VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2023
MINUTES

Present:	Mayor Marc D. Citrin Deputy Mayor Christopher Kasker Trustee Paul Brooke Trustee Joshua Scherer (via Zoom) Trustee Anna (Tinka) Shaw
Clerk:	Elizabeth A. Doherty
Village Attorney:	Jared A. Kasschau, Esq. and Brian S. Stolar, Esq. (Harris Beach, PLLC) via Zoom
Attendees:	Building and Land Use Officer John Ledwith, Department of Public Works Superintendent Jeff Voss, Police Chief David Conklin (via Zoom), Michele Lindsay (Chair of the Police Chief Search Committee), two members of the public were in attendance at Village Hall and approximately 33 members of the public attended via Zoom.

Mayor Citrin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Roll call was taken followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Citrin began the meeting by congratulating Deputy Mayor Kasker who was elected to the position of Town Councilmember in the November 7th election.

Reports to the Board
Resolution 1115-01

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

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

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kasker – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Shaw – Aye

Modification of Minutes
Resolution 1115-02

Be it resolved to remove the explanatory paragraph in Resolution 1018-02. Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kasker.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Nay
Deputy Mayor Kasker – Nay
Trustee Brooke – Nay
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Shaw – Aye

Approval of Minutes
Resolution 1115-03

Be it resolved the Board of Trustees approve the minutes from the October 18, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Trustee Brooke.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kasker – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Shaw – Nay

Resolution Transferring the Conduct of Village Elections to the Orange County Board of Elections
Resolution 1115-04

WHEREAS, the Village of Tuxedo Park has been conducting its own elections pursuant to New York State Election Law Article 15 and Village Law §3-312, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has determined that it would be more efficient for the Village to transfer the conduct of Village elections to the Orange County Board of Elections (the "County Board"), given the County Board's resources and their experience and expertise in conducting municipal elections, and

WHEREAS, if the County Board conducts the Village elections, the Village may choose its own election inspectors from within the Village, from a list provided by the County Board, and

WHEREAS, if the County Board conducts the Village elections, the Village Clerk and other Village Officials may be present at the polls when they close and observe the counting of the votes, including all absentee ballots, and\

WHEREAS, the County Board will receive nominating and other petitions in accordance with New York State Law and provide all required publication and notices and compensate all election workers in accordance with New York State Law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Election Law §4-104, the Village shall submit to the County Board a list of polling places for Village elections, and the polling place(s) shall be designated by the County Board in consultation with the Village, and

WHEREAS, upon a transfer of the conduct of the Village elections the elections may continue to be held on the third Tuesday in June, as now permitted by New York State Election Law Article 15.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with New York State Election Law §15-104(1)(c), the Board of Trustees determines that Village of Tuxedo Park elections shall be conducted by the Orange County Board of Elections, and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon such transfer, and so long as permitted by New York State law, Village of Tuxedo Park elections shall continue to take place on the third Tuesday in June, and be if further

RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum as provided in Article 9 of the New York State Village Law and is not effective until either (a) the applicable time period has elapsed to file a petition for a referendum, and no such petition has been timely and properly filed, and (b) if such a petition has been timely and properly filed, a referendum has been conducted approving this resolution, and it is further

RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Clerk to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

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

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kasker – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Shaw – Nay

IBEW Collective Bargaining Agreement
Resolution 1115-04

Be it resolved that the Board authorize the Mayor to sign the collective bargaining agreement with IBEW after it is approved by Counsel.

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

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kasker – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Shaw – Aye

Amended Resolution
Exemption from County Taxation
Resolution 1018-05

This is a modification of a resolution passed during the Regular Monthly Board meeting on October 18, 2023. The amended resolution includes the section, block and lot.

Be it resolved that the Village of Tuxedo Park request permission from the County of Orange for the exemption from County Taxation in the Year 2025 on certain real property (SBL 213-3-12) located in the Town of Tuxedo for use of Village of Tuxedo Park water system.

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

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kasker – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Shaw – Aye

Hire Part-Time Police Officer
Resolution 1115-06

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorize Police Chief Conklin to hire Stefan Christian to the position of Part-Time Police Officer at an hourly rate of $27.30 (Monday to Friday) and $32.96 on weekends.

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

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kasker – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Shaw – Aye

Levy Unpaid Village Taxes
Resolution 1115-07

Resolved that the Village Clerk be authorized to send to the County of Orange Commissioner of Finance the attached parcel list of unpaid 2023-2024 Village taxes totaling $43,758.65 for levy onto the January 2024 Town/County Tax Bill of each parcel, and that the parcel list has been compared to the original tax warrant/tax roll and found to be correct.

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

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kasker – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Shaw – Aye

Annual Bird Count
Resolution 1115-08

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorize the Fyke Nature Association to perform their annual bird count.

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

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kasker – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Shaw – Aye

Police Vehicle Purchase
Resolution 1115-09

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorize the Mayor to accept the best quote from any commercial bank to finance the purchase of the 2022 Dodge Durango (Police Department for $52,525.03.

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

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kasker – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Shaw – Aye

Police Voucher Approval
Resolution 1115-10

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorize Police Secretary Denise Spalthoff to sign off on vouchers not to exceed $5,000 per bill from the following vendors through the end of the fiscal year:

Acosta
American Pest Control
AVS
Campbell Fire Protection
Lexis Nexis
Ready Refresh
Real American Dry Cleaners
Safe Passage Solutions
Town of Tuxedo
Verizon

OnSolve (Code Red)
Optimum
Orange & Rockland
Peak Powers
Verizon Wireless
VOIP (Telephone System)
When to Work

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

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kasker – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Shaw – Aye

Audit of Claims

Village Clerk-Treasurer Doherty noted for the record the audit of claims as follows: General Fund - $128,283.46, Sewer Fund - $12,132.85 and Water Fund - $21,380.82.

Budget Transfer
Resolution 1115-11

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorize Clerk-Treasurer Doherty to transfer $5,000 from NYS Retirement 9010.8 to Machinery Contractual 5130.4.

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

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kasker – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Shaw – Aye

Enter Executive Session
Resolution 1115-12

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees leave the Public Meeting and enter Executive Session at 8:44 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and a matter concerning water rates.

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

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kasker – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Shaw – Aye

Exit Executive Session
Resolution 1115-13

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees re-enter the Public Meeting at 9:29 p.m.

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

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kasker – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Shaw – Aye

Adjournment
Resolution 1115-14

On a motion made by Mayor Citrin, seconded by Trustee Shaw, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Vote of the Board:

Mayor Citrin – Aye
Deputy Mayor Kasker – Aye
Trustee Brooke – Aye
Trustee Scherer – Aye
Trustee Shaw – Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Doherty

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Village Clerk-Treasure