\$50	\$300

<b><u>SENIOR CENTER RENTAL</u></b>		
Resident Rate	\$300	\$400
Non Resident Rate	\$600	\$700
Additional Hourly Rate Resident	\$50	\$50
Additional Hourly Rate Non Resident	\$100	\$100
Refundable Deposit	\$150	\$300

**DATE CHANGE FOR REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING]**

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Mitchell with all voting aye, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby reschedule the Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting to Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7:00 pm.

**DATE CHANGE FOR WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi with all voting aye, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby reschedule the Wednesday, February 1, 2023 Board of Trustees Work Session to Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

**SCHEDULE A SPECIAL WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Mitchell with all voting aye, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby schedule a Special Work Session of the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm to discuss 2023 Board of Trustees priorities. Please note this meeting will be held in person only and the zoom option will not be available. Work Sessions are open to the public but public comment is not permitted.

**2023 TARRYTOWN/SLEEPY HOLLOW ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE**

On a motion made by Trustee Kim, seconded by Trustee Mitchell with all voting aye, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby grant permission to hold the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow St. Patrick’s Day Parade on parade on Sunday, March 12th, 2023, beginning at 1:30 pm and allows the earlier related closure of the following streets; Main Street, South Washington Street and Broadway.

**ANNUAL STREET FAIR JUNE 4, 2023**

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi with all voting aye, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby grant permission to the Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown Chamber of Commerce to hold their Annual Street Fair on Sunday, June 4th, 2023, beginning at 10:00 am and ending at 4:00 pm on Main Street.

2023 TARRYTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT PARADE

On a motion made by Trustee Rinaldi, seconded by Trustee Mitchell with all Trustee Hoyt abstaining, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0-1

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby grant permission to the Tarrytown Fire Department to hold their annual parade on Saturday, August 12, 2023, beginning at 3 p.m. and allows the closure for staging and parade purposes of Church Street and South Broadway and continuing north down Main Street to Losee Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Department will line up at 2 p.m. on the following streets, Park Avenue and Independence Street.

AUTHORIZING THE REVOCATION OF A PARKING SPACE ESTABLISHED FOR THE FIRE CHIEF’S VEHICLE IN TAPPAN LANDING

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Kim with all voting aye, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that at the request of the Second Assistant Fire Chief, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby revokes the designation of a parking space in Tappan Landing for Fire Chief regular and emergency parking, as he has informed the Village that the parking space is no longer needed at that location.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

On a motion made by Trustee Hoyt, and seconded by Trustee Mitchell the following resolution was approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 as submitted by the Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Kim with Trustee Hoyt abstaining from voucher numbers 2023002710 and 2023002709 the following resolution was unanimously approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve Abstract No. 13 of Audited Vouchers in the total amount of \$407,871.57 as presented by the Village Treasurer, to be paid in the following amounts:

General	\$ 329,141.36
Water	\$ 27,389.51
Sewer Fund	\$ 0.00
Capital	\$ 0.00
Library	\$ 45,485.65
Trust & Agency	\$ <u>5,855.05</u>
Total	\$ 407,871.57

Roll Call: Trustee Hoyt; Yes, Trustee Kim; Yes, Trustee Mitchell; Yes, Trustee Rinaldi; Yes, Trustee; Phillips-Staley; Yes. Deputy Mayor McGovern; Yes, Mayor Brown; Yes.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA. SPEAKERS HAVE THREE (3) MINUTES BEFORE YIELDING TO THE NEXT SPEAKER

Dolf Beil from White Plains stated that he asked a year ago to attend the Housing Affordability Task Force meetings, and he was refused. He encourages the BOT to revisit their decision. In two years that group has not allowed public input and you are reaping the result of that. Recent communications regarding ADUs showed that six communities did not see any significant addition to their community. When digging deeper, all six communities have regulations requiring public notification and parking regulations. The conclusion that it's not going to happen here was totally disingenuous. Mr. Beil suggest that the BOT read the Comprehensive Plan which calls for quarterly symposia. Other items Mr. Beil covered were dredging, and Dr. Friedlander. Mayor Brown noted that she has been in contact with Dr. Friedlander and discussions are being had about his future and how he wants to handle it. Mr. Beil hopes that is true, and also stated that when you have lobbyists behind the podium make sure to time them as well.

Tina Bellino stated that when there is a one party board, there are no dissenting opinions regarding ADUs. ADUs will forever change this village. Ms. Bellinos concerns are with the schools, buses and hallways being overcrowded as well as the roads, sewers and additional staff and first responders that will be needed. Seniors do not need to be landlords, they need a board that will alleviate their taxes. Ms. Bellino also commented on the student that spoke at the last meeting who is the daughter of the head of the Housing Action Council and her role as an intern at the village.

Pat Derivan President of Riverside Hose respects the apology made this evening, but the article paints a picture to the public on what the board's views are. Riverside Hose has raised funds selling Christmas Trees for over 20 years and he does not understand where this is coming from. We are supposed to work together, but it's not working out. A picture was painted to the public about the fire companies and money. It's wrong. We put our lives on the line day in and day out. If we stop responding to Greenburgh calls the village will lose a lot of money. He respects the board's apology but respect and trust are earned and that just went out the window.

Judith Williams who is the Pastor at the Shiloh Baptist Church asked the board for their assistance in obtaining their National Landmark Designation. They have been working with the Tarrytown Historical Society since 2019 and the church still does not know the status of their application. Administrator Slingerland replied that the village will help out in any way we can to get the information she is looking for. Mayor Brown thanked Pastor Williams for the beautiful interfaith service held at the Foster Zion Church in conjunction with the Shiloh Baptist Church yesterday. It was really a great day of unity.

John Callahan from Crest Drive first noted that he does not know what the board did but he wouldn't tick off firefighters. Mr. Callahan feels that people who speak in favor of ADUs talk non-stop and people who are opposed get cut off after a few minutes. He does not feel there is an affordable housing crisis in Tarrytown. He does not appreciate the way this has been rolled out or the way it has been handled. The power point that has been presented twice does not show any negative effects. The negatives need to be explored. More needs to be done and people need to be made aware. Has anyone gone to Rockland County? Mayor Brown stated there is no similarity between the Tarrytown of today, and the Rockland County communities that started differently than Tarrytown is now. It is not a fair comparison. Mr. Callahan is concerned about housing prices and the values of our property.

John Stiloski from Wildey Street stated that the Hone Rule is what Somers used to stop ADUs from going on the books. He feels there is a serious grant for ADUs to be pushed onto the communities which will be a burden to taxpayers. Has the village or the Housing Action Council applied for any grants? Administrator Slingerland replied that the Housing Affordability Task Force is a committee of people who are knowledgeable about the housing industry and give advice to the board. The Housing Action Council is a private not for profit entity that works with different agencies throughout Westchester and the NY Metro Region and the village has no involvement with them. If they applied for grants we would not know. Mr. Stiloski stated they have \$43 million dollars and are evicting tenants after raising their

rents right here in Tarrytown. The state has not enacted the ADU legislation yet, but you continue to push the ADU agenda. We had a young girl speak before the board who was an intern for Mr. Slingerland, who tells us how to park, who is the daughter of the head of the Housing Action Council and tells us how people haven't made it affordable to live here when her own mother was on the board for 25 years trying to make it affordable. This lady who sold a third of a building that was affordable housing to a private company, she's our spokesperson for ADUs? He thinks it is unfair that lady who worked on the Comprehensive Plan, and is working on the ADU legislation is telling us what is good for this village. Mr. Stiloski and Mayor Brown then had a brief exchange regarding the young lady who spoke at the last board meeting. Administrator Slingerland wished to put on the record that the young lady in question interned for the village two summers ago and worked on our social media policy. We had have kids who grew up and lived in this community who have worked for our camp and pool and the work she did for the village was no more than that.

Mark Frey from Ossining stated that he met Dr. Stanley Friedlander in 1977 and he has met a lot of Planning Board Chairman's over the years, but he has never met anyone with the kind of education and mind like Dr. Friedlander. Dr. Friedlander has done a phenomenal job and as the board makes the tough decision regarding Dr. Friedlander keep in mind all of the institutional memory Dr. Friedlander has and know he has a lot more to offer. Mayor Brown agreed with Mr. Frey that Dr. Friedlander has done a lot for the village, and she has great memories working with him. Mr. Frey wished to remind the board that mistakes can be made and he would like this one regarding Dr. Friedlander to be avoided.

Terrance Murphy from Kaldenburgh Place stated that the fire department has revenue streams that come from outside the village, so they are essentially using money that the village does not provide. The fire department is the backbone of a strong community and we do a lot of good work. Having a volunteer fire department this size saves sixty nine million dollars a year for a community this size. This village has fifty one million dollars in outstanding bonds right now so he feels the fire department is doing their part for the taxpayers.

Haydee McCarthy from Kerwin Place stated that there seems to be a lack of transparency. When your greatest asset is your home, and there are proposals that could potentially impact your greatest asset, people need transparency. Make sure everyone announces themselves properly so everyone knows who the players are and who is involved. Let's try to have more open conversations. She sees that some concessions have been made, but they are not enough. There is time to have further conversations in a way that makes sense to all the residents, and not just the people on the housing committee who have the possibility of profiting from it. The optics don't seem great. People have the right to question things and have conversations about them.

Logan Spector Property Manager at the Tarrytown Marina asked if the village receives the grant money for the Eastview Pump Station can it be utilized for something else. He was told it could not be utilized for something else. Mr. Spector asked about the grant money the village received in 2016 from the Tappan Zee Builders in the amount of \$300,000.00 for dredging and it was taken from the fire department and used for landscaping a baseball field. Administrator Slingerland replied the grant was from the NY Thruway Authority because the village anticipated that the new bridge would stir up a lot of silt and sediment and dredging would be needed. That never occurred. If the village was offered the \$3000, 000.00 grant, the village would have had to perform over two million in dredging for the \$300,000.00. After discussions with the board the village worked with NYS to repurpose the money to do shoreline stabilization because the bulkhead in the south end of the park was collapsing. Mr. Spector stated that \$289,000.00 was estimated to dredge the marina. Mr. Spector then asked about the grant for the sewer jet vac. Mayor Brown asked that he put the request in writing because he was asking about financial information was years old.. Mr. Spector then spoke about mismanaged grant money that he says should have gone to the fire department or the marina. Trustee Phillips-Staley stated that he was making serious statements and to please itemize them in an email so we can review them. Mr. Spector concluded by stating the Tarrytown Marina is trying to fix issues brought to their attention and they are trying to acknowledge them and feel they are being held back.

Mark Frey wished to have the record to reflect that some people get more time to speak than other.

Mayor Brown thanked everyone for coming out. Democracy is messy but it works.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm on a motion made by Mayor Brown, and seconded by Trustee Mitchell with all voting aye: 7-0

Kristine Gilligan  
Village Clerk