

Board of Trustees
Village of Tarrytown
Regular Meeting No. 23
One Depot Plaza
Tarrytown NY 10591
September 20th, 2021
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Butler presiding; Deputy Mayor McGovern; Trustees: Brown Kim, Rinaldi and Zollo; Village Administrator Slingerland; Assistant Village Administrator Ringel; Village Attorney Zolantis; Village Treasurer Hart and Village Clerk Gilligan

The meeting began with the Pledge to the Flag.

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

The Board entered into Executive Session for advice of council on a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Kim, and unanimously carried. 6-0

The Board entered back into Regular Session of Board of Trustees Meeting on a motion made by Trustee Zollo, seconded by Trustee Brown, and unanimously carried. 6-0

BOARD MISCELLANEOUS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Trustee Rinaldi spoke briefly about the flood that had taken place at Warner Library. Library Director Jessica Pacciotti explained that before the library opened on Friday morning, there was a toilet malfunction which caused about a half of inch of water to spread about 20 feet from the bathroom. The insurance company was contacted, and a water remediation team was dispatched. As of Monday evening, the drying machines were still running, so the Children's Library is still closed at this time.

Trustee Brown reported that the Chamber of Commerce is having a networking event on Thursday September 23rd. Information about the event can be found on the Chambers website.

Deputy Mayor McGovern reported on some upcoming Recreation Events. The Village Wide Tag Sale is on September 25, October 9th will be Scarecrow making at 10:30 at Pierson Park, October 16th Trunk or Treat will be taking place in Parking Lot F at 4:30, and the children's tennis program is up and running as well. Deputy Mayor McGovern noted that while the Halloween Parade has been cancelled this year, the Village is working on another event for that day such as movie at Pierson Park. More information will follow soon. In November, adult volleyball will be back, and the Judy Dunbar Turkey Trot 10k run will be taking place on November 21st.

Mayor Butler reported that he is doing something a little different. He will be showing a short video with a summary on what has been going on in the Village for the past few months. A few highlights from the video were that the Chief of Staff from Congressman Mondaire Jones office came to Tarrytown and did a walking tour of Main Street, spoke with several business owners, and strolled along our Riverwalk. There were discussions on how we would have the shared use path, as well as the multi modal study. Mayor Butler noted that there have been discussions with County Executive George Latimers Office, as well as representatives from NY State and Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins about making the connection underneath the Mario Cuomo Bridge and the financial costs associated with making the connection.

In the video, Mayor Butler stated one of his main concerns is the senior citizens and keeping them in the Village. The tax burden is quite large and the Board of Trustees will need to find ways to bring additional revenue to the Village to help reduce the burden on the seniors and all taxpayers. Mayor Butler stated that it is the seniors that made the Village what is it today, and he does not want them forced out due to high taxes. The Mayors other concern is the uptick in positive COVID cases with the new Delta variant. He has requested that all Village staff, and visitors to Village Hall to wear masks while in the building. We are not out of the woods yet, and while it might be inconvenient, it is necessary at this time.

Mayor Butler concluded by stating that the Board of Trustees not only attend meetings, but are consistently out and about throughout the Village addressing residents' concerns, and trying to make the Village a better place.

CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Item number 8, the following will be added: Neperan Road at Grove, and immediate vicinity.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Administrator Slingerland spoke about the Sunnyside Ave. sidewalk and how a small section was washed out due to Tropical Storm Ida. Currently the bluestone that was washed away has been replaced with grass. Administrator Slingerland asked the Board if the bluestone should be replaced, or if the grass is sufficient. After a brief discussion, the Board has decided to refer the matter to TMC for further review.

Administrator Slingerland reported about a letter that was sent the Governor of New York, Kathy Hochul from the Mayors of Tarrytown, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings on Hudson and Irvington regarding their shared Route 9 Active Transportation Conceptual Design Plan. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes. Administrator Slingerland noted that in the letter, the Village of Tarrytown is not in favor of losing any parking spaces in our downtown business district.

Administrator Slingerland then spoke about the upcoming presentation and discussion that is taking place on Tuesday September 28th at 7:00 pm regarding legalization of marijuana, and changes in the state law. The presentation portion will be from Wade Beltramo, an attorney with the New York Conference of Mayors who will also be available for a questions and answers. The discussion will center on how Tarrytown wishes to participate and what we wish to consider for our community. The two key question at this time is if the Village is going to allow the sale of marijuana, if the Village wishes to allow a place for marijuana to be consumed. The presentation will take place in the Village Hall meeting room, and will be available via zoom.

Administrator Slingerland finished his report by letting the Board know that the Village has applied for a Tree Grant from the DEC and we are hopeful that we will get a response sometime this fall.

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 157-3 AND 157-4, FILMING, REGARDING REQUESTS TO FILM PRODUCTIONS

- Motion to Open the Public Hearing on the proposed amendment was made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Zollo

Roll Call: Trustee Brown; Yes, Trustee Kim; Yes, Trustee Rinaldi; Yes, Trustee Zollo; Yes Deputy Mayor McGovern; Yes; Mayor Butler; Yes

There were no speakers from the public.

- Motion to Close the Public Hearing on the proposed amendment was made by Trustee Zollo, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern

Roll Call: Trustee Brown; Yes, Trustee Kim; Yes, Trustee Rinaldi; Yes, Trustee Zollo; Yes Deputy Mayor McGovern; Yes; Mayor Butler; Yes

WHEREAS, a public hearing notice was published in the Journal News on September 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the proposed action on September 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown Board of Trustees hereby determine that the Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and hereby adopts a Negative Declaration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve Local Law Number 9, amendment to Village Code Chapters 157-3 & 157-4 regarding Filming on Public Property and Requests for Film Productions, to reduce the minimum time for submitting a permit application from 21 days to 14 days, and authorizes the Village Administrator and the Village Clerk to take the necessary actions to move forward with change.

The amendment was approved on a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi and carried unanimously.

Roll Call: Trustee Brown; Yes, Trustee Kim; Yes, Trustee Rinaldi; Yes, Trustee Zollo; Yes Deputy Mayor McGovern; Yes; Mayor Butler; Yes

Approved: 6-0

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.

There were no public speakers

SEWER JET/VACUUM TRUCK – AUTHORIZATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Zollo, the following resolution was approved: Yes-6 No-0

WHEREAS the Village of Tarrytown approved a resolution on August 31, 2021 to sign a grant agreement to purchase the Sewer/Jet Vacuum Truck sponsored for the Village of Tarrytown by Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti through the New York State Dormitory Authority (DASNY) and;

WHEREAS the estimated cost of the Sewer/Jet Vacuum Truck in November 2020 was \$393,000; and

WHEREAS due to supply chain delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other issues beyond our control, the cost of the Sewer Jet/Vacuum Truck increased by \$31,000;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize an appropriation of funds from the Sewer Fund for an additional \$24,000 towards a new Sewer Jet/Vacuum truck with the Village's portion estimated at \$174,000, as a match for a grant in the amount of \$250,000, sponsored for the Village of Tarrytown by Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti through the New York State Dormitory Authority (DASNY)

TRAFFIC STUDY AGREEMENT WITH PROVIDENT DESIGN ENGINEERING

On a motion made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Kim, the following resolution was approved: Yes-6 No-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize and direct the Village Administrator to execute an agreement with Provident Design Engineering, Hawthorne, New York in the amount of four thousand seven hundred dollars (\$4,700.00) to perform a traffic study evaluation on McKeel Avenue at Suncliff Drive/Beech Lane.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR SCADA AND WATER SYSTEM SECURITY PROJECT WITH WOODARD & CURRAN – CORRECTION

On a motion made by Trustee Zollo, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern, the following resolution was approved: Yes-6 No-0

WHEREAS on August 31, 2021 the Village Board adopted a resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with SCADA regarding the Water Systems Security Project; and

WHEREAS the dollar amounts for the hardware, software, and licensing portion, and the dollar amounts for the programming, startup and staff training were reversed, due to the fact that an earlier version of the proposal was referred to and later updated;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Administrator is authorized to execute the proposed agreement with Woodard and Curran for the Water Systems Security Project which includes \$21,150 for hardware, software and licensing, and \$9,040 for the programming, startup and staff training for a total amount of \$30,190 (noting that the total amount of the project does not change); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator, Village Treasurer, Village Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works are authorized to take the necessary and appropriate actions to implement this project and related improvements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 31, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

On a motion made by Trustee Rinaldi, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern, the following resolution was approved: Yes-6 No-0

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 Monday, August 31, 2021, as submitted by the Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Zollo, the following resolution was approved: Yes-6 No-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve Abstract No. 3 Audited Vouchers dated August 18, 2021 in the total amount of \$231,875.63 as presented by the Village Treasurer, to be paid in the following amounts:

General	\$ 182,972.99
Water	\$ 15,641.54
Sewer Fund	\$ 2,611.75
Capital	\$ 12,065.01
Library	\$ 10,818.26
Trust & Agency	\$ 7,766.08
Total	\$ 231,875.63

Roll Call: Trustee Brown; Yes, Trustee Kim; Yes, Trustee Rinaldi; Yes, Trustee Zollo; Yes Deputy Mayor McGovern; Yes; Mayor Butler; Yes

Approved: 6-0

JESSICA PACCIOTTI – WARNER LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Jessica Pacciotti the new Director of the Warner Library introduced herself to the Board. She has been working in libraries for almost 10 years, and has her Master's Degree from the University of Syracuse. She is very happy to be working at the Warner Library, and looks forward to continuing the great programs. Ms. Pacciotti is hoping to increase the library hours, implement new programming, and is working on redesigning the website.

APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF POLICE OFFICER-TRANSFER

On a motion made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Zollo, the following resolution was approved: Yes-6 No-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby appoint Anthony Rudovic to the position of Police Officer, Grade 4 in the Village of Tarrytown Police Department at an annual salary of \$89,397.00 effective September 24, 2021. This appointment is subject to the provisions of Civil Service and the Village's contract with the PBA, including a probationary period of not less than twelve weeks and not more than fifty-two weeks as mandated by Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Mayor Butler then swore in Officer Rudovic with the Oath of Office.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA. SPEAKERS WILL HAVE THREE (3) MINUTES BEFORE YIELDING TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

Paul Gomez from Franklin Courts addressed the Board about the sale of Asbury Terrace. Mr. Gomez stated that the mortgage for Asbury Terrace had been completely paid off, and Asbury Terrace had four million in cash reserves. He questioned if the was a valid reason for selling Asbury Terrace when it had been operating so successfully. Mr. Gomez stated that instead of selling Asbury Terrace, the four million could have been used for good works throughout the Village. Mr. Gomez said that residents without Section 8 vouchers experienced a \$200 rent increase immediately upon the sale of the building. Some minor cosmetic improvements have been made, and another rent increase is expected in January. He feels that the Village is poised to make the same mistakes with Franklin Courts and Franklin Towers. Mr. Gomez stated that he has been retaliated against by the Housing Authority for speaking out, and no one has stepped up to defend the resident's rights. Mr. Gomez concluded by stating that the residents of Franklin Courts and Franklin Towers are frustrated with the Housing Authority, tired of their voices not being heard, and do not want their housing sold to a private business interest.

Village Attorney Kathy Zalantis explained that there are documents regarding the sale of Asbury Terrance on the Villages website. The Village had nothing to do with the sale of Asbury Terrace, nor any control over the sale as it was a private not for profit corporation from the outset. The private no for profit made the decision to sell the property with the approval of the NYS Supreme Court and the Attorney General's Office to another private entity. Much of this information can be found on the Villages website. Attorney Zalantis stated that the Tarrytown Housing Authority is a separate entity, and the Village Board has little control or input over Housing Authority. Aside from appointing members to the Housing Authority Board, the Village has no oversight over the separately existing entity. If construction is to happen, the Housing Authority will have to make an application to the Village, go in front of the Villages land use Boards, and then the public will have the opportunity to weigh in and give input. At this time, no formal applications have been made to the Village for Franklin Courts or Franklin Towers.

Administrator Slingerland stated that the Housing Authority went through the process to obtain a consultant and developer, which is Wilder Balter. Wilder Balter will be appearing at a future work session and Board meeting to have a discussion and give a presentation. Work sessions are open to the public and all are invited to attend.

Assistant Administrator Ringel, reminded the public that you can read the full letter on the Villages website, and sign up for email notifications regarding meetings of different boards, general news, and agendas.

Administrator Slingerland then read an email he received from the management company that manages Asbury Terrace regarding the rent. The email stated that they are not aware of any rent increases since December of last year, and if a tenant has received a rent increase that is more than 30% of their income, they should contact the management company to have the issue resolved.

Trustee Brown inquired if there are resident representatives on the Tarrytown Housing Authority's Board and if not how can residents apply. Attorney Zalantis responded that according to the Housing Authority's website, there are two tenant representatives at this time. Trustee Brown asked if the Board of Trustees could appoint their own resident representative. Assistant Administrator Ringel was not sure, but anyone interested in volunteering can apply through the Village website under boards and committees.

Trustee Rinaldi pointed out that he understands why people are confused as the Tarrytown Housing Authority's information is under the Village of Tarrytown's website and it seems like another one of our departments or committees. Administrator Slingerland noted that it is an Authority, such as the Transit Authority, or the NYS Thruway Authority and it is a separate entity.

Paul Gomez stated that he understands Asbury Terrace is a private entity and it was not up to the Board to sell, he just wanted to make a point that with four million in reserves, there was no reason for them to sell. As for Franklin Towers and Franklin Courts, Mr. Gomez said that the people did not elect the tenant representatives, and the tenants have no idea who they even are, and it was not a democratic process. He continued by saying that he says you cannot say nothing is being planned for Franklin Towers and Franklin Courts when minutes from their September 2020 meeting state otherwise. The residents are very disconnected and not aware what is going on. Attorney Zalantis reiterated that no plans have been submitted to the Village at this time. She said it is possible that concept plans have been talked about, but nothing formal has been submitted to the Village to date. Assistant Administrator Ringel stated for the record that the tenant representatives on the Tarrytown Housing Authority's Board are Geraldine Deaton and Indiana DelValle as listed on the Housing Authority's website.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Kim, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:12 pm by a vote of six in favor, none opposed.

Kristine Gilligan
Village Clerk



By Regular Mail

September 7, 2021

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor, New York State
Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

We are Mayors of four Rivertowns who began working together in 2016 to study traffic, safety, and pedestrian and bicycle access conditions in connection with our shared Route 9 corridor, the primary connector road for our Villages. In 2016 the Villages of Hastings-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, and Tarrytown received a \$150,000 grant from the NY Bridge Project's Community Benefits Program to create solutions that support local economies and tourism and complement improved waterfront access and riverfront redevelopment. The result of this collaboration was The Route 9 Active Transportation Conceptual Design Plan, finalized in 2019.

The Plan outlines specific improvements to Route 9 (Broadway) to improve access and safety for all users. The goal is finishing the sidewalk network, making crosswalks safer, adding protected biking lanes, where possible, improving motor vehicle lane geometry and bus stop enhancements. Building the project will promote the historic, cultural, and natural resources of the area and enhance access to the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge. The result will be significant health and economic enhancements for Rivertowns' residents, merchants, and visitors. These corridor safety improvements will unlock additional benefits such as: people getting out of their cars for local trips (there are 23 schools on and near Route 9); independence for people who can't drive; equity by opening affordable transportation options for low income households; exercise incorporated into daily routines, interactions that build community cohesion; increased patronage to local businesses; links between our 4 downtowns and tourist destinations; filling in a big missing link in the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail; cutting pollution and promoting climate smart communities.

We all recognize that the process of developing the plan will be an iterative process with guidance from each Village particularly as to their unique geometry and needs but are excited as a group to work together on moving the project forward. The process of developing the Plan involved extensive public outreach, including five open-house sessions and two online engagement periods. A website was created and continues to be updated and maintained to share information with and receive comments from the general public. The public input will continue as we move from conceptual design to implementation.



We respectfully request your support for this project, and specifically that you use the power and influence of your office to assist us in obtaining high-level support and engagement from NYS DOT, along with a Department of Transportation liaison tasked with helping us through the various processes necessary to build our project. Beyond critical technical and logistical assistance, the Department's support will position our Villages to jointly apply for funding such as the 2021 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) in an effort to turn conceptual plans into design documents, engage in public participation processes and design iterations, and ultimately to implement the resulting designs. Thank you.

Respectfully,



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