

Board of Trustees  
Village of Tarrytown  
Regular Meeting No. 3  
One Depot Plaza  
Tarrytown NY 10591  
January 3, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT in person: Mayor Brown presiding; Trustees: Kim; McGovern; Mitchell, Rinaldi and Phillips-Staley. Village Administrator Slingerland; Assistant Administrator Fasman; Village Treasurer Morales; and Village Clerk Gilligan. Attorney Zalantis was present via zoom.

The meeting began with the Pledge to the Flag.

#### BOARD MISCELLANEOUS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor Brown asked for a moment of silence in memory of Eileen Pilla former Mayor of Tarrytown. She truly was a daughter of Tarrytown who was born and raised here and spent her life serving this community.

Mayor Brown then asked for a moment of silence in honor of the two residents who were tragically killed in two separate vehicular incidents on Route 9 this past month in Tarrytown. We are sending our thoughts and prayers to their families.

Mayor Brown noted that two accidents happened on Route 9 in December were tragic and the Board has spent a lot of time discussing and studying the issues on that stretch of Route 9. Our goal and commitment in 2024 is to make sure we do what we can to make the streets safer. We have been working with New York State who have been very receptive about making changes. Safe streets for all means that all of us are cognizant of everything that is going on around us. Please when you are crossing the street be mindful of the cars coming and know the rules of the road which include crosswalk crossing. Pay attention to the signage and the beeps because they are there to keep us safe. If you see someone in a crosswalk, especially a senior citizen, ask if they need assistance. If you walk with them and look for them you could be helping someone stay safe. Our Police Department has given out many citations for people blowing through crosswalks, and they are going to be starting a new pedestrian campaign about the rules of the road. It's up to all of us, the Board and Administration have made the commitment to do what we can, but we all need to be alert as to what is going on around us.

Trustee Kim reported that the Transportation Partnering Committee will be meeting again next Thursday. Representatives from all five Villages will be meeting on a regular basis throughout this year. While these meetings are not open to the public, public meeting will be held for the public to attend starting in March of this year and there will probably be two or three public meetings throughout the year. Trustee Kim also wished to remind people that if you are behind the wheel of a car, please look out for your neighbors.

Deputy Mayor McGovern reported that there are many new programs starting at the Recreation Center such as Zumba and Yoga. She encourages everyone to go to the Recreation Department website to view the programs. Upcoming children's programs are fencing, science and basketball. Any questions, please contact the Recreation Department. As for the Tarrytown Seniors, the first meeting of the New Year is next Tuesday and Chief Barbelet will be talking about how to cross the street properly. Deputy Mayor McGovern concluded her report by noting the Eileen Pilla was a close friend of the McGovern family, and they worked on many projects together. She propelled so many things forward such as the fire stations, and the new Village Hall. We all admire her and thank you from the McGovern family. Administrator Slingerland asked Deputy Mayor McGovern if the Village could present a certificate of appreciation to the family, and Deputy Mayor replied that she would inquire as to whom to contact. She also noted that if anyone wishes to make a donation in her honor you may make a donation to the Cabrini Nursing Home who provided her with excellent care in the last few years of her life.

Trustee Rinaldi wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Trustee Mitchell wished everyone a Happy New and to let everyone know that the Foster Memorial AME Zion Church will be having an MLK Life and Legacy Service on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at Rabbi Holz from Temple Beth Abraham will offer the sermon at the service.

## CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Slingerland reported that the department heads have started working on their budgets for budget year 2024-2025. We are also watching the forecasts for the storm that is supposed to come this weekend. Right now we are too far out to determine how strong the storm will be, but all departments will be prepared. Normal parking regulations will apply unless we declare a snow emergency. If a snow emergency is declared we will send out a reverse 911 and emails call to forewarn residents. If a snow emergency is declared, we will allow residents to park in parking lot D near the train, and as other lots are cleared out they can go back.

Mayor Brown noted that at our next Board of Trustees Meeting which is Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, we are going to have County Executive George Latimer here to talk about the Westchester County Budget.

Administrator Slingerland concluded his report by noting that there were some questions about the water meter rates which is on tonight's agenda, we are tabling that for a future meeting. They are questions that people have, and we need to make it clearer to people what is being done. Mayor Brown noted that New York City supplies our water, and they have raised their rates. We have not had a price adjustment in two and a half years.

## 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

Dolf Beil wished everyone a Happy New Year. He is glad there is going to be an examination with the water meter situation. Mr. Beil is happy with the water meter job that has been done and his research indicates that it was a good project which was done properly. Kudos to whomever is responsible. In terms of the water rate increase, if the village pays more it has to be passed along. His concern is that in general broad numbers the rent is five dollars per month, and the purchase price is five hundred dollars a unit. There is a ten year payback period for that investment, and the budget calls for 2.3 million dollars in total which has already been borrowed. All of that is good. What he hopes people will look at is the taxpayers who use water will be paying for the meter through the bonding that has already been approved, and will be paying again through the rental of their meters. For the next ten years, they will be paying 2.3 million in debt, and 2.3 million in rental. It seems that at the end of ten years, or when the debt is paid off, that should be stopped. Allowing that rental charge to go on in perpetuity doesn't make sense, and people need to know if that is going to happen, what the rationale for it is. He suggests that the rent be applied to the borrowing so that the borrowing can be reduced as quickly as possible. When the borrowing has been paid for, it makes sense to stop the rental payments. If additional money is needed, deal with it at that time, otherwise in perpetuity every ten years people are going to be paying 2.3 million for nothing and it just doesn't make sense.

Administrator Slingerland replied to Mr. Beil by stating that many water utilities do charge a water meter rental fee for the lease of equipment. It is also a way to make sure that people are on an account and paying some minimum payment. One of the things that was discussed when coming up with the water meter rents was that there have been comments about the villages burgeoning debt. The village has maintained our debt level through borrowing and through other retirement of debt or refinancing debt. Starting from 2017, we have maintained our total debt at 57 million with payments this year we'll be down to about 54 million. Our most recent borrowing was about 2.99 percent effective rate. Coming up with a long term plan to avoid borrowing, the meter rents would go into a fund to help plan for a future purchase of replacement meters. We did borrow \$650,000 towards the meter project, and the rest came out of water fund reserves. Administrator Slingerland would like to have further discussions and do additional calculations, and then the Board will determine how to proceed with this. On a quarterly basis, the average homeowner would pay about four dollars a month. When we calculated the figure, we only included the purchase cost which did not include the cost of installation or, interest or other charges. If we included those, we could push the cost to five dollars a month or close to that for a typical meter in a single family home. The benefit of doing it this way and having the village own and lease the meters is that is a business or homeowner had to replace a meter, the homeowner or business would be charged the cost of the meter. By doing it this way and having the fund to help us defray borrowing in the future, we could possibly reduce or even eliminate borrowing for this in the future. Let's take some additional time to look at this, and gather more information so that the Board and the public is aware of what is going on. Deputy Mayor McGovern inquired about the meters warranty. Administrator Slingerland replied that the meter warranties are for ten years and the village holds the warranty. If a meter breaks in say five years, the village would replace the meter at no charge to the homeowner or business owner. The last time the village replaced the water meters was about twelve to

thirteen years ago. Mayor Brown noted that once a fee goes on a bill it never seems to come off. Administrator Slingerland replied that other municipalities do put a water meter rent on their base bill and just put it into their fund. He doesn't think we need to do that, he is looking at this as a way to develop a long term fund to defray borrowing.

Dolf Beil noted that the response was perfect. It was exactly what he was looking for and just wants the Board to make sure of everything before they vote. Thank you.

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AND EXECUTE IMA WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Mitchell with all voting aye, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0

WHEREAS the installation of additional electric vehicle charging stations on Village property benefits Tarrytown residents by strengthening the public charging network for electric vehicles, thereby reducing air pollutants and reducing greenhouse gas emissions which cause climate change; and

WHEREAS the Village engaged INF Associates, LLC of New York, NY, and received a proposal that covers project development, procurement, installation and preventive and emergency maintenance for five years for 20 Flo CoRe+ L2 charging ports in four public Village parking lots: Lot A (Village Hall -6), Lot D (Recreation Center - 4), Lot 5 (McKeel - 6), and 62 Main Street (new lot in former YMCA – and

WHEREAS Westchester County introduced the Municipal Infrastructure Improvement Initiative to encourage the installation of an electric vehicle charging network for public use, and will reimburse approved applicants up to 50% of the cost associated with the purchase and infrastructure costs associated with the installation; and

WHEREAS, Con Edison introduced the Power Ready Program and will reimburse approved applicants up to 50% of the cost associated with utility-side and customer-side costs associated with the installation; and

WHEREAS the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency introduced the Charge Ready NY 2.0 program which reimburses \$4,000 per charging port at public facilities in qualifying Disadvantaged Communities (DAC), with the Village of Tarrytown categorized by NYSERDA as a DAC; and

WHEREAS the proposed total project cost of the installation of 20 electric vehicle ports in the four cited locations is \$377,851.42; and

WHEREAS the Village of Tarrytown will pay \$143,970 of the total project cost with 100% of the Village costs eligible for reimbursement through the NYSERDA rebate program and the Westchester County Municipal Infrastructure Improvement Initiative, and INF Associates will pay the remaining project costs and work with Con Edison to be reimbursed through the utility company's MakeReady incentive program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with INF Associates, LLC for the installation of 20 electric vehicle charging ports in four municipal parking lots; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Administrator to execute an IMA with Westchester County to participate in the Municipal Infrastructure Improvement Initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Administrator and the Village Treasurer to take any necessary and appropriate actions to implement the project.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE 2025 KENWORTH DUMP TRUCK – DPW

On a motion made by Trustee Kim, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern with all voting aye, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown has provided in the Capital Budget 5-Year Plan for FY 2023-2024 for the Department of Public Works the purchase of a new Kenworth Dump Truck to be utilized by the Department for plowing and other repair and maintenance work throughout the village to replace 2003 International 6-wheel Dump Truck (T-1).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes the purchase of a 2025 Kenworth 6-Wheel Dump Truck with a T480 Cab and Chassis and a 10

ft. Duel Auger Salter Body with an 11 ft. plow from Gabrielli Truck Sales in Hicksville NY for a total price of \$295,542.45 through a Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract #060920-KTC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator is authorized to execute the necessary documents to effect this purchase, and the Village anticipates that the funds for the purchase will either be from the capital fund or future issuance of debt.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE 2023 CHEVROLET SILVERADO-DPW

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Phillips-Staley with all voting aye, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown has provided in the Capital Budget 5-Year Plan for FY 2023-2024 for the Department of Public Works the purchase of a new Chevrolet Silverado Pickup Truck to be utilized by the Water Department for plowing and other maintenance and repair work throughout the village to replace the 2003 Chevrolet 2500 Silverado Pickup Truck (W5)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 with a V8 engine and a 7 ft. plow package from DeNooyer Chevrolet in Albany NY for a total price of \$57,977.67; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator is authorized to execute the necessary documents to effect this purchase, and the Village anticipates that the funds for the purchase will either be from the water fund, the capital fund or future issuance of debt.

RENEWAL OF INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF GREENBURG FOR TARRYTOWN TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES TO THE GLENVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR 2021

On a motion made by Trustee Kim, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern with all voting aye, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown authorizes the Village to enter into a renewal Inter-municipal agreement for the year ending in 2021 with the Town of Greenburgh for Tarrytown to provide Fire Protection Services to the Glenville Fire Protection District, and authorizes Village Administrator Richard Slingerland to take the necessary and appropriate actions to execute and implement such agreement, to the satisfaction of the Village Attorney.

RENEWAL OF INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF GREENBURG FOR TARRYTOWN TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES TO THE GLENVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR 2022

On a motion made by Trustee Kim, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern with all voting aye, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown authorizes the Village to enter into a renewal Inter-municipal agreement for the year ending in 2022 with the Town of Greenburgh for Tarrytown to provide Fire Protection Services to the Glenville Fire Protection District, and authorizes Village Administrator Richard Slingerland to take the necessary and appropriate actions to execute and implement such agreement, to the satisfaction of the Village Attorney.

APPOINTMENT OF BACKUP SENIOR VAN BUS DRIVER

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Kim with all voting aye, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby appoint James Feeney as a backup Senior Van Bus Driver, at an hourly salary of \$20.71 effective January 4, 2024, subject to all civil service rules and regulations, and other applicable Local and State Law.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OD THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2023

On a motion made by Trustee Kim, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi with all voting aye, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0

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, December 18, 2023 as submitted by the Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

On a motion made by Trustee Kim, seconded by Trustee Mitchell and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0

Roll Call: Trustee Kim; Yes, Trustee Mitchell; Yes, Trustee Rinaldi; Yes, Trustee Phillips-Staley; Yes, Deputy Mayor McGovern; Yes, Mayor Brown; Yes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve Abstract No.13 of Audited Vouchers in the total amount of \$314,704.40 as presented by the Village Treasurer, to be paid in the following amounts:

General	\$	183,409.07
Water	\$	13,161.40
Sewer Fund	\$	142.54
Capital	\$	112,750.00
Library	\$	5,241.39
Trust & Agency	\$	0.00
CM (Special Funds)	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$	314,704.40

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

There were no public speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm on a motion by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and seconded by Trustee Mitchell with all voting aye. 6-0

Kristine Gilligan  
Village Clerk