

Board of Trustees
Village of Tarrytown
Regular Meeting No. 14
One Depot Plaza
Tarrytown NY 10591
May 1, 2023
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT in person: Mayor Brown presiding; Trustees: Hoyt; Kim; McGovern; Mitchell and Rinaldi. Village Administrator Slingerland; Village Attorney Zalantis; Village Treasurer Morales; Village Clerk Gilligan and Deputy Clerk Fasman

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

The meeting began with the Pledge to the Flag.

BOARD MISCELLANEOUS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor Brown first wished her husband of 29 years a happy anniversary.

Trustee Kim reported that Rachel Tieger and Dean Gallea, Co-Chairs of TEAC will be recognized this Friday at the annual Volunteer Spirit Awards with the Going Green Award. The Volunteer Spirit Awards is the premier volunteer recognition event in our region, with an expected attendance of 500 community leaders, business leaders, and elected officials. Congratulation Rachel and Dean. This Saturday is the Riverkeepers Annual Sweep. The cleanup for us will happen at the Losee Park Field Boat Launch area, and the hours are 9:00-12:00. Finally, there are four pollinator gardens being installed throughout the Village, and volunteers are needed. The installations are on May 11, 12, 13 and 14th. Please go to the TEAC website to for more information and to sign up.

Trustee Hoyt reported that the Fire Department has responded to over forty call the past few weeks, and nine were for mutual aide. The Tarrytown Fire Department responded to the brush fires in Rockland County, the Village of Ossining on several occasions, the Village of Portchester for several fires and even standby coverage in Croton on Hudson. Chief Scogna is looking into the possibility of purchasing four by fours or gators which would be beneficial to the department for brush fires and wooded area rescues. As for the Police Department, they would like the community to know that scams are going around mostly targeting our seniors. The scammers make contact by phone with a fictitious story about a relative or friend in need and then try to get you to send money or purchase gift cards. Some have even agreed to go to a residence and pick up the money. Anyone receiving these types of calls should contact the Police Department 914-631-5544. If you feel uneasy about any solicitation, please contact the police and let them assist. Mayor Brown noted that an arrest has been made in one case.

Deputy Mayor McGovern reported that the Bluebird House Painting will be taking place this Sunday at the Senior Center. Starting this Friday, the playground at Pierson Park will be closed for repairs. Additionally, the splash pad at Pierson Park will also be closed to do repairs and we anticipate that both the playground and the splash pad will reopen by Friday, May 26th. Registration is open for T-Ball for boys and girls ages four to six years old. You may sign up online. Pool memberships and camp registration is currently open and available online as well.

CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There will be a presentation this evening on the Community Wardrobe Program.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Slingerland reported that back in January the Village experienced a cyber hacking incident. Our bank was notified immediately reports were filed with the FBI and the Tarrytown Police Department. The bank tried for almost three months to recover some of the money and about ten days ago we received a report that they were unsuccessful in recovering any funds. The village did lose \$97,000, and we are insured for \$50,000 so we will recover that money back from the insurance company. We will be reviewing other options as well with the Board and Village Council. As previously mentioned, we will be doing a cyber audit with PKF O'Connor Davies. We will also be doing a cyber intrusion evaluation with Beazley, who was assigned to us by our insurance company. In the meantime, we are tightening up our emails, and networks to minimize the future

possibility of theft or loss. Administrator Slingerland continued his report by stating that the NYS DOT will be continuing their paving project this year on Route 9 from Gracemere to Yonkers. Tarrytown portion will be from Gracemere to East and West Sunnyside starting in the fall. Some catch basins will also need to be replaced as well as some ADU ramps. Tarrytown has advised them of additional concerns such as flooding associated with ground water, and ponding in the Tarry Hill area. No start date for this project has been given at this time. In the meantime, Con Edison has been working on finalizing Main Street. We are also currently working with our sidewalk contractor to finish the sidewalks and the ADA ramps. We hope to have everything completed in time for our Mother's Day Celebration. Trustee Hoyt asked Administrator Slingerland to look into a sinking manhole on Broadway when the pavers come to the Village.

Deputy Clerk Fasman also noted that during the Riverkeepers Event on Saturday, the public can also meet with our Harbormaster Kevin Lustig who has a wealth of information about the river.

PRESENTATION: COMMUNITY WARDROBE, HORSEMAN PTA

Elissa Smith, Daphne Uviller and Diana Loja from Community Wardrobe came before the Board of Trustees this evening to speak about the Community Wardrobe, a group whose mission is to alleviate clothing insecurity among TUFSD and 10591 families while providing a dignified, shopping-like experience to those clients. Community Wardrobe was established in 2020 and after moving around various locations in the 10591 zip code has happily found a permanent home at 222 North Washington Street in Sleepy Hollow. The hours of operation are seasonal. A full copy of the presentation is attached to the back of the minutes. At the conclusion of the presentation, Elissa Smith noted that Community Wardrobe is in need of monetary donations in order to pay the rent on their new space. Donations can be made to the Horsemen PTA

200 North Broadway
Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591

PLEASE remember to write "Community Wardrobe" in the memo

Trustee Hoyt stated that he would personally donate \$1,000.00 to Community Wardrobe.

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.

AUTHORIZATION FOR MAIN STREET DINING CLOSURES FOR 2023

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes outdoor dining on Main Street on dates in addition to the May 14, 2023, Mother's Day Sunday Brunch street closure as follows:

- Saturday, June 10, 2023
- Saturday, July 15, 2023
- Saturday, August 19, 2023 and
- Saturday, September 23, 2023

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the street closures will begin at 5:30 pm and end at 10:30 pm, with tables allowed to be put out until latest 10 p.m. and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Village Administrator is authorized and directed to work with the involved Village Departments to make this schedule of street closures happen.

MTA AGREEMENT FOR POLLINATOR PLANTINGS

On a motion made by Trustee Rinaldi, and seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize and direct the Village Administrator to execute a permit agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to authorize the Village of Tarrytown in coordination with TEAC to install pollinator plantings east of the Tarrytown Railroad platform, and south of the Tarrytown Station building.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF SECOND SPARE FIRE CHIEF'S VEHICLE

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and seconded by Trustee Mitchell with Trustee Hoyt abstaining, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 5-1-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes the temporary increase to the Village fleet of vehicles by retaining the additional or second "spare" Fire SUV Vehicle so that Consolidated Engine company may utilize it for the transport of firefighters and other related village firematic purposes, until such time that the replacement Pierce Fire Apparatus that is on order is built, delivered and put into service, after which the older of the two spare SUV vehicles will be declared surplus and to be sold at auction.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE RECENTLY SETTLED CSEA CONTRACT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes the CSEA bargaining unit to take Personal Time and Sick Time in one-hour increments, and authorizes this to be made a part of the recent stipulation of settlement and new collective bargaining contract between the Village and the CSEA / AFL-CIO; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator is authorized to sign the necessary and appropriate documents and make this addendum to the CSEA settlement stipulation and contract.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and seconded by Trustee Kim with Trustee Hoyt abstaining, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 5-1-0

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 April 18, 2023 Board of Fire Wardens meeting

Driver: Scott Weaver Jr. has been approved as a driver/pump operator of Engine 80.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF APRIL 17TH, 2023

On a motion made by Trustee Kim, and seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern 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, April 17th 2023 as submitted by the Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

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

Roll Call: Trustee Hoyt; Yes. Trustee Kim; Yes, Trustee Mitchell; Yes, Trustee Rinaldi; 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.20 of Audited Vouchers in the total amount of \$842,257.81 as presented by the Village Treasurer, to be paid in the following amounts:

General	\$ 528,254.16
Water	\$ 99,450.81
Sewer Fund	\$ 2,977.89
Capital	\$ 150,265.27
Library	\$ 58,121.92
Trust & Agency	\$ 3,187.76
CM (Special Funds)	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 842,257.81

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.

Dolf Beil from White Plains stated that he reviewed the approved budget and has concerns. There was a 4.7 million dollar increase which brings our presumed projected capital to 6.25 million. He looked at the schedule to see when it was coming off the books, and Mr. Beil stated that 93 percent of it will be carried for 12 years. Basically it will not be retired. The schedule on his presentation shows there is 22.6 million that is included in the next four years. The planned grants are not there. As an example, the 2 million for the pump house and 1.8 million for the dam are not included. Administrator Slingerland noted that the debt limit calculation he has listed is incorrect. It's a five year valuation over average. Mr. Beil stated he would like to discuss that in the future as he believes it is correct. There are 17 hazards identified by Westchester County, and the dam is one of them. He does not see them included and they should be. Mr. Beil would like detail on the grants, the risks and the alternatives. We could be talking about millions of dollars that might make is so we cannot borrow in the future. When Mr. Beil finished the analysis he looked at our neighboring communities. After noting the debt in other municipalities, Mr. Beil stated that according to the NYS Comptroller's Office the average debt in the Mid-Hudson region is half of what Tarrytown has. We are at 6.8 percent of a 7 percent cap. We need to look at this now so we do not have a problem in the future. If we can work together, we can have a positive outcome like we did with the fireboat last year.

Mayor Brown stated that we all agree that we have to be careful with how we spend our capital budget. There have been a lot of needs, such as our water systems, and buildings. We will continue to be vigilant with our capital spending. Mr. Beil then asked for a committee to look at these issues so the facts are publicly available and the conclusions are properly derived. Administrator Slingerland replied to Mr. Beil's comments about the debt that there is a calculation that is 7 percent of the five year average of the assessed value. Our 7 percent five year average last year was \$151,089,050.00. At the end of this fiscal year we are at 33.81 percent of our debt limit. Our debt limit can increase, but we are taking measures to reduce our reliance on debt in order to protect the Village's financial position, and protect the taxpayers. Mayor Brown noted that the things we are borrowing for we must have to run the village at the level of efficiency everyone expects.

John Gleit first thanked everyone for all of their great work. He is giving kudos to the Village for using some electric mowers, but was wondering where the Board stands on gas powered leaf blowers. Mayor Brown replied that if he had suggestions he should email the Board and they can discuss it. Mr. Gleit supports restricting gas leaf blowers, especially commercial ones. They are noisy and a nuisance. There are many communities in the region that restrict gas blowers, and he is hoping the Village will start looking into some restrictions on gas blowers. He is more concerned with the commercial ones at least to start, and hopes we can transition to a quieter more ecologically friendly electric blowers. He hope the Board looks into this.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm on a motion made by Trustee Rinaldi, and seconded by Trustee Mitchell, with all voting aye: 6-0

Kristine Gilligan
Village Clerk



Community Wardrobe Ropero Comunitario

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MISSION

To continue to alleviate clothing insecurity among TUFSD and 10591 families while providing a dignified, shopping-like experience to those clients.

What does this look like?







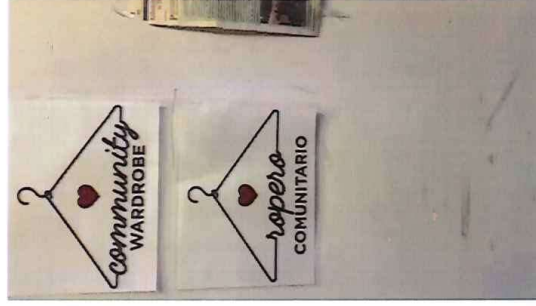








How it looks



2022 Stats...



APRIL 2022	
Number of families:	66
Number of people clothed:	283
(Adults: 162 Children: 121)	
Families from:	
Sleepy Hollow	
45	
Tarrytown	
8	
From Neighboring Towns:	15
From refugee organizations	7

JUNE 2022	
Number of families:	90
Number of people clothed:	373
(Adults: 218 Children: 155)	
Families from:	
Sleepy Hollow	
54	
Tarrytown	
23	
From Neighboring Towns:	13

Students in TUIJESD schools 83

...Stats Continued



SEPTEMBER 2022

Number of families: 111
Number of people clothed: 491

(Adults: 278 Children: 213)

Families from:

Sleepy Hollow 64
Tarrytown 31

From Neighboring Towns: 18
From Refugee Organizations 3

Students in TUFSD schools 111

NOVEMBER 2022

Number of families: 90
Number of people clothed: 378

(Adults: 210 Children: 168)

Families from:

Sleepy Hollow 61
Tarrytown 16

From Neighboring Towns: 12

Students in TUFSD schools 96

How we operate

- 1** **COMMUNICATIONS** - TUFSD social workers, social media, word of mouth, RSHM Life Center, Community Food Pantry, SignUp.com link, email blasts, website, Diana Loja.
- 2** **DONATIONS** - call for donations goes out, via communications described above, for gently used clean quality clothing, shoes, toiletries and miscellaneous items as needed.
- 3** **VOLUNTEERS** - sort, label, hang, and organize inventory; assist clients on shopping days. We have multilingual volunteers: community members and TUFSD students.
- 4** **HOURS OF OPERATION** - seasonal shopping days including weekend/evening hours; also serve emergencies as needed.



What We Provide

1

FOR OUR FAMILIES - Clothing, footwear, coats, bathing suits, and accessories for women, men, youth, and babies.

3

PERSONAL PRODUCTS- underwear, socks, period products, toiletries such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, and diapers and wipes which are NOT covered by SNAP.

2

FOR OUR STUDENTS- Halloween costumes, senior prom, junior dinner, concert blacks, and spirit wear.

4

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE - Partners like Open Door send us clients. We also serve recent arrivals, and victims of fire and domestic abuse,



VISION

- Permanent space ➡
- Increase donations from Amazon Wish List for essential hygiene items [tinyurl.com/cwclothes](https://www.tinyurl.com/cwclothes)
- Expand opportunities for TUFSD student volunteerism
- Establish computerized client database
- Continue relationships with refugee resettlement organizations, places of worship, other nonprofits, government partners like police and fire departments

PUBLICITY

- Featured on Gov Cuomo's daily Covid briefings as a Deep Breath Moment story
- Featured in River Journal (see photo)
- Featured again after SH fire
- News 12 story Oct 2022
- Featured in Patch Oct 2022



Breaking news

- We are proud to announce that Community Wardrobe received the New York State PTA award for community service. The president of NYS PTA suggested we hold a workshop at their summer leadership conference to inspire other PTAs throughout New York



What You Can Do:

1. Sponsor a month of rent <https://horsemenpta.com/community-wardrobe/>
1. Make any size monetary donation (even \$5 helps!)
online
<https://nyspta-horseman.memberhub.com/store/items/828631>
or with a check:
Payable to **Horsemen PTA** ("Community Wardrobe" must be in the memo)
Mail to: Horsemen PTA
200 North Broadway, Sleepy Hollow NY 10591
1. Purchase hygiene items from our Amazon wish list:
www.tinyurl.com/CWclothes

Community Wardrobe is a committee of the Horsemen PTA, a 501(c)(3) organization, so **your donation is tax deductible**. Thanks to our amazing community for your continued support!



And/or Volunteer:

- **Ask to** be added to our mailing list by emailing CommunityWardrobe@horsemennpta.com
- High school students can fulfill hours
- Middle school students may come with an adult until they learn the ropes
- Scout projects, Mitzvah projects, your idea here!

Volunteers are our lifeblood! Volunteers sort, hang, store, and tidy clothing. Spanish-speaking volunteers assist with check-in on shopping days. We also use volunteers for painting and small carpentry projects. CW has no paid staff.

And/or Donate Clothing:

In the weeks leading up to shopping days, we put out calls for high quality, gently used, seasonal clothing. Ask to be added to our mailing list to be kept up to date.





COMMUNITY WARDROBE FOUNDERS & DIRECTORS



MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR
COMMUNITY

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We are a joint effort of
the Horsemen PTA and
the Village of Sleepy
Hollow



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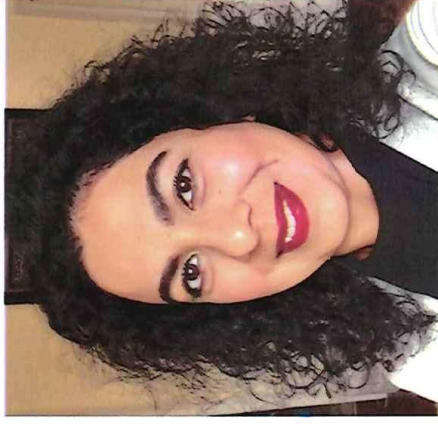
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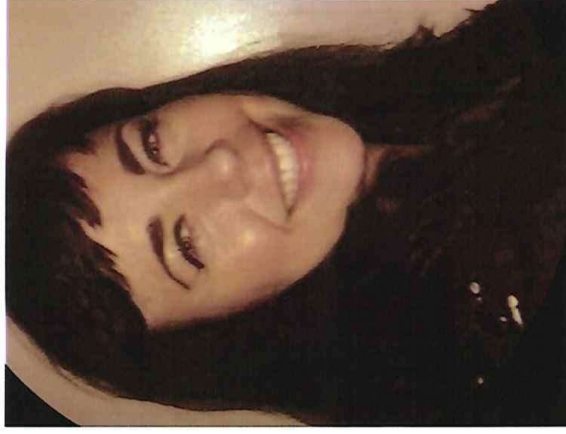




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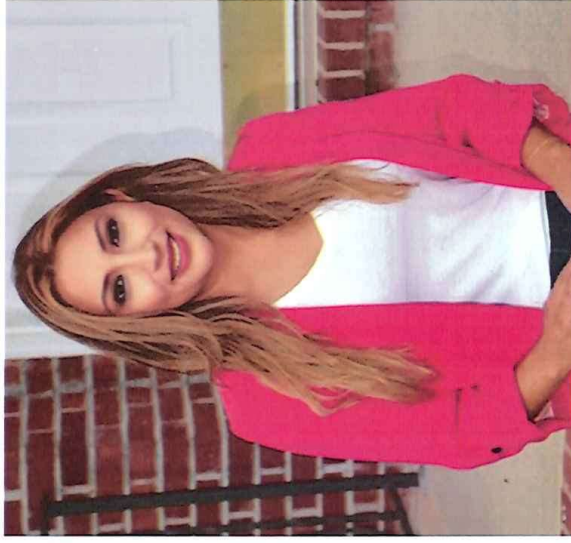




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www.tinyurl.com/CWclothes





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