

# Village of Tarrytown, NY

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## Village Board of Trustees Special Minutes 06/12/2013

Board of Trustees  
Village of Tarrytown  
Special Meeting No. 7  
June 12, 2013  
6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Fixell; Trustees Basher, Butler, Hoyt, McGee and McGovern; Village Administrator Blau, Village Treasurer Hart, Village Attorney Shumejda

ABSENT: Trustee Zollo

### Adoption of Home Rule Request

Trustee Basher moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern and unanimously carried to open the Special Meeting.

Trustee Basher moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern that the following resolution be approved. Motion carried, all voting "aye".  
Approved: 6 - 0

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution on February 1, 2010 supporting the concept of the adoption of state legislation to impose a room "occupancy tax" on persons occupying any hotel or motel for hire in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the February 1, 2010 resolution supported such a room "occupancy tax" in all Villages in the Town of Greenburgh as well as the unincorporated portion of the Town of Greenburgh; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyperson Abinanti sponsored legislation in 2012 to permit, at local option, the imposition of a room "occupancy tax" for hotels and motels in the Town of Greenburgh, the six Villages in the Town and the Village of Sleepy Hollow; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the said legislation, the Board of Trustees adopted a Home Rule Request on February 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Village has been made aware that there is new Hotel Occupancy Tax legislation that will be coming to the floor of the Assembly for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown is supportive of the adoption of Hotel Occupancy Tax legislation entitled, "AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to authorizing the town of Greenburgh to adopt a local law to impose a hotel/motel occupancy tax for hotels not located in a village; authorizing specified villages in the towns of Greenburgh and Mount Pleasant to adopt local laws to impose a hotel/motel occupancy tax in such villages; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof"; and  
WHEREAS, since the Village does not have the authority to enact such legislation by local law, the Village must request that the State act on the matter through the adoption of a Home Rule Request; and

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Request states in the portion of the document marked "Explanation" the following:

During these difficult economic times, municipalities need additional non-property tax sources of revenue to fund basic services to keep their communities safe and properly serviced. This legislation will assist the Town of Greenburgh and its Villages and the Village of Sleepy Hollow in the Town of Mount Pleasant to fund necessary services. After discussions with the hospitality industry the bill has been revised to require that the municipality levying the tax set aside one-sixth of the taxes collected to promote economic development and tourism within the respective municipality. This revenue will help promote economic development and tourism.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees does hereby adopt a Home Rule Request asking the state legislature to adopt Assembly Bill No. 1234A entitled "An Act to amend the tax law, in relation to authorizing the Town of

Greenburgh to adopt a local law to impose a hotel/motel occupancy tax for hotels not located in a Village; authorizing specified Villages in the Towns of Greenburgh and Mount Pleasant to adopt local laws to impose a hotel/motel occupancy tax in such Villages.

Trustee Basher moved, seconded by Trustee Hoyt and unanimously carried that the Special Meeting be adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Blau  
Village Administrator