

Board of Trustees  
Village of Tarrytown  
Regular Meeting No. 7  
March 5, 2018  
8:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Fixell presiding; Trustees: Brown; Butler, McGee and Zollo; Village Administrator Slingerland; Village Treasurer Hart and Village Attorney Silverberg

ABSENT: Trustees Hoyt and McGovern

The meeting began with the Pledge to the Flag.

## REPORTS

Trustee Zollo reported on the following:

- The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Patriots Park at 10:30 a.m. This is for children from ages 1 to 8.
- The TNT Parade will be held on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. starting at the Neperan Road Park.
- As most are aware, the Tarrytown Police Department was forced to deal with an extremely dangerous and complex situation on the morning of February 27, 2018. Responding to the scene of a shooting with an unknown shooter in the area is not one we experience on a frequent basis. As Police Chief Barbelet arrived on the scene with his police officers, they assessed the situation and quickly concluded that they had their work cut out for them.

Any call relating to an individual who has in their capacity to harm another is something that rapidly raises the Police Department concerns on many different levels. How the Tarrytown Police Department responded to these concerns should be applauded. In situations like this any supervisor in policing looks back and wishes he had dozens of officers to immediately deploy in 100 different directions. What is noteworthy is the amount of Tarrytown police officers who responded to the crisis, many who came in on their day off to assist, protect our community, and apprehend a suspect.

When it was determined that this in fact was a man on the loose who had just committed a homicide with a firearm, a call went out to surrounding police agencies asking for assistance. It is appropriate to recognize all of these police agencies: Irvington, Briarcliff, Sleepy Hollow, New York State Police, MTA, Westchester County, FBI, District Attorney's Office and a special thanks to the Greenburgh PD. Greenburgh not only sent officers immediately to the scene; but because of our involvement in multi-jurisdictional endeavors, they also helped to coordinate the use of SWAT members and investigators from the drug task force. Tarrytown has members in both of these groups.

Our own Tarrytown officers acted in a professional and decisive manner throughout this entire ordeal. Thanks and praise should be bestowed on every member who participated. Officers contributed in ways that varied from standing in front of one of our schools, fielding hundreds of telephone calls at the desk, to conducting an investigation, which ultimately lead us to detaining a suspect just 12 hours after the crime was committed.

This investigation is still very much an active one. Tarrytown officers are working tirelessly to ensure that the family of the deceased receives some justice by building a strong and unyielding case against the defendant. This has been a long and trying week for the department. The week closed out with a nor'easter that had numerous officers working long hours over the weekend to respond to storm related calls, all the time being away from their own families. The Village should be proud of having such a dedicated and professional Police Department.

Trustee Brown thanked Rich for his efforts during the storm and the power outages.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Slingerland reported on the following:

This is one of those storms when you start cleaning the snow off your car windows, and by the time you get all the way around the car and finish, you have to start all over again. This storm is all about timing and temperature, and this snow storm started about 3 to 4 hours later than was originally predicted, and temperatures have been slightly warmer in our neighborhoods than expected. This is a team effort and all members of the team are helping out and contributing.

Tarrytown began planning for this storm over the weekend. We decided on Monday to declare a snow emergency Tuesday evening, so that everyone would begin preparing and residents would move their cars off the street. It's a team effort that our Public Works, Police, Parks and Finance Departments have been working together on, and planning for over the past several days.

Our Police Department sent out a Reverse 911 notification Tuesday afternoon, to prohibit cars from parking on local roads after 9 p.m., since the forecasts were for the snow to start overnight.

Snow emergency is in effect until sometime during the day on Thursday. We'll send out a reverse 911 when it's lifted and post it on the website and Facebook.

We have been keeping residents informed on Facebook regularly.

We have plenty of salt and thankfully saved time and materials since the warmer temperatures and warmer pavement melted the snow that fell for the first 3 to 4 hours earlier today.

Our snow budget of \$250,000 for the fiscal year was about 83% spent before this snowstorm, so we're expecting this storm will use up another 15% of that total budget. While we won't be overspent, we don't want to see another snow storm this fiscal year.

- Trucks were loaded up last night with salt and were ready to go.
- We have plenty of salt in our salt storage shed
- Our snow plow crews are staffed in 2 shifts, which will changeover tonight before midnight.
- We had one tree down blocking a road, but that has already been cleared.
- Once the snow stops and the storm is over, drivers have 24 hours after the storm to remove their cars from the off street parking lots so we can send in the plows and snow-blowers to clean the parking lots out and finish up getting things back to normal

**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.

**APPOINTMENT OF MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR (MEO)**

Trustee Brown moved, seconded by Trustee McGee, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 5-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby promote James Lawlor to the position of Motor Equipment Operator (MEO) effective March 6, 2018, at an annual salary of \$72,357.00, Step 4, subject to all civil service rules and regulations.

**APPOINTMENT OF LABORERS**

Trustee McGee moved, seconded by Trustee Brown, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 5-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby appoint Sandro Rivera to the position of Laborer, effective March 6, 2018, at an annual salary of \$48,399.00, Step 1, subject to all civil service rules and regulations.

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Trustee Brown moved, seconded by Trustee Zollo, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 5-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby appoint Patrick Busa to the position of Laborer, effective March 12, 2018, at an annual salary of \$63,334.00, Step 4, subject to all civil service rules and regulations.

#### APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY PARKS LABORER

Trustee Zollo moved, seconded by Trustee Butler, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 5-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby appoint Jaime Romero to the position of Temporary Laborer, at an hourly salary of \$18.00, effective March 19, 2018, subject to all civil service rules and regulations.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Trustee Zollo moved, seconded by Trustee Butler, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 5-0

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 February 20, 2018 Board of Fire Wardens meeting: Membership Changes: Cameron Allan and Timothy Thayer have been elected to active membership at Conqueror Hook and Ladder and Cristal Alcantara and Danny Toyos have been approved as members of Marine 5.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE 2017 TARRYTOWN VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS SERVICE AWARD (PENSION) PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT REGARDING QUALIFYING POINTS RECEIVED

Trustee McGee moved, seconded by Trustee Zollo, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 5-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby acknowledge receipt of the Tarrytown Volunteer Ambulance Corps 2017 annual report of points achieved by respective members of the Ambulance Corps for qualification for Village contribution to the Ambulance Corps members service award program, which report shall be posted for public inspection and comment for 30 days prior to Board of Trustees' consideration of approving submission of the report to the pension fund underwriter, subject to final sign-off by the Mayor.

#### DESIGNATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Trustee Butler moved, seconded by Trustee Zollo, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 5-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby designate the following employees as having the authority to act in the capacity of Code Enforcement Officers on behalf of the Village of Tarrytown:

Donato R. Pennella, Village Engineer/Building Inspector

Feliciano Valvano, Building Inspector  
Dennis Sullivan, Code Enforcement Officer  
Howard Wessells, Superintendent of Public Works  
Lou Tucci, General Foreman of Public Works

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon separation of employment from the Village of Tarrytown, a person authorized to act in this capacity by the Board of Trustees as a Code Enforcement Officer shall no longer hold this authority, unless further authorization is granted by the Board of Trustees.

“THINK DIFFERENTLY” INITIATIVE

Trustee Zollo moved, seconded by Trustee Butler, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 5-0

WHEREAS, the “Think Differently” initiative is about promoting awareness and acceptance of all people, and advocating for the inclusion of all individuals living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs; and

WHEREAS, our state and communities are stronger because of our diversity and differences; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) over 55 million people, or approximately 19% of Americans, have a type of disability or special need; and

WHEREAS, for some people with special needs, the very things that make them unique can also keep them on the sidelines, separate from those who might not understand their differences or uniqueness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby support the “Think Differently” initiative so that all are better prepared to communicate with, provide for, and support those with special needs, including persons on the Autism Spectrum.

SLEEPY HOLLOW SPRINT TRIATHLON

Trustee McGee moved, seconded by Trustee Butler, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 5-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby grant permission for use of the RiverWalk Park in Tarrytown from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sleepy Hollow Sprint Triathlon to be held on Sunday, June 17, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RiverWalk Park will not be exclusive to the runners and will be open to the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to the race, a Certificate of Insurance will be provided to the Village.

SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING – CHAPTER 247-4 AND 247 10 SIDEWALK CAFÉ AND SIDEWALK VENDING CODE CHANGES

Trustee Zollo moved, seconded by Trustee Brown, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 5-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby schedule a Public Hearing for the regular meeting of March 19, 2018, at 8:00 p.m., in the Municipal Building, One Depot Plaza, Tarrytown, New York, to hear and consider a proposed amendment to the Code of the Village of Tarrytown, Chapter 247-4 and 247-10 regarding Sidewalk Cafés and Sidewalk Vending permits, to allow sandwich board signs to be valid on a calendar year basis, weather permitting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2018

Trustee McGee moved, seconded by Trustee Butler, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 5-0

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 February 20, 2018 as submitted by the Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

Trustee Brown moved, seconded by Trustee Zollo, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 5-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve Abstract No. 16 of Audited Vouchers to be paid in the following amounts:

General	\$ 194,747.25
Water	25,220.23
Sewer Fund	8,033.00
Capital	333,135.39
Library	6,882.21
Trust & Agency	<u>12,526.95</u>
Total	\$ 580,545.03

The Board was polled all voting “aye” with the exception of Trustee Hoyt who recused himself from Voucher Number 2018002634. Motion carried. 7-0

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Mayor Fixell asked whether anyone wished to address the Board on any matter. No one appeared.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Brown moved, seconded by Trustee Zollo, and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Carol A. Booth  
Village Clerk