

VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M.
Monday, April 1st, 2024
Tarrytown Village Hall
One Depot Plaza, Tarrytown, New York

Members of the Public may attend in person or remotely. For those members of the public interested in viewing and/or participating in the meeting remotely, [visit https://www.tarrytowngov.com/home/events/46266](https://www.tarrytowngov.com/home/events/46266) for instructions on how to join & participate via zoom.

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Pledge of Allegiance

1. Board Miscellaneous and Liaison Reports
2. Changes and/or Additions to the Agenda
3. Administrator's Report
4. Presentation: Annual Report by TEAC
5. Continuation of the Public Hearing on the Village's Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

The Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget FY 24-25 is continued and open for public comment, with the adoption of the Budget scheduled to take place on April 15, 2024.

6. 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
7. Support for the New York Assembly and Senate to Pass a Strong Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (A.5322-A/S.4246-A) and Expand the State's Bottle Bill (A.6353/S.237-B)

WHEREAS, packaging makes up approximately 40 percent of the waste in New York State, and

WHEREAS, managing packaging waste costs New York taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars annually, and

WHEREAS, some packaging is not recyclable and reusable and refillable packaging systems are not readily available, and

WHEREAS, plastic causes serious pollution including litter and it uses toxic chemicals, and

WHEREAS, companies that produce packaging should help bear the costs of packaging waste, not just taxpayers and

WHEREAS, enacting the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, as drafted in the New York Assembly A.5322-A and the New York Senate S.4246-A, would reduce waste, increase recycling rates, create jobs, reduce toxicity in products, provide millions of dollars in savings for local governments and taxpayers, and lower greenhouse gas emissions, and

WHEREAS, the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act should work in tandem with and supplement New York State's Returnable Container Act, and

WHEREAS, New York's Returnable Container Act should be modernized to reflect an expanded market of beverages, and the deposit on beverage containers should be increased to 10 cents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Tarrytown urges the New York State Legislature to approve and recommends Governor Kathy Hochul sign into law a strong and effective Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, in the form of bills A5322-A/S4246-A, and an expanded and modernized Bottle Bill A.6353/S.237-B, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tarrytown Village Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, the New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assemblywoman Mary Jane Shimsky.

8. Resolution Urging Inclusion of the Local Journalism Sustainability Act in the New York State Budget

WHEREAS, a free and independent press plays a vital role in combatting the growing threats of authoritarianism, misinformation, and disinformation; and

WHEREAS, reaffirming freedom of the press should be a priority for our nation's local, state, and federal leaders as they strive to promote democracy, transparency, human rights, and good governance; and

WHEREAS, from 2022 to 2023, 11% of weekly newspapers in New York State have suspended publication, highlighting the urgent need to support and sustain local journalism outlets; and

WHEREAS, New York State has lost half of its journalists since 2005; and

WHEREAS, local news outlets serve to keep citizens informed of the work of their local governments through reporting, legal notices, and community calendars; and

WHEREAS, small municipalities have limited resources to create additional lines of communication for residents to fill the void left when a local press ceases to publish; and

WHEREAS, academic studies in the political economy space show that geographic areas with reduced local media coverage have less informed voters and lower voter turnout rates; and

WHEREAS, through community calendars and coverage, local news outlets engage the community and attract volunteers to support the demands on municipal staff; and

WHEREAS, the Local Journalism Sustainability Act (S.625B/A2958C) sponsored by Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal and Assemblymember Carrie Woerner provides a vital mechanism to support local journalism by offering tax credits to local news outlets for the employment of local news journalists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown who resolve as follows:

- We urge Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature to include provisions in the state budget to support local journalism in Tarrytown and across New York State, specifically through the inclusion of the Local Journalism Sustainability Act.
- We recognize the critical role of local journalism in fostering an informed and engaged citizenry, promoting democracy, human rights, and good governance.
- We call upon the Governor and state legislature to prioritize the passage of the Local Journalism Sustainability Act to ensure the continued availability of reliable and comprehensive local news coverage for our community.
- We emphasize the importance of local news outlets in keeping citizens informed about the work of their local governments, promoting civic engagement, and facilitating community involvement.
- We direct the Village Clerk Gilligan to transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Hochul and members of the New York State Legislature representing the Village of Tarrytown urging their support and action in including the Local Journalism Sustainability Act in the state budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

9. Resolution to Request School Speed Zone

WHEREAS, the Sleepy Hollow High School, Sleepy Hollow Middle School and the John Paulding School serving pre-school and kindergarten students are three schools who provide educational services to the residents of the Village of Tarrytown located on Broadway/Rt.9, a state highway managed by the New York State Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, a robust population of students from Tarrytown walk to school and cross Broadway/Rt. 9 on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS there is currently only one school zone on Broadway in Tarrytown where the speed limit is 20 MPH for 300 ft in front of the Washington Irving School; and

WHEREAS, Section 212.4 of New York Code, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) 17B states that a school speed limit may be established on a highway at a “school with one or more grades under grade 12 and where some of the students walk or bicycle to or from school; or the school and related facilities (e.g. classrooms, cafeteria, gymnasium, playground, athletic fields, parking lots, etc.) are separated by a highway and require the students to cross the highway on foot to access the facilities;” and

WHEREAS, while the speed limit on Broadway from Leroy Avenue to the border with Sleepy Hollow was reduced from 30MPH to 25 MPH in June 2023, the Board of Trustees nevertheless finds it advisable to request that the Department of Transportation set a school zone limit of 20 MPH from Cobb Lane to the Tarrytown border with Sleepy Hollow and as much further along Broadway as the NYS DOT may allow because highway safety research demonstrates that lower speed limits reduce injury and death in the case of traffic accidents, which is especially important to protect the lives and safety of our children and the families who walk them to and from school along and across Broadway.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown requests that the New York State Department of Transportation take the necessary steps to establish a school zone speed limit of 20 MPH along Broadway/Rt. 9 from Cobb Lane to the Tarrytown border with Sleepy Hollow or as much further along Broadway that the State will allow in order to protect the safety of children, families, and residents using school facilities at Sleepy Hollow High School, Sleepy Hollow Middle School and the John Paulding School.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to representatives with the Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, Assemblywoman Mary Jane Shimsky, representatives from the NYS DOT, County Executive George Latimer, the Village of Sleepy Hollow and the UFSD of the Tarrytowns,

10. Resolution to Reject All Bids and Rebid the Warner Library Children’s Room Ceiling and Pipe Insulation Project

WHEREAS, due to logistical issues that occurred during the bid process for the Warner Library Children's Room Ceiling and Pipe Insulation Replacement Project, the bidders did not receive Addendum 1 that was prepared for bidders to consider, so that they could submit a comprehensive total bid that included the additional work covered under Addendum 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby rejects all bids and the Board authorizes the project to be re-bid, with the Addendum 1 work to be included as part of the bidding materials so that the project may be re-issued for all interested contractors to consider and bid on.

11. Resolution making a commitment to replace the Tarrytown Pump Station

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown Public Water Supply went through its annual sanitary survey with the Westchester County Health Department, and we are informed by the County Health Department that there are continuing issues that must be addressed through major capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown Public Water Supply has been requested to make improvements to the Tarrytown pump station that would best be achieved by being included in the overall replacement of the Tarrytown Water Supply Water Pump Station, since the facility has been determined to be approaching the end of its useful life, and exhibiting a need to be upgraded, rehabilitated and/or replaced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby commit to moving forward with developing a plan to replace the Tarrytown Water Pump Station, either individually or jointly with the Village of Sleepy Hollow, through the pursuit of retaining engineering design services, working to prepare plans and specifications for a new plant, and working to bid out a project to replace the pump station on a defined basis within the capital program of the Village of Tarrytown Public Water Supply, funded through Tarrytown Water Fund, or the future issuance of debt, and/or any other appropriations or grants that may become available for this capital facility project.

12. Resolution to Authorize Earth Month Lakes Clean-Up on April 21

WHEREAS the Tarrytown Environmental Advisory Council (TEAC) is coordinating a Village-wide clean-up on April 21 in honor of Earth Month; and

WHEREAS the Hackley Lakekeepers will be volunteering to clean up around the Tarrytown Upper and Lower Lakes that day including along the trails; and

WHEREAS trash, litter and debris have also accumulated in the lakes themselves and cannot easily be collected except by boat; and

WHEREAS a group of local kayakers has volunteered to clean up trash from the Upper and Lower Lakes on April 21st in coordination with TEAC;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby waive the annual kayak permit fee for one day on April 21st in recognition of the volunteer effort to clean the lakes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the prohibition of kayak use on the Upper Lake is hereby waived for one day only on April 21st, only for the participants in this cleanup effort; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that volunteer participants in the Lakes clean-up will be required to sign a liability waiver and to wear a life preserver during the lakes clean-up and are directed not to harass the wildlife in the area, especially the nesting swans on the small island in the center of the lake.

13. Non-Resident Tennis Court Fee

WHEREAS the tennis courts at the Tarrytown waterfront have become very popular, particularly as they have been opened to use for Pickleball; and

WHEREAS it is this Board's and the Recreation Department's goal to ensure that the tennis courts remain available for use by Tarrytown residents and taxpayers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby add a new fee to the Master Fee Schedule to charge non-residents an annual \$100 fee for use of the Tarrytown tennis courts to be paid through the Court Reserve software system for tennis court reservations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Recreation is authorized to take the necessary and appropriate steps to apply the new fee for use of the tennis courts.

14. Resolution to Authorize the Street Closures for the Annual Memorial Day Parade

BE IT RESOLVED that permission is hereby granted to the Central Veteran Committee of the Tarrytowns to hold their annual Memorial Day Parade and services on Monday, May 27, 2024 beginning at 10 a.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator together with the Police Chief are authorized to take the necessary actions to close sections of Main Street and Broadway from Main Street to Patriots Park for a period prior to and during the parade to ensure safe proceedings.

15. Scheduling a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees for Friday, April 5th, 2024, to authorize the appointment of officers to the Tarrytown Fire Department.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby schedule a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held on Friday, April 5th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in Tarrytown Village Hall, in the main meeting room, in order to vote on the appointment of the new chiefs and officers of the Tarrytown Fire Department

16. Appointment Two Temporary Laborers for the Parks Department

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes the appointment of Nicholas Cinquemani and Anthony Socorro as 40-hour per week Laborers in the Parks Department to perform landscaping maintenance along the RiverWalk and other parks in the Village, as well as other related duties, from April 9, 2024 through November 1, 2024, at an hourly wage of \$20.00 per hour.

17. Approval of Minutes of the March 18th, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting

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, March 18th. 2024 as submitted by the Village Clerk

18. Approval of the Action Item Minutes of the March 27th, 2024 Work Session

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby approves the minutes of the Board of Trustees Work Session held on Wednesday, March 27th. 2024 as submitted by the Village Administrator and the Village Clerk.

19. Approval of Audited Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve Abstract No.19 of Audited Vouchers in the total amount of \$312,576.64 as presented by the Village Treasurer, to be paid in the following amounts:

General	\$	169,198.69
Water	\$	62,127.21
Sewer Fund	\$	976.40
Capital	\$	62,489.10
Library	\$	10,109.71
Trust & Agency	\$	7,675.53
<u>CM (Special Fund)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$	312,576.64

20. 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.]

21. Adjournment