

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 18, 2022
12:00 pm
MINUTES**

Present: Mayor David McFadden
Deputy Mayor Anna (Tinka) Shaw
Trustee Paul Brooke
Trustee Christopher Kasker
Trustee Joshua Scherer (via Zoom)

Village Attorneys: Robert Zitt, Esq. (via Zoom) (Feerick Nugent MacCartney, PLLC)

Village Clerk: Elizabeth A. Doherty

Attendees: Building and Land Use Officer John Ledwith and Police Chief David Conklin (via Zoom); residents Salle Sonne and Claudio Guazzoni de Zanett and about eight people via Zoom.

Resolution 0418-01

On a motion made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shaw, it was: Resolved to open the public hearing.

Deputy Mayor Shaw – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Kasker – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Mayor McFadden – Did not vote

Mayor McFadden invited members of the public to speak. Salle Sonne of West Lake Road talked about a decrease in taxes that might be offset by sewer charges. She expressed concern that the public be aware of that.

Claudio Guazzoni de Zanett of Summit Road made five suggestions.

1. Interfund Transfers

Regarding 5031A – Interfund Transfer (from the Water Fund to the General Fund), Mr. Guazzoni de Zanett said that this should be increased to \$2,000 a month, or \$24,000 a year. He also suggesting adding 5031B as an Interfund Transfer from Sewer to the General Fund. Mr. Guazzoni de Zanett pointed out that Sewer line item 9901F (Interfund Transfer) has \$7,000 for the year and that there should be a corresponding entry in the

General Fund. He also felt that this number should be increased to \$24,000 a year.

The Board's response was to increase the Interfund Transfer from Water (9901F) to \$20,000. When consulted the auditors said that it was not permissible to have an Interfund transfer from Sewer to the General Fund.

2. PILOT

Mr. Guazzoni de Zanett asked why there wasn't a budget line for PILOT and he was told that it was included in line 2122. Mr. Guazzoni de Zanett felt that it should be listed separately and broken out to show road usage, snow plowing, etc.

The Board's response was wait until they have more information before making any changes.

3. Regarding the proposed Mayor's salary of \$35,000, Mr. Guazzoni de Zanett felt that this number should be increased to \$55,000-\$60,000.
4. Mr. Guazzoni de Zanett noted the decrease in the debt service (budget lines 9730.60A – 9730.70A). He asked if we had retired a debit issue and Deputy Mayor Shaw said that we had.
5. Mr. Guazzoni de Zanett asked about the increase in the expense for Police Retirement (budget line 9015.8). Deputy Mayor Shaw explained that there are two retirement groups, one for Police and one for the rest of the employees. The budget used to show one number which combined both retirement groups but this year's budget has them listed separately.
6. Mr. Guazzoni de Zanett asked about the increase in legal costs and insurance costs (1420.4A and 1910.4A). He said that the increase is the result of defending the Village from resident lawsuits. He suggested that the Board cut down on the number of lawsuits.

Resolution 0418-02

On a motion made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shaw, it was: Resolved to close the public hearing at 12:44 pm.

Deputy Mayor Shaw – Aye

Trustee Brooke – Aye

Trustee Kasker – Aye

Trustee Scherer – Aye

Mayor McFadden – Did not vote

Resolution 0418-03

On a motion made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shaw, it was: Resolved to accept the tentative budget, with the revision discussed today, and it will now be called the Adopted Budget for 2022-2023 (Attachment).

Deputy Mayor Shaw – Aye

Trustee Brooke – Aye

Trustee Kasker – Aye

Trustee Scherer – Aye

Mayor McFadden – Did not vote

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Doherty".

Elizabeth A. Doherty
Village Clerk-Treasurer