

Board of Trustees
Village of Tarrytown
Regular Meeting No. 51
November 20, 2017
8:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Fixell presiding; Trustees: Brown, Butler, Hoyt, McGee and McGovern; Village Administrator Slingerland; Village Treasurer Hart; Village Attorney Silverberg and Village Clerk Booth

ABSENT: Trustee Zollo

The meeting began with the Pledge to the Flag.

REPORTS

Mayor Fixell reported on the following:

- Village Hall Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th.
- The leaves are still coming down and reminded everyone to try mulching your leaves in place. If you leave them for the Village to pick them up, please don't put them on the streets, put them on the curb. Leaves in the street are dangerous, they take up parking spaces and they stop the drainage of water and it is against the law. Mayor Fixell asked Administrator Slingerland if the bulk leaf schedule will be changed due to the leaves coming down later this fall. Administrator Slingerland noted that he did speak to the Superintendent of Public Works and that the Department of Public Works will make sure that all the bulk leaves will be picked up even if they have to go beyond the scheduled dates.
- The tax reform proposals in Washington that are coming up have in them the elimination or severe restrictions on the state and local income tax deductions. Our local representatives are not supporters, but if anyone knows other representatives from other areas that are supporters, please let them know how much of a negative impact it would have on our region.
- The Route 9 Active Transportation Corridor Study survey is on our website, tarrytowngov.com. They are seeking your input on the public survey until December 5th.

Trustee McGovern noted the following:

- The Holiday Tree Lighting will take place on Saturday, December 2nd at Patriots Park at 5 p.m. A visit with Santa will take place at the Warner Library. The TaSH Holiday Pop-Up Market will also take place on Saturday, December 2nd at Patriots Park from 2 – 5:30 p.m. Come out and join in on the fun.
- There will be a new Senior Citizen “Holiday Discount Shopping Day” in our downtown shops. Call Village Hall and sign up for the Senior Van to pick you up and take you home on Thursday, November 30th from 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Trustee Brown noted as we enter this holiday season, please remember to shop local. Downtown Tarrytown has beautiful chocolate shops, great jewelry, soccer apparel and phone accessories. Enjoy dining in the restaurants in Tarrytown and have your parties catered by our local merchants.

CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Board of Trustees tabled Item Nos. 5 and 6, Appointment of Park Groundskeeper and Appointment of Temporary Public Works Laborer.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Slingerland noted the following:

- He recently attended a two-day Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment Workshop meeting in Albany, New York to discuss developing and implementing policies and procedures that facilitate commerce, improve safety and efficiency and inspire dialogue with port and waterways users with the goal of making waterways as safe,

- efficient and commercially viable as possible. The workshop was hosted by the United States Coast Guard. The question on anchorages along the Hudson River was discussed for the need to balance the interest and needs for all those involved. Everyone benefits from gasoline and petroleum products that get shipped up and down the Hudson River, but we certainly don't want to create a hazard for either the environment or for the people who live along the river. Mr. Slingerland suggested they consider the life span of rotation or modification of anchorages along the river so that no one community is overly impacted by them. One of the biggest proposed areas of anchorages is in Yonkers, at the border of the Bronx, where they are proposing 16 new anchorages. The next closest anchorage location of a major size is in Montrose. Tarrytown and the other neighboring rivertowns are not going to be impacted as much. There will be future public hearings for additional public input. They have already received 10,000 plus comments on this topic, which is the most they have ever received from similar processes in the past.
- The YMCA is conducting a community needs assessment and they would like input from the entire community. The survey link is on our website, tarrytowngov.com until December 15, 2017. They are looking at new programs for the youth and to serve the entire community.

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

Mayor Fixell asked if anyone wanted to address the Board on agenda items. No one appeared.

HOLIDAY METER PARKING

Trustee Hoyt moved, seconded by Trustee Butler, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 6-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the holiday parking meter program for the 2017 holiday season by designating certain parking meters to be covered to allow free parking subject to a two-hour time limit, for the period from Monday, December 4, 2017 through Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at the following locations: all downtown business district street meters, municipal lots on South Washington Street East, South Washington Street West, McKeel Avenue, Neperan Road, South Broadway and the West Elizabeth Street.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Trustee Hoyt moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 6-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the following Fire Department membership changes recommended at the October 17, 2017 Board of Fire Wardens meeting: Membership Changes: Nicholas Renna has been elected to out-of-town active membership at Phenix Hose Company #2. Lisa Brown-Pinzel has transferred from Consolidated Engine to Washington Engine Company. Driver: Kevon Lewis has been approved as a driver for Hope Hose Company #1.

AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN TO ACT AS THE GRANT FUNDING RECIPIENT AND TRANSFEROR ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND PROCESSING THE PAYMENT TO THE TARRYTOWN MUSIC HALL

Trustee Brown moved, seconded by Trustee Butler, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 6-0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize the Village of Tarrytown to act as the grant funding recipient and transferor

accepting a grant from the Westchester Community Foundation to process the payment to the Tarrytown Music Hall and disburse them to the Tarrytown Music Hall in accordance with the terms of the grant. There will be no Village of Tarrytown funds nor other financial obligation will be expended through this financial partnership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the Village Administrator to sign the necessary and appropriate agreement to the satisfaction of the Village Attorney, and authorizes the Village Treasurer to accept these funds from the Westchester Community Foundation and disburse them to the Tarrytown Music Hall.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2017

Trustee McGee moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, that the following resolution be approved. Motion carried, all voting “aye” with the exception of Trustees Brown and Hoyt who abstained. Approved: 4-0-2

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on November 6, 2017 as submitted by the Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Trustee Butler moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, that the following resolution be approved. Motion carried, all voting “aye” with the exception of Trustee Brown who abstained. Approved: 5-0-1

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held on November 1, 2017 as submitted by the Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

Trustee McGovern moved, seconded by Trustee Butler, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 6-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve Abstract No. 9 of Audited Vouchers to be paid in the following amounts:

General	\$2,311,943.80
Water	241,966.18
Sewer Fund	960.80
Capital	22,455.30
Library	18,455.30
Trust & Agency	<u>16,225.86</u>
Total	\$2,611,799.01

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. SPEAKERS HAVE FIVE (5) MINUTES BEFORE YIELDING TO THE NEXT SPEAKER; THEN THREE (3) MINUTES FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Richard Ward, 22 Half Moon Lane, stated that he is a combat veteran of Vietnam and wanted the Board of Trustees to be aware that Governor Cuomo has signed Senate Bill No. S1724 and Assembly Bill No. A.5135 into law, which will reduce school taxes by 15% for all veterans and combat veterans by 25%. He hopes that this will go into effect for the 2018 taxes. He asked if there are any forms to apply for this exemption. He also noted that any reduction of tax revenue will be reimbursed by the state to the municipality. When the Board adopts this legislation, he asked if the Village could get the word out and let the public know out of respect and honor of all veterans.

Administrator Slingerland noted that he believes the Village would have to adopt the enabling local law in order to participate in this program.

Mayor Fixell noted that we will look into the process and procedure of the law.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

The Board of Trustees wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hoyt moved, seconded by Trustee McGee, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Carol A. Booth
Village Clerk