

Board of Trustees
Village of Tarrytown
Regular Meeting No. 25
Via Zoom Video Conference
October 5, 2020
8:00 p.m.

PRESENT via Zoom Video Conference: Mayor Butler presiding; Trustees: Brown, Butler, Hoyt, Kim, McGovern, Rinaldi and Zollo; Village Administrator Slingerland; Assistant Village Administrator Ringel; Village Attorney Kathy Zalantis; Village Treasurer Hart and Village Clerk Booth

The meeting began with the Pledge to the Flag.

Members of the Public interested in viewing the meeting should visit <https://www.tarrytowngov.com/home/events/31941> for instructions on how to join & participate.

AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFFICIAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

Trustee Hoyt moved, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi, and unanimously carried, that the Following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize the following amendment to the Village of Tarrytown Board of Trustees Official Rules of Procedure as follows:

SECTION 2 - Guidelines for Public Comment

Public Comment to Address the Board on Non-Agenda Items

During the Public Comment period to address the Board on Non-Agenda items when there are ten (10) or more potential speakers in attendance at a meeting, speakers shall have three (3) minutes to address the Board of Trustees before yielding to the next speaker. Speakers may once again address the Board during the Public Comment period for an additional one and a half (1.5) minute period after all speakers have an opportunity to address the Board for their original three (3) minute period. No additional time will be granted after the second opportunity to speak.

Roll Call –Mayor Butler, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, Trustee Kim, Yes, Trustee McGovern, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Trustee Zollo, Yes

REPORTS

Mayor Butler noted there has been conversation about the public meetings returning to in-person public forum and based on the latest update from Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order, No. 202 concerning the COVID-19 virus, his Executive order shall remain in effect until November 3, 2020. The Village will continue working remotely via Zoom until further guidance from Governor Cuomo. The Village cannot put staff, members of boards and committees and other vital first responders at risk during this pandemic. Along with the Police Chief, he gets weekly updates on the active coronavirus cases in Tarrytown and the Mayor noted “trust me, we are not out of the woods yet.” Continue to stay safe, wear masks and practice social distancing.

Trustee McGovern noted the following:

- Scarecrow Making will be taking place on Saturday, October 17th. It will be held this year at Pierson Park instead of Patriots Park. This year, you will need to register to schedule a time slot in order to keep social distance procedures in place. Registration is very strong at this time.
- Halloween Window Painting will be taking place on Wednesday, October 21st on Broadway and Main Street starting at 3:15 p.m.
- Trunk or Treat will be taking place on Wednesday, October 28th on Main Street from 5 – 7 p.m.

- Art Workshop this fall will be taking place on Wednesdays at the Senior Center Building from 4 – 5 p.m.

Trustee McGovern noted for people to go to the Recreation page of our website, tarrytowngov.com for additional information.

Trustee Hoyt noted that at this Saturday's TaSH Farmers Market, October 10th from 8: 30 a.m. until supplies last, the Tarrytown Tree Commission will be distributing 50 Douglas Fir Seedlings and 50 Siberian Spruce Seedlings to Tarrytown residents for planting. This is an effort to expand awareness about trees in the community and the dealings of the tree commission in Tarrytown. Volunteers from the commission will be on hand to provide care and tree information to the community. Any questions regarding this distribution should send an email to administrator@tarrytowngov.com.

Trustee Brown asked Administrator Slingerland to explain about the removal of the big trees on North Broadway. Administrator Slingerland noted that we had members of the Tree Committee work with the applicant from Coco Management Realty to address the trees in front of CVS and the former Mrs. Green's area. They were originally planning to trim dead branches, but those trees have been in decline for many years. When the professional Tree Arborist went out to look at the trees, it was their recommendation and our Tree Warden concurred to take the trees down. That property is currently the subject of a site plan application before the Village in its early stages of the SEQRA process. Administrator Slingerland noted that in the near future there will be plans to replace the trees. There are other trees to the north on Broadway that we will be monitoring because they have similar problems.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Slingerland read the following messages:

Message from Linda Viertel, Tarrytown resident and Tarrytown Democratic Committee Chair, "Mayor Fixell's resignation clearly defines the end of an era, a time in which Tarrytown blossomed into a thriving community. When we look back at what Drew and his fellow board members inherited, the changes are astounding. We now have multiple active volunteer committees, impactful environmental initiatives through TEAC, a hugely successful farmers market, increased parking, a new Village Hall and police station plus fire stations, a destination RiverWalk Park, Tarrytown's first public pool and recreation center and well-kept other parks throughout the village thanks to a new parks department. He welcomed transparent, honest and fair government, kept our village financially secure during the downturn thanks to his business acuity, and treated everyone fairly, with kindness and generosity. Please join me in giving our deepest thanks to Drew for all he has done on behalf of the residents of Tarrytown. He personifies what a true public servant can be, leaving behind a legacy he should be proud of. The community will be in his debt for generations to come, and we all owe him a tremendous debt of thanks. I know all of us wish him well as he is now able to spend more time with his loving family. His public presence will be profoundly missed.

Message from Alfreda Williams, Westchester County Legislator, "Best wishes and congratulations to Mayor Butler and Deputy Mayor McGovern. Also congratulates and thanks to Drew on his many accomplishments as the Mayor of Tarrytown. Keep up the good work, and stay well.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ONLY ON AGENDA ITEMS. SPEAKERS SHALL HAVE THREE (3) MINUTES EACH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mark Fry, Ossining, New York, congratulated Mayor Tom Butler, and noted that he has had the pleasure of working with Tom over the years. He will sorely miss Drew and share Linda Viertel's thoughts completely. He knows that Mayor Butler will lead the Village forward and will do a wonderful job. Congratulations to Deputy Mayor McGovern and welcome to our new Trustee David Kim.

FITNESS CENTER EMPLOYEES

Trustee McGovern moved, seconded by Trustee Brown, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize a wage increase for Fitness Center Employees to \$13.50 per hour effective October 6, 2020.

Roll Call –Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, with reluctance, he believes the wage should be a little more, Trustee Kim, Yes, Trustee McGovern, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Trustee Zollo, Yes, with reluctance, he believes they deserve more. Mayor Butler, Yes, he agrees with Trustees Hoyt and Zollo, but in these difficult times and a budget that we have to maintain, he votes yes, but would like to revisit this in next year’s budget.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Trustee McGovern moved, seconded by Trustee Kim, and unanimously carried, that the Following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

Trustee McGovern thanked Mary Sgammato for her service on the Zoning Board.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby appoint Alan Braun as member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire in December of 2024, to fill the unexpired term of Mary Sgammato.

Roll Call –Mayor Butler, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, Trustee Kim, Yes, Trustee McGovern, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Trustee Zollo, Yes

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Trustee Hoyt moved, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi, and unanimously carried, that the Following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

Trustee McGovern thanked Trustee David Kim for his service on the Zoning Board.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby appoint Robert Song as member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire in December of 2021, to fill the unexpired term of David Kim.

Roll Call –Mayor Butler, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, Trustee Kim, Yes, Trustee McGovern, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Trustee Zollo, Yes

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE TARRYTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (TEAC)

Trustee Hoyt moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried, that the Following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby appoint Gloria Cegin as member of the Tarrytown Environmental Advisory Council (TEAC) for a term to expire in December of 2022.

Roll Call –Mayor Butler, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, Trustee Kim, Yes, Trustee McGovern, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Trustee Zollo, Yes

VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN COVID-19 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR TARRYTOWN FITNESS CENTER

Trustee McGovern moved, seconded by Trustee Hoyt, and unanimously carried, that the Following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby adopt the COVID-19 Rules and Regulations for the Tarrytown Fitness Center which will apply for the members and guests who use the Village of Tarrytown Fitness Center, which shall be attached to and made a part of this record of the Board Meeting of October 5, 2020, and are as follows:

Operations

Monday – Friday

6:00 AM – 11:00 AM (open in 1 hour blocks)
 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (closed for equipment disinfection)
 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM (open in 1 hour blocks)
 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Closed for equipment disinfection)
 4:00 PM – 8:30 PM (open in one hour blocks)
 8:30 PM – Closed for night - equipment disinfection)

Saturday

7:00 AM – 11:00 AM (open in 1 hour blocks)
 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (closed for equipment disinfection)
 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM (open in 1 hour blocks)
 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM (closed for equipment disinfection)
 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM (open in 1 hour blocks)
 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM (closed for equipment disinfection)

Sunday

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Open in 1 hour blocks)
 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (closed for equipment disinfection)
 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (open in 1 hour blocks)
 4:00 PM – Closed for night - equipment disinfection

Facility Upgrades / Changes

- Required by NYS – Update Air Handling Systems to MERV-13 (or greater) filters.
- Hand Sanitizer must be deployed throughout facility (adequate NYS CLEAN hand sanitizer on hand)
- Adequate disinfection/wipes must be made available to gym users to clean *all* equipment used
 - Gym Users Required to clean all equipment after use (post signs)
- Some equipment/workout space will be moved into other spaces within the fitness center to promote distancing
 - Per NYS: Social distancing of 6FT must be maintained **at all times** (even when wearing a mask)
- Common seating areas & water fountains must be closed; however water bottle refill stations may remain open
- Note: Operating hour changes to reduce contact between staff & members (recommendation of NYS Guidelines)
- NYS DOH COVID-19 Signage to be deployed throughout the facility
- Locker Rooms & Showers will be closed to the public upon re-opening
 - We plan to re-evaluate this starting at 30 days into the opening, and every 2-4 weeks thereafter.
 - NYS Guidance requires that locker rooms be cleaned every two hours and showers cleaned after each use (closure recommended to cut labor costs/effort)
- Closure of every other sink to promote distancing
- Classes will be permitted to be held in the studio at reduced capacity (Rec staff to determine max size)
- Towels will not be offered. (This will be re-evaluated after 30 days of continuous operation)
- Bathrooms will be limited to no more than 4 individuals at a time.
- No guests will be permitted
- New memberships will be limited to monthly only for the first 6 months
- 6ft floor markings will be deployed for entry into the facility

Staff Responsibilities

- **STAFF** must complete daily COVID19 screening prior to beginning their work day.
 - This will act as our contact tracing “log”. This “log” should be maintained SEPARATE from the general fitness center log.
- All staff required to wear masks at all times; gloves not required but will be provided
- All employees should make every effort to maintain social distance of 6’ or more
- At least 3 reusable cloth masks will be issued to all employees. Additional masks available upon request
- Lunch breaks must be taken in the conference room in a socially distanced manner or off site.
- Staff will be responsible for disinfecting equipment during 1HR closure and at end of day
- Staff will be responsible for enforcing social distancing rules and mask mandate
 - PD “check-ins” will be conducted on a periodic basis.

Member Specific COVID-19 Rules

- **Acceptable face coverings shall be worn at all times** – there are no exceptions for particular workouts. Members will be required to bring their own Coverings and optional additional PPE.
 - Bandanas, buffs and gaiters are not acceptable face coverings for use in gyms & fitness centers
 - **Members who fail to adhere to the facial covering rule may be asked to leave the facility or have their membership revoked due to multiple documented violations.**
- Social distancing of 6FT or more is required to be maintained, even when wearing a face covering, per NYS.
- **Members will be required to wipe down *any* equipment they use**
 - **Members who fail to adhere to this policy may be asked to leave the facility or have their membership revoked due to multiple documented violations.**
- Members will be required to register for a workout block. Blocks will open no more than 48 hours ahead of time. Blocks will run on the hour (i.e. 7, 8, 9, 4, 5)
- Each ‘workout block’ will be limited to no more than 8 persons, reserving space to allow for social distancing.
 - Only 6 members will be permitted to enter the main fitness center room at a time (employees / contractors not counting towards this limit)
 - We will re-evaluate this limit after 30 continuous operating days.
- All members will undergo a COVID19 screening prior to entering the fitness center. Such screenings will be maintained by the recreation department. Staff will conduct the screening during at the beginning of the block. Screenings may include temperature taking.
- **The Village cannot offer any refunds in the event we close the fitness center for any amount of time due to COVID-19. We will however extend membership(s) for the length of the closure.**
 - All members returning that were on a “monthly” membership will start with a full month of membership upon reopening. Those who hold an “annual” membership will start with the full number of months remaining (e.g. if you had 5 months and 4 days remaining at closure, you will start with 6 months remaining on your membership).

Cleaning & Disinfecting

- Gloves are required when cleaning is conducted by staff
- Disinfectant will be provided by the Village
- The following frequent touch items must be disinfected by a member(s) of staff:
 - All door handles in the facility common areas
 - Bathroom door handles, including stall door handles
 - Faucet handles
 - Toilet/urinal flushers
 - Workout equipment
 - Free weights
- A cleaning log will be kept by recreation staff. The log will be kept in the Rec supervisors office at the end of the day

Contact Tracing Procedures / In the event of Positive COVID19

- The Village is maintaining a record of all members who enter the gym area by requiring them to “scan in” via their membership card. Said member will also be screened upon arrival by an employee and a log that such screening was conducted will be kept on file. The screening file will only document that such screening was completed and by whom (employee).
- In the event the Village is made aware that we either had an employee test positive, or were made aware that a member has tested positive, the following actions will be taken.
 - Recreation staff will have to work to compile/conduct data entry on contact emails for all who were “exposed” at the specific date.
 - An email would then be sent to all members potentially exposed with the following language
 - *Dear Tarrytown Fitness Member, We write to inform you that on _____ date and _____ fitness block, you may have come in contact with a confirmed positive COVID-19 individual. At this time, we recommend that you seek the advice of a medical professional as to how you should proceed relative to testing and/or quarantining. Should you have a COVID-19 related question or wish to seek a test, please call the NYSDOH hotline at: 1-888-364-3065.*

You may also be contacted by a New York State Contact Tracer if they are able to confirm that you were in close contact with the individual. Unfortunately, we cannot share any additional information with you at this time due to Health and Privacy laws. The facility will be undergoing a full cleaning prior to re-opening.

- Depending on the amount of time that has passed since the person was last at the facility, we will undertake one of two paths relative to cleaning/disinfection as per NYS Guidelines
 - Less than 72 hours since person was at the facility – full disinfection by professional cleaning company
 - More than 72 hours since person was last at the facility – routine cleaning procedure

Roll Call –Mayor Butler, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, Trustee Kim, Yes, Trustee McGovern, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Trustee Zollo, Yes

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Hoyt moved, seconded by Trustee Zollo, and unanimously carried, that the Following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby declare the following Department of Public Works vehicle as surplus and ready for disposal by auction:

- 2010 Mercury Mariner SUV VIN: 4571, approximate mileage 154,000 miles

Roll Call –Mayor Butler, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, Trustee Kim, Yes, Trustee McGovern, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Trustee Zollo, Yes

REASSIGNMENT OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT VEHICLE - 2013 FORD FOCUS

Trustee Zollo moved, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi, and unanimously carried, that the Following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the reassignment of a Building Department vehicle, 2013 Ford Focus, VIN: 2909, to be used as a vehicle for Village business by Village Hall employees only.

Roll Call –Mayor Butler, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, he thinks this is a great idea, Trustee Kim, Yes, Trustee McGovern, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Trustee Zollo, Yes

ACCESS LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPRIETOR OF LUBINS AND LINKS

Trustee McGovern moved, seconded by Trustee Zollo, and unanimously carried, that the Following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize and direct the Village Administrator to enter into and sign a license agreement with the property owner of Lubins and Links, 38 Main Street, to allow access through the Village's Washington Street Parking Lot.

Roll Call –Mayor Butler, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, Trustee Kim, Yes, Trustee McGovern, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Trustee Zollo, Yes

ESTABLISHMENT OF A VILLAGE PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE - COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Trustee Brown moved, seconded by Trustee Kim, and unanimously carried, that the Following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

WHEREAS the Comprehensive Plan Action Proposal 20-04 is a Comprehensive Plan Summary Action item for the purpose of serving two communities – those who live in the Village and those who visit and support the Village shops and restaurants. Placemaking must serve both communities as well in a symbiotic, not competitive, relationship. To sustain the Village and serve

its residents, Placemaking must support and sustain Tarrytown's small businesses for the Village's overall benefit. In addition, certain areas of the Village should be enhanced and defined as special, public, places that attract people, where people want to gather. On a broader scale, Placemaking should also serve as a "branding" exercise for Tarrytown to create its own identity among the Rivertowns.

WHEREAS, the Work Product will include the following:

1. Identify the specific areas that lend themselves to "placemaking" in town
2. Identify physical improvements/landscaping that could positively transform these places
3. Suggestions for "lighter, quicker, cheaper" improvements that bring immediate benefits both to the spaces and the people who use them. And to this end function has to always trump form – beautiful but not people-friendly spaces are to be avoided at all costs.
4. Proposals for annual events for the enjoyment of both residents and visitors

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby establish the Village's Placemaking Committee scheduled to begin in Spring of 2021 and appoints the following as members:

Joyce Lannert, Sponsoring Committee Member
 Member of the Board of Trustees, Sponsoring Trustee (to be named at a later time)
 Richard Rose, Lead Entity
 Member of the Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown Chamber of Commerce
 Member of TEAC

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following Village Staff members are appointed as ex-officio members only

Village Administrator, and Assistant Village Administrator

Trustee Brown asked how interested residents can get involved with this committee.

Assistant Administrator Ringel noted that at the end of this month, the Village will be hosting an open house for residents to attend and get to know the existing volunteer members and learn about each committee/board and learn how to volunteer. At that time, we will be launching our new "Volunteer Portal" on the Village website. The open house will be held via Zoom and it will provide residents an opportunity to meet current members of boards and committees, learn what's going on and what openings are available. Once each board/committee presents a brief presentation, we will breakout into different sessions and people can join the individual board or committee for further discussion.

Roll Call –Mayor Butler, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, Trustee Kim, Yes, Trustee McGovern, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Trustee Zollo, Yes

CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE VILLAGE CODE IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE PLANNING BOARD

Trustee Hoyt moved, seconded by Trustee Brown, and unanimously carried, that the Following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby schedule a public hearing to be held on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 8:00 p.m., at the Regular Tarrytown Village Board Meeting to be held either via in-person meeting, or Zoom Video Conference, depending on the State's directives about gatherings under NY on Pause, to amend Chapter 305 of the Code of the Village of Tarrytown entitled "Zoning", Section 305-117, to add additional members to the Planning Board.

Roll Call –Mayor Butler, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, Trustee Kim, Yes, Trustee McGovern, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Trustee Zollo, Yes

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Trustee Zollo moved, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi, and unanimously carried, that the Following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

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, September 21, 2020 as submitted by the Village Clerk.

Roll Call –Mayor Butler, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, Trustee Kim, Yes, Trustee McGovern, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Trustee Zollo, Yes

APPROVAL OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

Trustee Zollo moved, seconded by Trustee McGovern, and unanimously carried, that the Following resolution be approved: Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve Abstract No. 6 of Audited Vouchers in the total amount of \$278,748.57 to be paid in the following amounts:

General	\$ 105,250.04
Water	\$ 128,841.97
Sewer Fund	\$ 595.08
Capital	\$ 36,602.00
Library	\$ 7,459.48
Trust & Agency	\$ 0.00
 Total	 \$ 278,748.57

Roll Call –Mayor Butler, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, Trustee Kim, Yes, Trustee McGovern, Yes, Trustee Rinaldi, Yes, Trustee Zollo, Yes

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA. SPEAKERS HAVE FIVE (5) MINUTES BEFORE YIELDING TO THE NEXT SPEAKER; THEN THREE (3) MINUTES FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS UNLESS THERE ARE TEN (10) OR MORE POTENTIAL SPEAKERS, THEREBY, SPEAKERS HAVE THREE (3) MINUTES BEFORE YIELDING TO THE NEXT SPEAKER; THEN ONE AND A HALF (1.5) MINUTES FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

James Wilson, 109 W. Franklin Street, noted that he is used to some level of noise, he lives on a very busy corner by the firehouse and they test their equipment and idle their engines and we understand all of that and we enjoy our relationship with the firehouse. We also live near the busiest corner, especially during rush hour, they have come to love the trains. However, this year, he noticed in the last 3 months on Sunday morning starting around 7:30 a.m. which goes through to about 10 a.m., there is a very large group of loud sports cars that are going up and down Franklin Street, which should be a peaceful Sunday morning. We can hear them racing over to the other side of the tracks, they accelerate very rapidly to excessive RPMS creating noise and they also decelerate very rapidly causing backfiring and the police have indicated that there might be a club. He called the Police the last 4 of the past 6 weekends and he has seen police vehicles out there, but it is a very difficult problem to stop. He has had correspondence with Administrator Slingerland indicating that the police will have a targeted detail to deal with this nuisance and the speeding and this is very much appreciated. It was noted that they cannot site cars due to noise produced by stock equipment. He believes that this is a poor argument. Noise is defined as a form of pollution. He is willing to fund a noise study to quantify the noise so we can make real decisions based upon a firm set of data and he is also willing to find creative solutions around signage, communications etc. He would like to know if there is anything else he can do to address this issue.

Gerri wrote in a question as to why the Board is planning to increase the number of Planning Board members. Trustee Zollo suggested that if a person cannot identify themselves and/or provide an address, they should send an email to Administrator Slingerland and the Village will respond to their email. Mayor Butler agreed.

Peter and Susan Bartolacci, 67 Miller Avenue, asked what the logic was behind increasing the number of Planning Board members. Mayor Butler noted that he has been the Planning Board liaison for over 15 years. He brings expertise on this topic with the Planning Board. He earned his Master's Degree in City Regional Planning from Pratt University, studied New Town Development at the University of Manchester, New England, was the Building Commissioner in the City of Mount Vernon, he has been a Design Professional for over 50 years, he has worked at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, a famous Architectural Firm and currently works for Tishman Construction Corp., one of the largest construction management companies in the United States and he has been a Military Engineer for 35 years. He has a little idea about construction and planning. He is looking to bring more diversity to the Planning Board. The Village has already received possible candidates who have Architectural Degrees and are very impressive. He would like to see new professionals with new perspectives join the Planning Board. He believes this will help Tarrytown get even better.

Mark Fry, Ossining, New York, noted that he supports expanding the number of members on the Planning Board. He wanted to confirm the date of the public hearing on this topic as Monday, October 19 at 8 p.m. Assistant Administrator Ringel noted that he is correct. Mr. Fry also asked if the public hearing on the SAO will also be on that date. Administrator Slingerland noted that is not correct. The SAO public hearing will take place at the November 16 Board meeting at 8 p.m. Mr. Fry noted that there has been development in Tarrytown that has been quite controversial and he would like to make a pitch right now about civil discourse. He always tries to be polite and civil and he was appalled at the recent Planning Board meeting. Reasonable people can disagree on particular items, but we can all agree to keep the discussion focused and always polite and civil.

Robert Wingate, 42 North Broadway, suggested, from conversations with a few members of the Police Reform Advisory Committee meeting that took place earlier, if possible, that there be more representation among the black community and the people of immigrant communities. Police Chief Barbelet brought up an interesting concept that he is working on recruiting people who may be interested in entering the police workforce with outreach to organizations who are composed with leaders from within local black and immigrant communities. He wondered if that might be a mechanism to try to recruit more members onto the committee from the black community. Some of us were wondering if similarly that kind of outreach might include high school students who may want to join the committee, separate from the youth council that is being discussed. If the Board is interested, he is available to help out with outreach.

Lisette Mendez Boyer, 159 Grove Street, supported the Mayor and Board of Trustees regarding the proposed expansion of the Planning Board members from 5 to 7 to include a diverse group of people, not only of experience but also of different backgrounds.

Administrator Slingerland asked the Board if they wanted to discuss the makeup of the police reform committee. Trustee Zollo noted that it was out there for people to join for some time and the Board decided a week ago to close the committee after adding two members last week. Trustee Zollo noted that he was very pleased with the diversity of the police reform committee. He feels at this point, he would like to leave the committee as is; it is a very impressive group of people. Trustee Brown noted that this committee will be working on bringing this to the community as a whole. She believes while we will not be adding people to the current police reform committee, the committee will plan a push to get

the communities of color to participate in the community activities that the committee will plan.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion of Trustee Hoyt, seconded by Trustee Zollo, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss matters with the Village Attorney at approximately 9:00 p.m. by vote of seven in favor, none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Trustee Hoyt, seconded by Trustee Zollo, the Executive Session was adjourned at approximately 10 p.m. by vote of seven in favor, none opposed.

Carol A. Booth
Village Clerk