

Board of Trustees
Village of Tarrytown
Organizational Meeting
December 2, 2019
8:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Fixell presiding; Trustees: Brown, Butler, Hoyt, McGovern, Rinaldi and Zollo; Village Administrator Slingerland; Assistant Village Administrator Ringel; Village Treasurer Hart; Village Attorney Kathy Zalantis and Village Clerk Booth

The meeting began with the Pledge to the Flag.

Trustee McGovern moved, seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried to open the Annual Organizational Meeting.

8:00 P.M. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

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SWEARING IN OF MAYOR DREW FIXELL AND (3) TRUSTEES: THOMAS D. BUTLER; BECKY MCGOVERN AND DOUG ZOLLO AND VILLAGE JUSTICE KYLE MCGOVERN

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Fixell does hereby appoint Thomas D. Butler as Deputy Mayor for a term to expire in December 2020.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF MARRIAGE OFFICERS

Trustee Brown moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby re-appoint the following Village Officials as Marriage Officers of the Village of Tarrytown for a term to expire in December of 2020: Trustees Brown, Butler, Hoyt, McGovern, Rinaldi and Zollo and Village Clerk Booth

RE-APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Trustee Zollo moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby re-appoint James J. Hart as Deputy Village Administrator for a term to expire in December of 2020.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK

Trustee Butler moved, seconded by Trustee Zollo, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby re-appoint James J. Hart as Deputy Village Clerk for a term to expire in December of 2020.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

Trustee Zollo moved, seconded by Trustee Hoyt, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

Trustee Butler moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, that the following resolution be approved. Motion carried, all voting “aye” with the exception of Trustee Hoyt who recused himself: Approved: 6-0-1

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby re-appoint Carol A. Booth as Village Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire in December of 2021.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY VILLAGE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

Trustee Rinaldi moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby re-appoint James J. Hart as Deputy Village Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire in December of 2020.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY VILLAGE TREASURER

Trustee Hoyt moved, seconded by Trustee Butler, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby re-appoint Antoinette Morales as Deputy Village Treasurer for a term to expire in December of 2020.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Trustee Butler moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby re-appoint the firm of Silverberg Zalantis LLC as Village Attorneys for a term to expire in December of 2020.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR

Trustee McGovern moved, seconded by Trustee Zollo, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby re-appoint Steven Bettman as Village Special Prosecutor (as a contractor, not an employee) for a term to expire in December of 2020.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE ACTING JUSTICE

Trustee Butler moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby re-appoint George Hlapatsos as Village Acting Justice for a term to expire in December of 2020.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF HARBORMASTER

Trustee Hoyt moved, seconded by Trustee Zollo, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby re-appoint Kevin Lustyik as Harbormaster for a term to expire in December of 2020.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE HISTORIAN

Trustee McGovern moved, seconded by Trustee Zollo, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby re-appoint Richard Rose as Village Historian for a term to expire in December of 2020.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF POLICE SURGEONS

Trustee McGovern moved, seconded by Trustee Butler, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby re-appoint Dr. Robert Raniolo, Industrial Medicine Associates and Dr. Eric Zitzman as Police Surgeons for a term to expire in December of 2020.

LIAISONS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COUNCILS, AND COMMITTEES, ETC.

- Mayor Fixell: Waterfront Advisory Committee, Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Trails Committee and Parking Task Force
- Trustee Brown: Economic Development/Business, Zoning Board, Tourism, Chamber of Commerce and Farmers Market/TaSH, Housing Affordability Task Force and Downtowns Merchants Council
- Trustee Butler: Planning Board, Architectural Review Board, Building Department and Department of Public Works, Comp Plan Mgmt. Committee
- Trustee Hoyt: Communications (website, cameras etc.) and Cable Television, Tree Commission, Historical Society, Tarrytown Environmental Advisory Council, Transportation Council and Ambulance Corp
- Trustee McGovern: Parks and Recreation, Tarrytown Municipal Housing Authority, Senior Citizens and Transportation Council and Housing Affordability Task Force
- Trustee Rinaldi: Ethics, School Board, Warner Library Board, Tarrytown Environmental Advisory Council and Tarrytown Lakes Committee
- Trustee Zollo: Fire Department, Board of Fire Wardens, Fire Sprinklers Appeal Board, Police Department and Beautification and Planting

DESIGNATION OF THE OFFICIAL VILLAGE DEPOSITORIES AND AUTHORIZED CHECK SIGNATURES

Trustee Zollo moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby designates that the J P Morgan Chase Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Bank of America, Citibank, Key Bank and the Westchester Bank be designated as official depositories for the Village of Tarrytown. All checks drawn on the payroll shall be signed by Village Treasurer James J. Hart and all checks drawn on accounts other than payroll funds shall be signed by Mayor Fixell and Village Treasurer James J. Hart; the signature of Mayor Fixell may be manual or by an automatic signing device. The Deputy Mayor is authorized to sign in the absence or unavailability of Mayor Fixell and Deputy Treasurer Antoinette Morales is authorized to sign in the absence or unavailability of the Treasurer.

DESIGNATION OF AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Trustee Butler moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby designates The Journal News as the Official Newspaper of the Village of Tarrytown.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Trustee Zollo moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby re-appoint Nawrocki & Smith Accounting Firm as Official Auditors for the Village of Tarrytown per their proposal dated January 17, 2017.

ADOPTION OF THE VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFFICIAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

Trustee McGovern moved, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown, pursuant to New York State Village Law, Section 4-412(2), hereby designates the following Official Rules of Procedure (as attached to the minutes of the this meeting). Said Rules of Procedure also are subject to other provisions of New York Law and the Village of Tarrytown Code and shall govern the meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown.

PART A: MEETINGS

SECTION 1 - Regular Meetings

The Board of Trustees generally will hold regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, with the exception of the months of June, July and August, when the meeting shall be held on the 3rd Monday of the month and due to conflicts with holidays, the following Tuesdays: January 7, 2020, February 18, 2020 and September 8, 2020. Such regular meetings shall commence at 8:00 PM and be conducted in the Boardroom at the Village Hall. Any deviation from this schedule shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2 - Special Meetings

Special Meetings of the Board of Trustees are all those Board meetings other than regular meetings. A special meeting may be called by the Mayor or by three (3) members of the Board of Trustees upon notice to the entire Board. Notice shall be given in accordance with law.

SECTION 3 - Executive Sessions

Executive Sessions shall be held in accordance with the New York State Public Officers Law §105. All executive sessions shall be commenced in a public meeting (See Part C, Section 4).

SECTION 4 – Work Sessions

Work Sessions of the Board of Trustees shall be held on the Wednesday before the Monday Board of Trustees meeting noted in Section 1 hereinabove. These meeting are open to the public; however, the public shall not be permitted to comment on any issue. Individuals or groups invited to meet with the Board of Trustees at the Work Session for specific agenda items shall be permitted to comment on that specific agenda item. Notice shall be given in accordance with law.

PART B: POLICIES

SECTION 1 - Quorum

A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall be required to conduct business. A quorum of the seven (7) member Board shall be four (4).

SECTION 2 - Voting

Pursuant to Village Law each member of the Board of Trustees shall have one vote. The Mayor may vote on any matter and must vote in case of a tie. The affirmative vote of four (4) members of the Board is necessary to pass a matter unless otherwise specified by New York State Law.

SECTION 3 - Agendas

The agenda shall be prepared by the Village Clerk, in cooperation with the Village Administrator by Friday preceding the Monday meeting. An item may be placed on the agenda at any time, including during the meeting, by consent of a majority of the Board.

SECTION 4 - Order of Business

The order of business shall be:

- Call to order
- Miscellaneous and Liaison Reports
- Changes and/or Additions to the Agenda
- Village Administrator's Report
- Public Hearings and/or Public Information Meetings
- Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board only on Agenda Items
- Resolutions
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Audited Vouchers
- Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board
- Adjournment

The order of business need not be followed if the Mayor determines that it is appropriate to deviate.

SECTION 5 - Minutes

Minutes at all Board of Trustee meetings shall be the responsibility of the Village Clerk, who pursuant to approval from the Board of Trustees may employ the services of a person to take minutes. Minutes of an open meeting shall consist of a record or summary of all motions, proposals, resolutions and any other matter formally voted upon and the vote thereon. Minutes of an executive session shall be taken of any action that is taken by formal vote and shall consist of a record or summary of the final determination of such action and the vote thereon; provided, however, that such summary need not include any matter which is not required to be made public by the New York State Freedom of Information Law.

Minutes need not contain a summary of the discussion leading to action taken or include verbatim comments unless a majority of the Board resolves to have the Clerk do so. Minutes shall be considered for approval at the next Board meeting after the minutes are received by the Village Clerk.

PART C: RULES AND PROCEDURES

SECTION 1 - General Rules of Procedure

The Mayor shall preside at meetings of the Board of Trustees. In the Mayor's absence the Deputy Mayor shall preside. In the absence of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, the remaining members of the Board of Trustees shall decide which member shall serve as the

presiding officer. Board members are not required to rise but must be recognized by the presiding officer before making motions and speaking. A member, once recognized shall not be interrupted when speaking unless it is to call the member to order. If a member, while speaking, be called to order, he or she shall cease speaking until the question of order is determined, and, if in order, he or she shall be permitted to proceed.

There is no limit to the number of times a member may speak on a question.

Motion to close or limit debate may be entertained but shall require the affirmative vote of four (4) members of the Board.

Procedural questions which are not governed by New York State law or the Village Code or addressed in these Rules of Procedure shall be determined in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

SECTION 2 - Guidelines for Public Comment

The public shall be allowed to speak only during Public Hearings and Public Comment periods.

General Requirements

Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer.

Speakers must step to the front of the room and speak into the microphone or at the lectern should one be provided. Speakers are not to approach the dais without invitation and are directed to make their remarks from the microphone or lectern.

Speakers must give their name, address and organization represented, if any.

No items or documents may be placed on the dais or presented to the Board unless either authorization is requested and granted by the presiding officer or a Board member specifically requests to see an item. All items for presentation that are granted authorization or requested by a Board member shall be presented to the Village Clerk who shall pass it the Board.

Public Hearings

Speakers shall have ten (10) minutes to address the Board of Trustees on the specific matter that is the subject of the Public Hearing before yielding to the next speaker. Speakers may once again address the Board during the Public Hearing period for one additional five (5) minute period, after all other speakers have spoken.

Public Comment

Speakers shall have five (5) minutes to address the Board of Trustees before yielding to the next speaker. Speakers may once again address the Board during the Public Comment period for one additional three (3) minute period after all speakers have an opportunity to address the Board for their original five (5) minute period.

Board members may interrupt a speaker during the speaker's remarks, but only for the purpose of asking questions of the speaker for purposes of clarification, information or to ask follow-up questions.

All remarks shall be addressed to the Mayor and Board of Trustees.
Board members may respond to questions or comments at their discretion.

Speakers shall observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity and good taste and shall not use foul language, display unacceptable behavior, or be disruptive of the proceedings.

A timer shall be utilized that will beep or produce another sound to indicate that a speaker's five (5) minute time limit for Public Comment or three (3) minute time limit has been

reached. Upon being notified that his or her time limit has been reached, a speaker shall cease speaking, leave the microphone or lectern, if one is provided, and return to his or her seat.

The presiding officer may modify these guidelines if warranted.

SECTION 3 - Use of Recording Equipment

All members of the public and all public officials are allowed to photograph and tape or video record public meetings so long as the photography or recording is done in a manner which does not interfere with the meeting. The presiding officer may make the determination that the photography or recording is being done in a manner that interferes with the meeting after taking into consideration attendant movement and activity, distance from the deliberations of the Board, noise, size of equipment, ability of the public to participate in the meeting notwithstanding the photography or recording, and any other pertinent factor. If the presiding officer makes the determination that the photography or recording is interfering with the meeting, the presiding officer may request an accommodation to avoid the interference and if not sufficient or complied with, order the photography or recording to be stopped.

SECTION 4 - Executive Session Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown to conduct Village business in an open fashion and to make available as much information as may legally and practically be disseminated.

The New York Open Meetings Law authorizes the Board to conduct business in executive session in a number of areas. These include:

1. Matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;
2. Matters which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;
3. Information relating to criminal investigations which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;
4. Discussions relating to proposed, pending or current litigation;
5. Collective bargaining negotiations;
6. Personnel matters relating to particular individuals; and
7. The proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or securities when disclosure would substantially affect the value.

The Board recognizes that it is authorized to use executive sessions in these and other situations, but will do so with restraint.

To maintain confidentiality and to encourage the uninhibited discussion of the subject matter in Executive Session, all statements made and positions taken by all participants must remain confidential and may not be disclosed by any participant unless and until disclosure is authorized by affirmative vote of four (4) members of the Board.

It has been and continues to be the practice of the Board that all members of the Board, acting together, come to agreement by consensus on the specific information which is to be released to the public, the suitable vehicle for reporting that information, and the timing of the reporting.

VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN FUND BALANCE POLICY

Trustee Brown moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby re-adopt the Fund Balance Policy to maintain an unrestricted fund balance in a range between 15% and 25%, and that it should not go below 10% except for emergencies or other extenuating circumstances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Village realized an unrestricted fund balance in excess of 25% at the end of any fiscal year, the Village would utilize those funds for proper uses such as capital expenses, reduction or avoidance of debt, or establishment of a reserve for defined long-term financial exposures.

ADJOURNMENT TO REGULAR MEETING

On the motion of Trustee Zollo, seconded by Trustee Butler, the Annual Organizational Meeting was adjourned to the Regular Meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m. by vote of seven in favor, none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT TO REGULAR MEETING

Trustee Brown moved, seconded by Trustee Butler, and unanimously carried that the Organizational Meeting be adjourned to the Regular Meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Carol A. Booth
Village Clerk