

VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2025
7:00 P.M.
Draft

Present: Mayor Marc D. Citrin
Deputy Mayor Michele Lindsay
Trustee Paul Brooke
Trustee Jedediah Turner (via Zoom)

Absent: Trustee Joshua Scherer

Clerk: Elizabeth A. Doherty

Attendees: Building and Land Use Officer John Ledwith, Joseph Zongol, PE, NICET III of Weston & Sampson (Village engineer), Jeffrey E. Storch of Harris Beach (Bond Counsel) and Noah Nadelson, Chief Executive Officer of Munistat (Bond Advisor); three members of the public were in attendance at Village Hall and approximately fifteen people attended via Zoom

Mayor Citrin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting began with a moment of silence for President Jimmy Carter in honor of the national day of mourning for his death on December 29th.

Deputy Mayor Lindsay introduced engineer Joe Zongol of Weston & Sampson, Bond Counsel Jeff Storch of Harris Beach and Bond Advisor Noah Nadelson of Munistat who were all in attendance remotely. The Deputy Mayor explained that financial condition of the village is strong. She said that long-term capital projects are necessary and will leave the village in an even stronger position. It is fiscally responsible to begin these projects now as the condition of our infrastructure is in dire need of repair and the costs of these repairs are escalating. Deputy Mayor Lindsay concluded by saying that there will be no property tax increases to fund any of the proposed capital projects.

Joe Zongol, engineer from Weston & Sampson, briefed the Board members in attendance and the public on the Sewer Fund, Water Fund and General Fund projects that are currently underway and the ones that are being planned, and Mayor Citrin discussed the proposed expansion of Village Hall. These projects are listed in a spreadsheet that is attached to these minutes. Mr. Zongol explained that the capital fund projects for the Sewer Fund and Water Fund will be paid for from money in these funds, not tax revenue. Deputy Mayor Lindsay said that the General Fund projects would be paid out of reserves in the General Fund and would not result in an increase in property taxes.

Deputy Mayor Lindsay explained that over the next fifteen years the debt service for the General Fund will steadily decrease, even with the additional debit payments for the proposed General Fund projects. Taxes will therefore not need to be increased.

Deputy Mayor Lindsay explained that the total debit service projections for the Sewer Fund show an increase over the next fifteen years. She estimated that increasing the Special Assessment charge by an additional \$10 to \$15 per account per quarter would cover this. She said there may also be an increase in the sewer rate.

Most of the capital projects are in the Water Fund. Deputy Mayor Lindsay explained that the debit service for the Water Fund will increase over the next fifteen years. She estimated that the average account would see an additional \$150 to \$200 each year in additional costs as a result of these projects.

Mayor Citrin congratulated the Capital Planning Committee on the work they did to gather this information and he recognized Deputy Mayor Lindsay for the excellent presentation that she made.

The Mayor answered questions from the public about these projects and said that the discussion of these projects would continue at the next Board of Trustees meeting on January 15th. Mayor Citrin then concluded the meeting.

Adjournment
Resolution 0109-01

On a motion made by Mayor Citrin and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lindsay, it was resolved to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin: Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay: Aye
Trustee Brooke: Aye
Trustee Scherere: Absent
Trustee Turner: Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Doherty
Village Clerk-Treasurer