

Board of Trustees
Village of Tarrytown
Regular Meeting No. 15
Via Zoom Video Conference
April 19, 2021
7:00 p.m.

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

The meeting began with the Pledge to the Flag.

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REPORTS

Trustee Hoyt thanked everyone who attended the lakes cleanup this past Saturday. We had many volunteers from the Village TEAC, and Village Hall was also very well represented including Trustee Brown, Rich Slingerland and myself. We removed a lot of debris and cleaned up a lot of trash along the side of the road. A big thank you to TEAC for organizing this. Rachel and Dean did a great job.

Deputy Mayor McGovern stated there is going to be a TNT picnic this coming Saturday at Pierson Park for children Kindergarten through sixth grade. If you have not already done so, you can still register your child for TNT. Registration is open for pool memberships. The opening date of the pool will be on Memorial Day weekend, on May 29th. To start, the opening will be limited to weekends and a few weekdays. Family memberships will be \$430.00, individual memberships are \$215.00, and a senior member is \$105.00. Tennis clinics are up and running. The registration form can be found online on the Village website under the Recreation. There will be tennis clinics on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays starting this weekend. You can now register for TOT Camp and summer camp. I highly encourage you to go to the Recreation Department website and register for all the great things we have going on.

Trustee Rinaldi reported on the following:

- He thanked everyone for their incredible, herculean effort that was put into the second vaccination clinic that was held this past Saturday for the second dose of the Moderna vaccine. There were many volunteers, the clinic ran very smoothly and people were very happy and well taken care of. At some points, there were more volunteers than people waiting to get vaccinated. Josh Ringel has become our COVID guru. In particular he would like to thank Deputy Mayor McGovern, Loretta and Roger London as they coordinated the volunteer efforts and really did a great job.
- Walking through Neperan Park on the way home, the village-wide cleanup looked amazing and everyone did a great job.
- There is a Village Placemaking Committee that’s been formed. The Placemaking committee looks for areas that are not being used, do not look particularly inviting, and transforming them into something like a Micro Park. As a future point, there will be a presentation on what areas the committee is looking at and what the potential plans are. This will be great for the community, and we will be getting back to everyone in the future.

Trustee Kim asked Administrator Slingerland if he had an update on his concern about an odor of solvent and strong fumes near the Tarrytown Lakes Trail near the water tanks. Administrator Slingerland stated that he would follow up with DPW in the morning.

Assistant Administrator Ringel noted that everyone who is eligible to be vaccinated, can sign up to get vaccinated. While he has not looked at the numbers recently for the amount of people vaccinated in the 10591 area code, the last time he checked it was in the 20% range. This means there are still quite a few people who still need to get vaccinated. The county has put together some good PSA's for the Spanish speaking population, and we are going to try and include that in our next Village news or Tarrytown link. It is much easier to get an appointment to get vaccinated now that it was a short time ago.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Mayor and Board of Trustees presented achievement awards to Dr. Stanley Friedlander, Dr. Frederic Mauhs and Loretta and Roger London.

Proclamation for Dr. Stanley Friedlander

WHEREAS, Dr. Stanley Friedlander, a long-time resident has given over 48 years of dedicated volunteer service to the Village of Tarrytown; and

WHEREAS, Stanley has served as a member of the Planning Board since 1973 and has served as the Chairman of the Planning Board since 1975; and

WHEREAS, Stanley has been involved and instrumental on many of the developments in the Village from eight condominium developments: Edgemont, Carrollwood, the Quay, Landmark, Rivercliffe, and Whisper Hills, Legends at Wilson Park to Hudson Harbor with numerous developments in between; and

WHEREAS, Stanley has a Ph.D. in Economics from M.I.T. and with his expertise has been invaluable to the Village of Tarrytown who was directly involved with many projects and developments over his 48 years of serving on the Planning Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Thomas D. Butler, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Village of Tarrytown, and on behalf of the entire Board of Trustees and all our citizens, do hereby tender to Dr. Stanley Friedlander this certificate of public recognition, extending to him our deep appreciation for his distinguished volunteer service to the community.

Proclamation for Dr. Frederic Mauhs

WHEREAS, Frederic Mauhs, a long-time resident, has served as Chairman of the Ethics Committee since 2006, and has overseen the task of converting the Ethics Committee to an Ethics Board under New York State General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, Fred has been very instrumental in the establishment of the Village's Ethics Board, which was codified in 2007. Fred's expertise and knowledge has been invaluable to the Village as he has supported this effort;

WHEREAS, Fred served as Chairman of the Ethics Board for 15 years and has dedicated countless hours of dedicated volunteer service to the Village of Tarrytown, and

WHEREAS, The Ethics Board's goal is for Village government to provide fair, impartial, open and ethical administration of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Thomas D. Butler, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Village of Tarrytown, and on behalf of the entire Board of Trustees and all our citizens, do hereby tender to Frederic Mauhs this certificate of public recognition, extending to him our deep appreciation for his many years of distinguished volunteer service to the Village of Tarrytown

Certificate of Appreciation – Loretta and Roger London

This Certificate of Appreciation is hereby awarded to Loretta and Roger London for their extraordinary efforts in organizing the volunteer core of the COVID-19 Pop-up with the Villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Route 9 Repaving Update – Administrator Slingerland talked about the plan to repave RTE 9 from RTE 119 to Beekman Avenue. The Village let the NYS DOT know that the conditions on the 287 Thruway overpass is very poor and they said they will try to work that into the plan. Right now, the work is scheduled for July of 2021 and the work will be completed at night starting on Sunday at 9 p.m. – 6 a.m. We expect this work to take a couple of weeks to complete. It could start as early as July or the latest at the end of August. We will keep the community informed on the status of this project. They are also going to work on the ADA ramps and catch basins for a period of two weeks, then move forward to milling and paving to wrap up the job. This job could take four to six weeks to complete.

Mobile Shredder – The County's Mobile Shredder is coming to Tarrytown on Saturday, May 1st between 10 and 1 p.m. on Green Street.

PRESENTATION – TOWN ASSESSOR EDYE MCCARTHY - Assessment Updates, and will answer questions from the Board.

The initial reassessment was in 2016. All properties were inspected both interiorly and exteriorly. In 2017, 2018 and 2019 a market trend was applied to all of the properties. This means that if the market was increasing by 2% you would receive a 2% assessment change notice. The Town Board passed a Local Law to reassess every five years, which means that a reassessment was due in 2020. Due to Covid-19, the reassessment was not completed. If we do not reassess in 2021, we will lose our status with the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance Department as a reassessment community. The difference between an assessment community and a non-assessment community is that assessment communities have the ability to do different things such as maintaining market conditions. An example would be if we saw that a property was over assessed, technically we are unable to lower the assessment. The same would be if it was under-assessed, we would be unable to raise the assessment. In a reassessment community, we can do both dependent upon what the market is showing. In addition, if we delayed one more year, it would have cost us millions of dollars like it did the first time since we would have had to start from scratch according to the rules in the real property tax law. The process this time around is different than the 2016 assessment. In 2016 we only inspected interiorly and exteriorly. This time, we also inspected all outlier properties, properties that had open building permits and any requests we received from property owners. In 2016 we built a model that derived the land value for all of the properties in town, and created values for colonials, cape cods, ranches and contemporaries. This model determined values for improvements. As time passed, technology changed so our model became outdated. We updated the model, added items such as number of bathrooms, bedrooms, square footage, and the size of property. This is how we came to the new assessment. As you know, things aren't always perfect and not all of the properties fit into the model. We had to reach out to the taxpayers for their help and participation. We had previously sent letters in January-March and again in September of 2020 requesting information, and we are doing another mailing now asking if the assessment correctly reflects the current market value.

There are two things that we think you should be aware of in regards to the reassessment project. The first is that the taxing jurisdictions are not reassessing to make additional money as governments do not make money during a reassessment process. Essentially what this is, is a reallocation of the tax burden. They are looking for property owners to pay their fair share of taxes, no more and no less. The letters that you received may have shown an assessment percentage increase, a decrease or no change at all. If you feel that you can sell your property for what the new tentative assessment is, there is not much that can be done. If you feel that your property is over assessed, additional information will follow.

There are 1,328 residences in Tarrytown. From 2020-2021 there were approximately 700 homes that saw a less than or equal to a ten percent increase in assessment. There were 167 homes that saw a sixteen to twenty percent increase, 140 that went up between twenty one and thirty percent, and 96 increased over thirty percent. Please keep in mind that those percentages include additions, renovations, and any type of construction work that was done. Homeowners should note, that

anything you do to your property is more than likely going to increase your assessment. Would you pay more for a finished basement, or an updated kitchen? The overall increase in the Village of Tarrytown was 10.9 percent in assessment and the actual tax rates would decrease. This means if everyone across the board went up 10.9 percent in assessment, the actual tax rates would go decrease. If that was consistent, everyone's taxes would remain constant, but that's not the case. Some people's property assessments increased, some assessments decreased more than 10.9 percent, and some taxes are going to increase. The reality is, for many years properties that have been under-assessed have been subsidized by the properties that were assessed correctly, or over-assessed. This is leveling out the playing field. We understand that no one wants to pay more in property taxes, but it has to be fair for everyone.

The value of the properties is determined by sales that have taken place between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. If you want to appraise your property, it should be based upon three or four comparable and similar properties which determines the value of your property. With reassessment it's very similar, we just do it on a mass appraisal basis. We take comparable properties, make adjustments, and come up with a new value. To have your property informally reviewed, you would make an appointment with Tyler Technologies (you can make an appointment online or by telephone), and give the office items such as a current appraisal, photographs, and/or a current market analysis from a realtor. As of now, we are only holding meetings by phone, not in person or by zoom through May 7th. After May 7th, you can make an appointment with the assessment department (914-989-1520) from mid-May through mid-June. Please keep in mind that you do not need to hire a tax representative to help with this process. This is something you can do on your own. There is a large amount of information on the Town of Greenburgh website under the Assessor's page including a YouTube video, with more information being added every day.

The floor was opened for questions and comments:

Trustee Zollo asked of the 700 properties that did not exceed an increase of 10%, how many went down? Ms. McCarthy noted that she did not have that answer. Trustee Zollo asked what is meant by a zero sum gain. Ms. McCarthy meant is that the governing bodies, the Village, the school, the County and the Towns, they don't make any more money by doing this reassessment. It is a misconception out there that our governments are just doing this so they can raise our taxes. That doesn't happen. It is a reallocation. The Village has a budget, period. The reassessment is not to get the Village more money, your budget is your budget, the assessor's unit is just ensuring that taxpayers pay their fair share. Trustee Zollo asked if the Assessing Unit has a target number to meet. Administrator Slingerland noted that the numbers we are using for this year's budget are from the prior year and will apply to the tax bill that will go out in 2022. Trustee Zollo asked what the Village-wide assessment is. Ms. McCarthy noted that right now, this is a tentative assessment roll because it is going to change with the appeal process, so you don't get that final number until September. Trustee Zollo noted that with the 2016 revaluation, many residents suffered as their taxes went up considerably and we were able to offer a phased in tax increases over two years. Ms. McCarthy noted that is not exactly what happened. She explained that in 2016, there were about 4,000 taxpayers in town entire where their taxes, not just their assessments, went up over 30%. We came up with legislation that was passed by the Senate, the Assembly and the Governor to allow the Town of Greenburgh to phase in the assessments for anybody's property that increased more than 25% with certain criteria. In the 2021 re-assessment, many of the 650 residents that went up over that 30% mark, but keep in mind that many of those large increases had to do with the fact that people improve their properties as well.

Trustee Rinaldi asked if the value of the comps were looked at town wide or by zip code. Ms. McCarthy noted that the comps that were used for each property were located in Tarrytown, Tarrytown school district, distinct neighborhoods and type and size of home. Trustee Rinaldi noted that what people really care about is how much their taxes are going to go up. Ms. McCarthy noted that is really all people care about. There is a table on the Town of Greenburgh website that shows assessment changes verses property taxes table. The chart is a sample of seven homes using the budget increase, what the taxes were with the 2020 assessment and it shows what the taxes would be with the 2021 assessment. In the chart, some taxes went up, some taxes went down, but no taxes went up as high as the assessment increases went up. So it depends on what happened to your assessment and what happened to everybody else's assessment within your school district, your Village and your town. All the assessment changes and percentages may change due to the appeal process. Due to the recent slowdown with the mailing

process, she noted that the assessment changes, the tentative numbers, will be online on the assessor's web page no later than June 1.

Mayor Butler asked of the 1,328 properties in Tarrytown, does that include condos. Ms. McCarthy noted that she was referring to single homes only.

Trustee Kim noted that he wanted to be clear that the total assessed value is not just the single family homes and condos, but also commercial properties as well. It should be everything that pays property taxes, is that correct? Ms. McCarthy noted that is correct. We are talking about residential one, two, three, and four family homes, condos, cooperatives and all commercial properties; retail, industrial, office space and any vacant land. It also includes utility poles, telephone wires, conduits and cables; they all pay property taxes.

Trustee Brown noted that Ms. McCarthy said that everything has been reassessed including commercial and office space from a mean from July 2019, through 2020, and those values unlike individual homes will have gone down. With this model residential taxes are going to suffer even more because we will have to take out money to pay back the certioraris that are going to come forward from the reduced commercial property values. Trustee Brown stated that it goes against all of the work that we have done towards affordable housing. Ms. McCarthy noted that commercial property is not necessarily reduced because the period of this assessment is July 1 of 2019 to June 30 of 2020, we were only 4 months into the pandemic at that time. During the pandemic, a lot of hotels and office properties have had to close, however, the assessment period was July 2019 to June 2020.

Trustee Brown asked who makes the decision if the Village is a non-assessment versus an assessment community. Ms. McCarthy noted that the main reason why it was determined to become a reassessment community is to maintain the fair market value of homes equally within neighborhoods. So, people's taxes are valued correctly and not that one home value is over assessed and another could be under assessed. In 2014, the Town of Greenburgh's Board met with the Village's Administration and school districts and came to a decision and adopted a local law to become an assessment community so that we don't get back into the position that we were in for the last 60 years. Administrator Slingerland noted that the reassessment also helps, especially to the big corporations, to keep everybody on a more even keel and therefore, prevents huge refunds because the values were so outdated. Ms. McCarthy noted that as we are seeing back tax certioraris being settled. As we move to more current years, there has been less refunds issued in comparison to the back years because the values are current.

Trustee Kim asked if the new reassessment took into account the housing market demands are great right now in this area due to the pandemic. Ms. McCarthy noted that it was taken into consideration. Every neighborhood in Westchester was seeing the same thing. We are still seeing the increase in the housing market and it hasn't slowed down, which is why we're maintaining it at a current pace. If a slowdown happens to occur next year, we will take that slowdown into consideration.

Administrator Slingerland read a question from the chat from Ms. Valdez. She noted that people are selling their homes because of the tax burden. Why is the mill tax rate the highest in Westchester? Ms. McCarthy noted that she cannot answer that. Her function is to make sure the assessment reflects the market value. The average tax across New York State is 3 ½ % of the market value of your home. Our tax rate is about under 3 ½ %, but our property values here are probably some of the highest in the nation, that makes the taxes high.

Administrator Slingerland read another question from the chat. If the market values actually decline, will the assessment values decline as well. Ms. McCarthy noted that she would be ecstatic to reduce everybody's assessment if the market goes down.

Administrator Slingerland thanked Ms. McCarthy for her presentation and for joining the meeting tonight.

Mayor Butler thanked Ms. McCarthy for her professional and informative presentation.

Administrator Slingerland made the following statement about the Village Budget and its services:

The Village of Tarrytown is a community and as such we are simply bigger than our budget. The services that are offered are bigger than just the services offered by the Village of Tarrytown. A key part of this equation is the non for profits that help out our local residents including the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Food Pantry, and the Rotary Club. The Rotary Club has raised over \$140,000 towards food donations. There are other individuals and groups that help out the community such as COC, Westcop and the Chamber of Commerce among other groups that are really out there trying to help people. The Village provides basic services to its residents. This includes, Police, Fire, Public Works, fixing potholes, garbage pickup, street lighting and the Recreation programs. In all the things that we do, we do not discriminate against anyone. Our staff, the administration, everyone adheres to the same principals. New York State's Constitution bans gifts or loans to individuals or businesses that do not have a government purpose. It's something we always need to be aware of when setting up a program or providing funding to a local organization, it has to have a municipal purpose. An example would be that there is a rental assistance program, that's active right now, but not run through the Village of Tarrytown. He credits the Village's Affordable Housing Task Force with working to help get that done. It is being offered through the housing Action council for people who are having difficulty making the rent payments and things like that. This year we have an austerity budget, where we saw a decline of almost \$1.8 million in various revenues. Of that, two-thirds of it, or \$1.2 million was just from loss of revenue from parking. Approximately \$150,000 of the decline in revenues was from a decline in hotel tax.

The Villages total budget is \$26,965,544.00 and our total spending is increasing by \$548,000.00, or 2.94%. The Federal Tax Relief package is restoring some of that lost \$1.8 million dollars. The Village will receive federal aid of \$624,000 this year and next year, the tax rate right now is 8.5, or \$4 per \$1,000 of value of a home. The Village's tax rate is increasing by 2.95%. The Village is appropriating \$1.2 million in general fund balance.

Administrator Slingerland reviewed the organization chart to show the Mayor and Board and staff and we all answer to the voters. The Administrator's Office coordinates the actions of all the different departments, Public Works, Recreation, Parks, Village Clerk's Office, Treasurers Office, Building Department, Fire Department, Police Department and the Warner Library staff. Everybody works very well together and we provide all the services to our residents. The Village has received comments asking to see more recreation programs and trails from the Parks Department. The Parks Department consist of 4 full time employees plus 2 seasonal employees who maintain 45 acres of parkland and over five miles of trails. They also work with the Village's Volunteer committees TEAC (Tarrytown Environmental Advisory Council) and the Lakes Committee. The new Village Trails Map will be available on the Village's website very soon.

Administrator Slingerland noted that there are many levels of government providing different services. There is the Federal Government, New York State, County of Westchester, the Town of Greenburgh, and the Village of Tarrytown. The Villages total budget is \$26.9 million dollars, and the schools budget is \$83 million dollars. The Village tax portion of your tax bill is 24 ½ % of the total tax bill. If someone pays \$20,000 annually in taxes, \$5,000 of that would go to the Village, almost two thirds or 62 ½% to the schools, Town, County and Sewer makes up the remaining 13%. Westchester County provides a lot of different services. There are services for Social Services, Medical Assistance, and Family Assistance, and Home Energy Assistance. In addition, there is a Supplemental Nutrition Program which the Village coordinates with the County and is available through TASH and the Farmers Market. The County Annual budget is \$2.1 billion dollars which is much greater than Tarrytown's budget of \$26.9 million dollars. There are 44 different allocations within our budget including Elected Officials, Administrative Staff, Treasurer's Office, and the Engineering and Building Departments. There are about 3500 to 4000 residences in the Village. We have all the different allocations including the Fire Department, street maintenance, snow removal and tree plantings. The Village also provides in our budget funding support for the COC and with support from NYS a program called the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption.

Trustee Kim requested that Administrator Slingerland go over the factors or issues that caused the overall assessment go down from last year. Administrator Slingerland stated that the overall property market has been tight and the court decisions on tax challenges have caused the small drop in assessment.

Administrator Slingerland announced that the Board of Trustees would now move forward with the budget adoption process. There are four budget resolutions for the Board to consider. The budget is complying with the 2% tax cap starting with 1.31% CPI an allowable levy growth factor adjustment of 1.0131, a tax base growth factor of 1.0131 which means that there are new units created, and there is new construction. That is how we get to the 2.95%. The budget amendment resolution is to discuss the amendments that the Board agreed to first in the judgements and claims account, which we are reducing by \$62,000. The overall cutting of the budget is \$40,000. We are increasing recreation, summer and other programs. This will fund summer concerts, programs and supplies. The Recreation budget is being increased \$20,000 to \$28,000 for those concerts and programs. Finally, celebrations for more concerts and similar types of programs will increase from \$7,000 to \$19,000. Two years ago that budget was at \$28,000 but because of COVID we cut those numbers because we were not allowed to gather and have concerts.

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION APRIL 19, 2021

The Administrator will provide a recap of the Budget to answer some questions raised during the hearing. This budget is compliant with the NYS 2% Tax Cap, starting with a 1.31% CPI, an Allowable Levy Growth Factor adjustment of 1.0131, and a Tax Base Growth Factor of 1.0131.

BUDGET ADOPTION RESOLUTIONS FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

- A. Budget amendment resolution
- B. Budget Adoption Resolution,
- C. Tax Levy Rate Resolution,
- D. Levy of Additional Taxes upon Termination of Exempt Status, and

A. Tentative Budget Amendment resolution:

On the motion of Trustee Hoyt, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern that the following resolution be approved: Aye 7, No 0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following changes to the Village of Tarrytown Fiscal Year 6/1/2021-5/31/2022 appropriations, expenditures, revenues, and appropriations of fund balances, are enacted as follows:

<u>Summary of Changes to 2021-2022 Tentative Budget</u> (rvsd 4-14-2021)					
<u>Changes in Appropriations</u>					
<u>Page #</u>	<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Change</u>
1	A1930.450	Judgements and Claims	\$566,500	\$504,500	-\$62,000
2	A7140.422	Recreation - Summer Other (concerts, program supplies)	\$18,000	\$28,000	+\$10,000
3	A7550.450	Celebrations- Miscellaneous other (Rec Events, concerts)	\$7,000	\$19,000	+\$12,000
				Net chg.	-\$40,000
<u>No Changes in Revenues</u>					
<u>No Changes - Appropriation of Fund Balances:</u>					

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

B. Budget Adoption Resolution

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JUNE 1, 2021 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2022

On the motion of Trustee Rinaldi, seconded by Trustee Zollo that the following resolution be approved: Aye 7, No 0

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown held Public Hearings on the Tentative Budget 2021-2022 on March 15 and April 5, 2021, at 7 p.m., via Zoom Video Conference, and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon; and

WHEREAS, during the budget process, changes were made to the budget, which are reflected in the Tentative Budget Amendment Resolution, which was adopted prior to this one.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, as amended and set forth below, is hereby adopted and the Village Board of Trustees authorizes the appropriation of funding for the objects and purposes specified, including the amounts set forth required for the payment of principal and interest on indebtedness, in the following amounts:

2021 – 2022 ADOPTED BUDGET

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Library Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>
Appropriations	\$34,995,626	\$26,965,544	\$6,019,959	\$1,790,065	\$220,057
LESS: Estimated Revenues	\$15,342,767	\$7,372,685	\$6,019,959	\$1,730,065	\$220,057
APPROP. CASH SURPLUS	\$1,260,000	\$1,200,00	-0-	\$60,000	-0-
TRANSFERS FROM WATER TO GEN. FUND			\$800,000		
TOTAL NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUES & SURPLUS	\$16,602,767	\$8,572,685	\$6,019,959	\$1,790,065	\$220,057
BALANCE OF APPROPRIATION TO BE RAISED BY REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY	\$18,392,859	\$18,392,859			

Total General Fund Appropriations: \$ 26,965,544
 Total Appropriations to be raised by Real Estate Tax Levy: \$ 18,392,859
 Taxable Assessed Value: \$ 2,153,682,363

Tax Rate per Thousand Dollars of Value (M) \$8.5402

C. FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 TAX LEVY AND WARRANT

WHEREAS, the budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2021, has been duly adopted and filed with the Village Clerk, and it has been thereby determined that the sum of \$26,965,544 will be necessary to meet the obligations of the Village, and there has been duly credited against said sum estimated revenues and appropriated fund balance that total \$8,572,685 leaving \$18,392,859 to be raised by the property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, it appears from the Assessment Roll established by the Greenburgh Assessor in 2020, updated in March, 2021 for taxes for the fiscal year June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 that the total assessed valuation of real property in the Village is \$2,153,682,363.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the tax rate for the Village of Tarrytown for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2021 is fixed at the rate of \$8.5402 on each \$1,000 of assessed valuation for properties in the Village of Tarrytown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of \$18,392,859 shall be the taxes set for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2021 and is hereby levied on the taxable property in the Village of Tarrytown and that the Village Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to extend and carry out upon the roll the amount to be collected from each of the persons named thereon, and the respective amounts of said tax roll against each parcel of taxable property set forth thereon are hereby levied upon each parcel of taxable property respectively which said levy includes items shown on the budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2021.

D. Levy of Additional Taxes upon Termination of Exempt Status:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Assessor and Village Receiver of Taxes during the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2021 are authorized to levy and collect additional Village taxes upon termination of exempt status of real property in accordance with provisions of Section 494 of the Real Property Tax Law.

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

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 speakers.

ARBOR DAY RESOLUTION

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

Assistant Administrator Ringel noted that on Friday, April 30th, the Village will be planting a Tree at the McKeel Parking Lot in celebration of Arbor Day. It will mostly virtual, but there will be some people in person. We will post information about this event on the website.

WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this celebratory day, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are renewable resources giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 39 years and the Village desires to continue its tree-planting ways and tree stewardship practices.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby proclaim Friday, April 30, 2021 as “ARBOR DAY” in the Village of Tarrytown and urges all citizens to support efforts to plant and care for trees and woodlands in the Village and to support the Village’s forestry program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees urges all citizens in the Village to plant trees to improve the community and to promote the well-being of present and future generations.

CLEANING AND ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING IN LOT 1 AT 31 SOUTH BROADWAY PARKING LOT

Trustee Deputy Mayor 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 amend the policy to change the cleaning/sweeping schedule of Parking Lot 1, 31 South Broadway from 4 days to 2 days to accommodate residents.

MULTI-MUNICIPALITY IMA FOR NYS DEC GRANT TO FUND A RECYCLING APP

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

Assistant Administrator Ringel noted that he will be putting an announcement on the website about the app. The app is called Recycle Right, partnered with Sustainable Westchester. You can get the app at the google play store or the app store. It can also be found on our website under the Department of Public Works by clicking on “Sanitation.” It provides sanitation schedule changes and another component called Recylopedia, which will help people know if something is recyclable or how to dispose of particular items.

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown acting as the lead, has re-applied for and received a grant from the NYS DEC for a Recycling App on behalf of a group of municipalities, with the proceeds of the grant to be shared by the partnering municipalities in order to reduce the cost of the app for each municipality by approximately fifty percent (50%); and

WHEREAS, the participating municipalities are as follows;

1. Ardsley (Village)
2. Bronxville (Village)
3. Cortlandt (Town)
4. Elmsford (Village)
5. Greenburgh (Town)
6. Harrison (Town)
7. Hastings on Hudson (Village)
8. Irvington (Village)
9. Mamaroneck (Village)
10. New Rochelle (City)
11. Ossining (Town)
12. Pelham (Village)
13. Tarrytown (Village)
14. Tuckahoe (Village)

Total estimated number of households – 92,500

AND, WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the grant with the NYS DEC, the Village of Tarrytown must be the entity making payment, and the municipalities must submit their payments to the Village, in turn the Village of Tarrytown must make the payment to the App provider, and then the Village must seek reimbursement from the NYS DEC pursuant to the

grant. Upon receipt of the grant reimbursement from the NYS DEC the Village of Tarrytown will disburse all funds reimbursed by the grant to the participating municipalities; all while preserving the individual rights and privileges of each municipality with the App provider.

NOW THEREFORE 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 execute an IMA with the municipalities listed above, in order to apply for and process reimbursement from the NYS DEC for a multi-jurisdiction Recycling Grant to help fund the implementation of a common-platform informational “app”, with such IMA subject to review and approval by the Village Attorney.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2021

Trustee Kim moved, seconded by Trustee Zollo that the following resolution be approved: Motion carried, all voting “aye” with the exception of Deputy Mayor McGovern and Trustee Hoyt who recused themselves. Approved: 5-0-2

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 as submitted by the Village Clerk. (Promotion of Lt. Barosa)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2021

Trustee Zollo moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern that the following resolution be approved: Motion carried, all voting “aye” with the exception of Trustee Hoyt and Trustee Brown who recused themselves. Approved: 5-0-2

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Friday, April 9, 2021 as submitted by the Village Clerk. (Confirmation of the Fire Chiefs Convention)

APPROVAL OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

Trustee Zollo moved, seconded by Trustee Kim, 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. 19 of Audited Vouchers in the total amount of \$714,771.99 as presented by the Village Treasurer, to be paid in the following amounts:

General	\$ 531,824.82
Water	\$ 90,225.30
Sewer Fund	\$ 1,192.42
Capital	\$ 60,175.80
Library	\$ 22,490.92
Trust & Agency	\$ 8,862.73
Total	\$ 714,771.99

Roll Call –Mayor Butler, Yes, Trustee Brown, Yes, Trustee Hoyt, Yes, Deputy Mayor 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 THREE (3) MINUTES BEFORE YIELDING TO THE NEXT SPEAKER

Bhavya Reddy, Sleepy Hollow resident. Ms. Reddy would like to thank Administrator Slingerland for his presentation tonight. She stated that she understands that budgets are complicated and you cannot solve everything. Ms. Reddy asked the Board of Trustees to take responsibility for the portion of the budget they do have control over and bring it in line with

their stated values. On June 2, 2020 the Board of Trustees stated “It is crucial that we move forward to restore our public health and economy and that we also find the strength to confront the racial disparities in our society”. Ms. Reddy is asking that you live up to the values that were stated which also include to expand equity and opportunity. She implored the Board of Trustees to take these values into consideration making future decisions regarding budget allocations.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Trustee Hoyt, seconded by Trustee Zollo, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m. by vote of seven in favor, none opposed.

Kristine Gilligan
Village Clerk