

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2025**

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

Clerk: Elizabeth A. Doherty

Village Attorney: Jared A. Kasschau, Esq. (Harris Beach, PLLC) via Zoom

Attendees: Building and Land Use Officer John Ledwith, Department of Public Works
Superintendent Jeff Voss, Police Chief Allen Faust, seven members of the
public were in attendance at Village Hall and approximately 20 members of
the public attended via Zoom.

Mayor Citrin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Citrin read for the record the notice that was published in the Times Herald-Record on
Thursday, January 2, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Village Board of
the Village of Tuxedo Park, Orange County, New York, on January 15, 2025, at 7:00 pm or as
soon thereafter as can be heard at the Village of Tuxedo Park, Village Hall, 80 Lorillard Road,
Tuxedo Park, New York 10987 to consider the adoption of a Local Law about a Village-wide
speed limit.

Said Local Law will be made available for review in the Village Clerk's Office, 80
Lorillard Road, Tuxedo Park, NY and may be examined after December 30, 2024 any interested
party from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

By Order of the Village Board
of the Village of Tuxedo Park
Elizabeth Doherty, Village Clerk

Open the Public Hearing
Resolution 0115-01

Be it resolved to open the Public Hearing on introductory Local Law #1 of 2025, Speed Limit.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lindsay.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

Mayor Citrin explained that the purpose of this Public Hearing is to allow members of the public to address the issue of reducing the Village-wide speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour. Under New York State law, this can be done if a traffic safety study is conducted by a licensed traffic engineer who then recommends the reduction in the speed limit. A traffic safety study was completed last year and included as an attachment to the Board meeting documents in November. Mayor Citrin opened the floor to the public for comments.

Allen Barnett of 92 Mountain Farm Road addressed the Board. Mr. Barnett was against implementing this law. He said that in his experience it is delivery trucks that are going over the speed limit. He said that we need to do a better job of enforcing the speed limit. Mr. Barnett mentioned a quirk in our system which allows for people who have speeding tickets to accept a non-speeding ticket in lieu of that. Mr. Barnett said that the reason this is done is that a speeding ticket results in a fine that largely benefits the Town of Tuxedo, whereas a non-moving violation benefits the Village of Tuxedo Park. Mr. Barnett said that a speeding ticket, besides resulting in a fine, goes against the driver's record. Mr. Barnett concluded that if the goal is to get people to drive at a slower speed, we should be enforcing this in our court.

Mayor Citrin responded that the primary purpose of the change in speed limit is not to increase revenue, it is to increase traffic safety. The Mayor corrected Mr. Barnett about the portion of the speeding ticket being sent to the Town. He said it is sent to the State (not the Town) and a portion of it is returned to the Village. Mayor Citrin said that Mr. Barnett was correct that the fine imposed for a non-moving violation is kept entirely by the Village. Mayor Citrin said that it is up to the Judge to make the decision about accepting plea agreements for tickets that are issued. The Judge is an independent, elected official. He alone makes the determination as to whether such a plea is acceptable or not. The Mayor and the Board of Trustees do not get involved with that.

Trustee Scherer responded to Mr. Barnett's point about the problem being with delivery trucks. In his experience as a runner, he has seen lots of people in our Village going way too fast, dangerously fast, unnecessarily fast. The problem isn't just with trucks.

Trustee Brooke said that the reason for this discussion is that there are small roads in the Park that cannot tolerate a 30 mile per hour speed limit and cannot tolerate a 25 mile per hour speed limit. They are small, curvy roads that force you to slow down. Trustee Brooke feels that we don't really have a problem. This will add an administrative burden to the Police and potentially become a harassment to members of the Village. We have a 30 mile per hour speed limit. We should enforce it and we'll be good to go.

Dolores Marchand, of 36 West Lake Road, addressed the Board. She said that she lives at the bottom of the hill coming up from the school. People fly by her house at 50 miles per hour, at least. She has followed them occasionally to see for herself how fast they are driving. These are residents driving, not truck drivers. Ms. Marchand said that she walks every day with her dogs and it's scary sometimes. She is in favor of this law, but also in favor of enforcing it.

Elizabeth Cotnoir, of 77 Wee Wah Road, addressed the Board. She said that in general the roads in the Park are very narrow. They're populated by people, bicycles and animals. If cars go beyond 30 miles per hour, it feels too fast. The speed limit should be slowed down. Ms. Cotnoir said that sometimes she feels that she is driving too fast but when she looks at her speedometer she is only driving at 18 miles per hour. You really have to take into account the width of the roads and what is going on around you. She is in favor of reducing the speed limit.

Richard Dzina, of 3 Acoma Road, addressed the Board. Mr. Dzina was in support of the proposed reduction in speed limit. It is in the interest of public safety, especially pedestrian safety, since there are no sidewalks. This is meaningful for children, families and pets who like to take advantage of the roads.

Kim Kilgore, of 12 Circuit Road, addressed the Board. She was in support of this. Often when she is driving she will come upon a person who is running or riding a bike, and she will go under the speed limit. And also when you're going around a curve, you never know what's there. Where she lives there are curves, and the road is really built just for one car width. Having two cars going at each other at 30 miles per hour is a dangerous scenario.

Mae Shore and Brad Ewing, of 40 Camp Comfort Road, said that they were also in support of the reduction of the speed limit.

Lindsay Maxwell, of 86 Summit Road, addressed the Board. She said that she lives on the summit in Tuxedo Park. There have been numerous times when she's come head to head with delivery trucks and Village residents. There is no railing on Ontio Road, which is one of the roads she drives on to get to her house. She has small children. She is in support of the reduction in the speed limit.

Chiuyin Hempel, of 14 Butternut Road, addressed the Board. Ms. Hempel said that she is very supportive of this initiative for all the reasons stated. She also said that people will benefit from driving more slowly.

Christopher Gow, of 182 West Lake Road, addressed the Board. He said that there is a blind curve in front of his house. There have been five occasions when a vehicle came from the

opposite side of the narrow road and was taking over part of his side of the road. And all five times he nearly went into the lake. He said it is of great concern to him that the velocity is reduced to 25 miles per hour.

Close the Public Hearing
Resolution 0115-02

Be it resolved to close the Public Hearing on introductory Local Law #1 of 2025, Village Speed Limit.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lindsay.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

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The Pledge of Allegiance was made followed by roll call.

Reports to the Board
Resolution 0115-03

Be it resolved that the Board add all written reports to the permanent record.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Trustee Brooke.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

Minutes
Resolution 0115-04

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes from the December 18, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Trustee Brooke.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

Introductory Local Law #1 of 2025
Resolution 0115-05

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees adopt Introductory Local Law #1 of 2025, Village Speed Limit.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lindsay.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Nay
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

Employee Resignations
Resolution 0115-06

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees accept resignations from the following employees:

- a. Richard Marsh, Part-Time Police Officer, Date of Resignation: November 12, 2024;
- b. Daniel Haglund, DPW Working Leader, Date of Resignation: November 30, 2024;
- c. Dominick Posta, DPW Laborer, Date of Resignation: January 1, 2025.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Trustee Brooke.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

Employee Hires
Resolution 0115-07

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve hiring the following employees:

- a. Michael Wilson, DPW Motor Equipment Operator, Date of Hire: January 13, 2025;
- b. Aidan Brown, DPW Working Leader, Date of Hire: January 16, 2025.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Trustee Brooke.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

Promotion
Resolution 0115-08

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees recommend the appointment of Daniel Squillini to DPW Road Foreman, effective January 14, 2025.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lindsay.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

DPW Truck Repair
Resolution 0115-09

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorize an increase in the cost of repairing a DPW truck from \$18,588.39 to \$20,604.14. The Board of Trustees previously approved this expense on March 20, 2024.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Trustee Brooke.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

Weston & Sampson On-Call Services Contract
Resolution 0115-10

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the on-call services contract from Weston & Sampson for 2025.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Trustee Brooke.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

Weston & Sampson Proposal for Engineering Services
Tuxedo Lake Water Main Replacement
Resolution 0115-11

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the Weston & Sampson proposal for engineering services for the Tuxedo Lake water main replacement.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lindsay.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

**Annual Dam Certification
Resolution 0115-12**

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorize Weston & Sampson to complete the Annual Dam Certification forms.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Trustee Brooke.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

**Water Meter Clearwell Calibration
Resolution 0115-13**

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorize DPW Superintendent Jeff Voss to hire a company to recalibrate the clearwell water meter for a cost not to exceed \$1,000.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Trustee Brooke.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

**Laptop Purchase
Resolution 0115-14**

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve purchasing a new laptop for the Mayor at a cost of \$749.32 with MS Office on it for an additional \$322.20.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lindsay.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

Audit of Claims

AUDIT OF CLAIMS - Bills in the amount of \$116,066.51 for the General Fund, \$3,631.50 for the Professional Fees Fund, \$30,987.96 for the Sewer Fund, and \$97,899.00 for the Water Fund were audited and ordered paid.

Enter Executive Session Resolution 0115-15

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees leave the Public Meeting and enter Executive Session at 9:24 p.m. to receive advice of Counsel on various issues and to discuss possible contract negotiations.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lindsay.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

Exit Executive Session Resolution 0115-16

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees exit Executive Session and re-enter the Public Meeting at 10:02 p.m.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lindsay.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

**DPW Truck Purchase
Resolution 0115-17**

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet double cab truck from Robert Green Truck Division for \$65,377.95 with five-year financing.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Trustee Turner.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

**Adjournment
Resolution 0115-18**

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees adjourn the Public Meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Trustee Brooke.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Lindsay – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Turner – Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Doherty

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Village Clerk-Treasurer