

Board of Trustees  
Village of Tarrytown  
Regular Meeting No. 16  
One Depot Plaza  
Tarrytown NY 10591  
June 5, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT in person: Mayor Brown presiding; Trustees: Hoyt; Kim; McGovern; Mitchell, 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.

#### BOARD MISCELLANEOUS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor Brown reported that she was unable to attend the Memorial Day Parade but she did receive positive feedback and was able to enjoy pictures on LoHud. Thank you to all involved in the parade and thank you to our veterans.

Deputy Mayor McGovern reported that there are currently 654 members signed up for the pool. You may still enroll either online, or at the Recreation Center. Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup> a Golf Clinic will be starting for children ages 7-13, and there is still time to enroll. Summer Sunset Yoga will be starting at the end of July in Pierson Park, and on June 22<sup>nd</sup> the seniors will be holding a Game Day. All Tarrytown residents 60 and older may join the Tarrytown Seniors.

Trustee Kim reported there was a Safe Streets for All meeting a few weeks ago and we are looking to put in a grant application to create an action plan relative to walkability and making our streets safe for all. Additionally, the Village still has to submit comments for the MTA's First Mile Last Mile Program. The Village is also looking into being part of the Project Mover Program along with Ossining, Croton on Hudson and Dobbs Ferry. This program helps introduce electric bicycles as an alternate form of transportation. The pilot program will start in Ossining, and we hope to have it in Tarrytown by the second quarter of next year. Trustee Kim also wished to note that Westchester County is offering grants for food pantries and the deadline to apply is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Deputy Mayor McGovern noted that a new food pantry opened up in Sleepy Hollow at St. Theresa's

Mayor Brown wished to note that the Village has engaged the services of a traffic engineer to look into speed humps in the lower Crest area. In conclusion, Mayor Brown stated that yesterday's street fair was one of the best she's ever seen. It was well organized, and well attended. Thank you to the Fire Department for the hot dogs and bouncy castle and thank you to TVAC for the CPR demonstrations.

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

There were no changes to the agenda.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Slingerland reported on the following due to Con Edison work in the Village:

- Neperan from Broadway there will be intermittent closures
- Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday this week there will be work on Franklin
- East Sunnyside work will be finishing up for now, but they will be back in January

For anyone that lives in the Windle Park area, the connection for the underground utilities for the YMCA building has to be completed, before the finalization of paving can be completed and Bayliss will not be repaved as there is private sewer work that has to be done. The bid documents for phase eight is being worked on, and getting ready to be put out to bid. Administrator Slingerland wished to remind everyone that there will be one more Board of Trustees Meeting in June, but for the months of July and August there will only be one meeting each month. Deputy Mayor McGovern asked if residents should call about having their water meters replaced, and Deputy Clerk Fasman replied that they are being done by neighborhood, and letters will be mailed out with instructions when they will be working in particular neighborhoods.

Administrator Slingerland concluded his report by noting that tax assessment authority was transferred to the Town of Greenburgh in 2016. If the Board is interested in having the Assessor come in and make a presentation he would make the arrangements. Mayor Brown asked if Administrator Slingerland could find out the average assessment. Deputy Mayor McGovern asked about tax grievances, and Administrator Slingerland replied that all of that information can be found on the Town of Greenburgh's website. Mayor Brown believes that approximately every five years a major reassessment is done. You do not have to let them in your home if you do not want to and your assessment is based upon what the market value is at the time and work permits that have been pulled for a particular address.

Deputy Clerk Fasman wished to remind everyone that this Saturday there will be the Tarrytown Open Streets Event celebrating pride, and on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Juneteenth with a free dance workshop from the Alvin Alley Foundation at Pierson Park. The Summer Concerts and Jazz Forum Arts will be returning to Pierson Park, and a free Shakespeare performance on July 29<sup>th</sup> in addition to the Duck Derby this Sunday.

Mayor Brown wished to thank the Parks Department for working with Mai Mai Margules on the pollinator gardens in various areas throughout the village. TEAC is always looking for volunteers to help tend to the gardens.

#### PROCLAMATION: PRIDE MONTH IN TARRYTOWN

Mayor Brown wished everyone a happy Pride Month. Here in Tarrytown, it is a chance to recommit ourselves to our LGBTQ+ community. Everyone here in Tarrytown is welcome to live their lives as they wish, love who they wish and expect to be supported by their community. Mayor Brown then read the following Proclamation:

*WHEREAS, on June 28, 1969, the Stonewall riots, in our State of New York, helped launch the LGBTQ+ rights movement in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, fifty-three years later, the quest for justice, fairness, and equal rights continues, despite significant progress made over the past five decades; and*

*WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ individuals have had immeasurable impact on the cultural, civic and economic successes of our country and are an integral part of our community ; and*

*WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for LGBTQ+ people, and a community in which people can live free from discrimination and prejudice; and*

*WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community in Tarrytown, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to build acceptance and advance equal rights.*

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Karen G. Brown, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Tarrytown New York, do hereby proclaim June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the Village of Tarrytown, New York.***

#### PRESENTATION: GREENBURGH PRIDE

Christina Kharem thanked the Board for listening and for their work in planning the celebration on Saturday. Thank you for the proclamation and supporting Greenburgh Pride.

Robert Wingate a founding member of the Greenburgh Pride committee stated that on Saturday at 11:30 there will be a parade and motorcade in Ardsley. The motorcade will then continue into Dobbs Ferry. After marching to the waterfront, there will be a two hour program with presenters, musicians and vendors. This will be followed by the program in Tarrytown on Saturday evening. Please come and support the LGBTQ Community and enjoy the festivities. Our goal is to build a better future and more inclusive future for our young people.

Sophia Zemora a graduate of Ardsley High School and who is also the MC for the Pride Festivities stated that Pride is a celebration for the LGBTQ+ community and it is also for all of us. We deserve to be proud of the community we built, proud of ourselves, and celebrate love. Pride is important

because it involves all aspects of our lives. After moving to Dobbs Ferry five years ago she met people who wished to create an inviting space for people to come together. Pride is important because it involves the little and big things, and it should be a part of all things.

Z Leraio is also a co-founder of Greenburgh Pride noted that Sophia is part of Generation Z who are identifying as part of the LGBTQ community at historic rates. This demographic needs support and resources. Over 300 bills have been introduced in Congress and various legislative bodies which make it illegal to receive certain types of health care, talk about being gay or trans in schools, or participate in spots in the gender we identify as. Physicians can have their licenses revoked in some states by performing affirming care. There are increasing hate incidents and anti LGBTQ sentiments in Greenburgh. Months like this when we celebrate how we contribute to society, this is what we celebrate during Pride. It can be isolating to be out, to be trans, to be non-binary and to be visibly non-conforming. A survey was done in 2021 that included Tarrytown, and there were definite hate incidents, healthcare, education and employment discrimination. Thank you for hosting the open streets on Saturday and for the proclamation. We are a movement that will help bring diversity to this area. Our goal is to help provide event, education and resources to help anyone looking to learn more about our community. Our youth need support as they are the most vulnerable. Having a space where they can congregate in the Town of Greenburgh is our goal and well as providing them support even beyond college. There is so much expertise in this group and we are here to work with you to provide this to our village members. We need to do more, and thank you for taking steps with us because in time, we can do incredible things with your help.

Mayor Brown encourages all to take part in the festivities on Saturday, and celebrate Pride and this joyful month.

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

John Callahan from Crest Drive recommends that the library show the movie Philadelphia as it's very powerful. Mr. Callahan then asked if someone could please explain the Drag Story Hour taking place on Saturday. Deputy Clerk Fasman replied that a book will be read while a person is dressed in drag. Mr. Callahan stated that you are having an adult male dressed as an oversexualized woman reading books to children. Mayor Brown replied that the person will probably be a man dressed in women's clothing reading a book. She does not know the gender or sexuality of the person reading the book, nor the title of the book. She does trust the staff and organizer of the event to pick something appropriate for the target audience. Mr. Callahan stated he does not think this was well thought out. Why would we do this on the taxpayer's dime? Deputy Mayor McGovern replied that everyone pays taxes, but not everyone participates in everything. This is an opportunity for people who wish to participate to do so. Lots of people don't join the pool. This is a service for community members who would enjoy going to it. Mr. Callahan stated we are spending money to bring in adult men dressed as overly sexualized women reading books to children. Nudity would be inappropriate, but adult men dressed as women is ok? He doesn't think the Board properly considered this. Deputy Clerk Fasman noted that part of proclamation stated that visibility helps with acceptance and that's what Pride is about. Trustee Kim stated asked how Mr. Callahan can characterized a person he hasn't met as overly sexualized. Both men and women all over dress overly sexualized. How do you jump to the conclusion without even knowing the person? Mayor Brown stated she is sorry he doesn't agree with something that is on the agenda for this event. Professionals have worked on the event and we trust that the Village takes the children's safety into account should people decide to bring their children. If you wish to talk further about who we should or should not have at our events, please email the Board and we'd be happy to have a conversation with you. Also, the Board will get the title of the book for you.

Paul Rinaldi from Tarrytown stated that if Mr. Callahan would like to have a conversation with someone who has been part of this community for a long time and has raised children in this community, he would be more than happy to do so. He also thanked the presenters for their heartfelt messages and we will continue that message over the upcoming weekend.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MULTI-VILLAGE CURBING CONTRACT AWARD FOR 2023

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern and seconded by Trustee Mitchell the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown worked in a cooperative relationship with the Village of Hastings on Hudson and other Villages, with Hastings taking the lead on the bid process and soliciting bids for the 2023 Curbing Project; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2023, the Village of Hastings received seven (7) bids for the 2023 multi-village curbing project that are summarized below:

Company Name	Based out of:	Bid Amount
Tony Casale Inc.	Yonkers, NY	\$1,235,236.00
Cornerstone Restoration Corp.	New City, NY	\$1,253,335.00
Paladino Concrete Creations	Mt. Vernon, NY	\$1,339,161.00
A.R. Brothers Construction Group	Yonkers, NY	\$1,880,100.00
Gianfia Corp.	Hawthorne, NY	\$2,257,898.00
Northbrook Contracting Corp.	Peekskill, NY	\$2,889,994.00
JRCRUZ Corp.	Holmdel, NJ	\$2,933,476.00

WHEREAS, in accordance with the contract, each partner municipality will separately authorize the Contract and be responsible for payment of services performed within their respective municipality and the quantities of work required directly to the contractor; and

WHEREAS, the curbing is planned to be installed on West Elizabeth Street, Sheldon Avenue, Riverview Avenue, and miscellaneous other areas based on the available budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize the award of the contract, for the work to be performed in the Village of Tarrytown, for the 2023 Curbing Project to Tony Casale Inc. of Yonkers, New York, in accordance with their unit prices contained in their bid of May 12, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes and directs the Village Administrator to execute an agreement for this project with Tony Casale Inc.

INSURANCE RENEWALS FOR LIABILITY, PROPERTY AND AUTOMOBILES

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern and seconded by Trustee Mitchell the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize and direct the Village Administrator to execute a one-year agreement with Brown and Brown Insurance Company, a/k/a The Spain Agency covering General Liability, Public Officials' Liability, Property Coverage, Automobile and Cyber Insurance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual estimated premium for all Liability, Property and Automobile Coverage through NYMIR is presently \$729,485.00.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH TARRYTOWN VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS (TVAC)

Trustee Hoyt first read the call volume TVAC has done during 2022.

1,326 patient care reports (PCR) these are completed every time they leave the building on official business. 1,024 patients transported to a hospital. Of the total PCRs, 89% were residents of Tarrytown. 35% of our patients were 65 years and older. The oldest patient was 103, the youngest patient was 1 day old. There were 5,551 volunteer hours. So far this year, they have completed approximately 100 more calls than the same period last year. The Ambulance Corps never closes and are available 24/7. They do a great job and we thank them for all that they do.

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, and seconded by Trustee Kim with Trustee Hoyt abstaining, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 5-1-0

WHEREAS, TVAC is the primary EMS 9-1-1 responding agency for ambulance services within the geographical limits of the Village of Tarrytown, with provisions for mutual aid or patient transport that may require travel outside of Tarrytown; and

WHEREAS, TVAC's operations depend largely upon donations, private payment or recovery from insurance companies; and

WHEREAS, in certain circumstances, competent adults have the right to refuse medical care and/or transportation in an ambulance and in such events, TVAC is unable to seek medical payment from insurance companies, which has caused a significant financial impact on its operations over the past several years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize the Village Administrator to execute and renew a one (1) year agreement with TVAC to reimburse the cost of Refused Medical Attention (RMA) calls within the Village of Tarrytown on a monthly basis upon receipt of an invoice from TVAC in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 per fiscal year (running from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>)

AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU FOR TARRYTOWN/SLEEPY HOLLOW SUMMER CAMP

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, and seconded by Trustee Hoyt, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize and direct the Village Administrator to execute a renewal agreement between Westchester County and the Village of Tarrytown to provide funding for the 2023 Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Summer Day Camp program.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH MICHAEL LAVOIE

On a motion made by Trustee Hoyt, and seconded by Trustee Kim, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize and direct the Village Administrator to execute a renewal agreement with Michael Lavoie for filming services at a rate of \$350 per meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an additional task of TV scroll maintenance will be added to his contract agreement.

POOL EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

On a motion made by Trustee Phillips-Staley, and seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes the appointment of the following employees, as 2023 Summer seasonal

employees to work at the Tarrytown Pool, with the pool season to take place in accordance with the rules and regulations of the County and State Health Departments and any applicable CDC regulations.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>WAGE/HR</u>
Arroyo, Marc	Lifeguard	\$15.00
Bardaghawi, Patricia	Gate Guard	\$15.00
Block, Elsa	Gate Guard	\$15.00
Burch, Aidan	Lifeguard	\$15.25
Carron, Jack	Lifeguard	\$15.75
Carucci, Debra	Assistant Director - Sub	\$19.25
Castellano, Brody	Lifeguard	\$15.25
Clark, Frankie	Lifeguard	\$15.25
Clemens, Zachary	Lifeguard	\$15.00
Finkelberg, Alexander	Lifeguard	\$15.25
Flores, Waleska	Lifeguard	\$15.25
Kenny, Conor	Lifeguard	\$15.75
Klami, Tara	Lifeguard	\$15.25
Knudson, Ellie	Lifeguard	\$15.25
Labovitz, Sam	Lifeguard	\$15.00
Lis, Carver	Head Lifeguard	\$15.75
Lis, Jordan	Assistant Director	\$18.00
Logan, Heather	Deck Supervisor	\$17.00
Londono, Brianna	Lifeguard	\$15.25
McCoy, James	Assistant Director	\$18.00
Murphy, Kelly	Director	\$32.00
O'Hara, Annie	Head Lifeguard	\$16.00
O'Hara, Luke	Lifeguard	\$15.00
Ojito, Maria	Gate Guard	\$15.00
Papovitch, John	Lifeguard - Sub	\$15.25
Perez, Florencia	Gate Guard	\$15.00
Rama, Eva	Gate Guard	\$15.25
Riley, Erin	Lifeguard	\$15.25
Rock, Dayla	Lifeguard	\$15.25
Rubiera, Javier	Lifeguard	\$15.00
Sanchez, Lynda	Lifeguard	\$15.00
Sanchez, Ojilvy	Lifeguard	\$15.00
Scogna, Deborah	Deck Supervisor	\$17.00
Siegel, Julien	Lifeguard	\$15.00
Silva, Lucas	Lifeguard	\$15.25
Smajlaj, Heidi	Deck Supervisor	\$17.00
Smith, Isabella	Lifeguard	\$15.00
Smith Jr., Todd	Gate Guard	\$15.00
Taranto, Stephanie	Lifeguard	\$15.00
Torres, Amy	Gate Guard	\$15.00
Wagner, Natalia	Lifeguard	\$15.00
Zekus, Lori	Deck Supervisor	\$17.00
Zybert, Daniel	Lifeguard	\$15.25
Welsch, James	xxxxxxx	

APPOINTMENT OF A SEASONAL LABORER FOR DPW AND THE PARKS DEPARTMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Hoyt, and seconded by Trustee Hoyt, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes the appointment of Nicholas Rama as 40-hour per week Seasonal Laborer to be shared between the Department of Public Works and the Parks Department to perform watering and landscape maintenance as well as other related duties, from June through August, at an hourly wage of \$20.00 per hour effective Thursday, June 8, 2023, subject to all applicable civil service rules and regulations.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF May 15, 2023

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and seconded by Trustee Kim, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby approves the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, May 15, 2023 as submitted by the Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF THE ACTION ITEM MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF MAY 31, 2023

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Mitchell with Trustee Hoyt abstaining, the following resolution was approved. Approved 5-1-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby approves the Action Item minutes of the Board of Trustees Work Session Meeting held on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 as submitted by the Village Administrator and the Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and seconded by Trustee Mitchell, the following resolution was unanimously approved. Approved: 6-0

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve Abstract No.1 of Audited Vouchers in the total amount of \$366,983.69 as presented by the Village Treasurer, to be paid in the following amounts:

General	\$ 506,961.86
Water	\$ 44,123.57
Sewer Fund	\$ 21,935.19
Capital	\$ 31,554.79
Library	\$ 18,048.77
Trust & Agency	\$ 15,418.59
CM (Special Funds)	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 638,173.27

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.

John Callahan from Crest Drive inquired about the status of any dispensaries in Tarrytown. Mayor Brown replied that there have been no applications. Mr. Callahan asked if we can withdraw our permission to allow them. Mayor Brown responded that we already opted in to allow them and there has been no interest so far. Attorney Zalantis confirmed that we have not received any notice from the state regarding inquiries into dispensaries and the state is required to notice the municipality when an application is made. Administrator Slingerland confirmed we can no longer opt out of having dispensaries in Tarrytown. Mr. Callahan then inquired if there were any applications for an ADU. Deputy Clerk Fasman replied that one application has been received, but no permits have been issued as the application was not complete. Mr. Callahan replied that the argument for allowing ADUs was to bring in income to the homeowner, but that doesn't seem to have come to fruition. He then asked Trustee Phillips-Staley if she looked at the ADU areas in Spring Valley. There was a fire in which there were multiple casualties. Trustee Phillips-Staley requested that he send an email about the incident and she'd be happy to reply. Trustee Kim then asked for further explanation. Mr. Callahan replied that a student who lived in an ADU in the Village of Airmont was struck by a delivery truck. After speaking with a police officer he was told the student lived in an ADU. Population density has an impact. Trustee Phillips-Staley asked what the law that was passed in Tarrytown had to do with the poor person who was run over. Mr. Callahan replied it is the same law. Trustee Kim noted that people get run over in the US all the time, and the number of people getting hit while not inside a car has gone up precipitously. If you look at the data, it's usually because of the size of the road and the speed in which the cars are traveling. Some of the issue is density, but it has more to do with the way the streets and environment is configured. It has nothing to do with it being an ADU, or a house. Mr. Callahan noted that the more pedestrian that are on the street, more will be getting hit. Mr. Callahan then asked if the debt was currently at fifty one million dollars. Mayor Brown noted that his time had expired and he could submit his questions in writing if he wishes to do so.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm on a motion made by Trustee Hoyt, and seconded by Trustee Kim, with all voting aye: 6-0

Kristine Gilligan  
Village Clerk