

The Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo held on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at the Tuxedo Town Hall, One Temple Drive, Tuxedo, New York, was called to order by Supervisor Peter M. Dolan at 7:35 p.m.

Town Board Members Present:	Mr. Peter M. Dolan	Supervisor
	Mr. Daniel Castricone	Councilperson
	Ms. Francine Rauch	Councilperson
	Ms. Lisa Spivak	Councilperson

Town Board Members Absent: None

Other Town Officials Present: Donald G. Nichol, Esq., Town Counsel, Mr. Daniel J. Carlin, Police Chief; Mr. Gregory G. Stevens, Town Assessor and Receiver of Taxes; Mr. Andrew Rogers, Zoning Board of Appeals Member; Mr. Andrew Siegel, Architectural Review Board Member; and Mrs. Elaine M. Laurent, Town Clerk.

The meeting was opened by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Public hearings were held to receive public comments on adoption of a revised Schedule of Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions, which would increase the maximum income ceiling and sliding scale exemptions, and a revised Schedule of Veterans' Tax Exemptions, which would increase maximum exemption limits.

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RESOLVED, motion made by Supervisor Dolan, seconded by Councilperson Castricone, to accept the Town Board Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting held on January 23, 2007, as submitted.

Adopted: AYES: [3] NAYS: [0] ABSTAIN: [1-Councilperson Rauch]

MONTHLY REPORTS

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Supervisor Dolan acknowledged receipt of the Monthly Reports for January, 2007 from the Building Department, Justice Court (2), the Police Department and the Town Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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Supervisor Dolan asked for public comments on agenda items.

The Board received comments and questions regarding Agenda Items #1 and #4.

Supervisor Dolan asked for any further public comments on agenda items. There were none.

AGENDA ITEMS:

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1. Supervisor's Update

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• **Roadway Ice-Control Materials**

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Supervisor Dolan advised that the Highway Department has begun using an advanced-technology treated salt blend to combat snow and ice on roadways. The enhanced deicer adheres more effectively than traditional rock salt, provides superior melting action at lower temperatures and is less corrosive to equipment and roads. Additionally, it has less environmental impact due to its reduced scatter, so that it stays on the road surface and does not bounce to lawns and , and its thinner application requirements, using 20% to 40% less product.

AGENDA ITEMS (Continued):

1. Supervisor's Update (Continued)

• **Train Station Repairs**

Councilpersons Dan Castricone and Fran Rauch have finalized their interviews of architects for evaluating and providing a report on remedial measures for structural repairs to the train station. They selected Tom Hitchins Associates of West Milford, New Jersey as the most qualified to perform the services, the costs for which will be reimbursed to the Town through grant funds in the amount of \$500,000 secured by Senator Thomas Morahan.

• **Improvements to Town Playgrounds and Ball Fields**

Supervisor Dolan reported that projects for improvements at the Town's playgrounds and ball fields are moving forward, beginning with a new play structure at Tichy Field, which will be installed and ready for use this Spring.

• **Tuxedo Reserve Water Supply**

Supervisor Dolan advised that it appears that Tuxedo Reserve has located sufficient water for the project. One of the two water sources is in the southern portion of the property, near Sloatsburg, and provides 500 gallons per minute. The other source is near Mountain Lake at 200 gallons per minute. The Town is awaiting verification from the developer. Supervisor Dolan has contacted the Rockland County Executive and the Rockland County Health Department to inform them of this occurrence.

2. Resolution Adopting Revised Schedule for Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions

Supervisor Dolan offered the following resolutions and moved their adoption; Councilperson Castricone seconded their adoption.

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo, Orange County, New York, that the following shall constitute the Schedule of Exemptions for Senior Citizen Tax Exemption pursuant to Chapter 88 of the Code of the Town of Tuxedo:

MAXIMUM ANNUAL INCOME	PERCENTAGE ASSESSED VALUATION EXEMPT FROM TAXATION
\$26,000 or less	50%
\$26,001 to \$26,999	45%
\$27,000 to \$27,999	40%
\$28,000 to \$28,999	35%
\$29,000 to \$29,899	30%
\$29,900 to \$30,799	25%
\$30,800 to \$31,699	20%
\$31,700 to \$32,599	15%
\$32,600 to \$33,499	10%
\$33,500 to \$34,400	5%

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Schedule shall remain in effect until superseded by further resolution of the Town Board following public hearing.

Adopted: AYES: [4] NAYS: [0] ABSENTEES: [0]

**AGENDA ITEMS
(Continued)**

**Supervisor's Update
(Continued)**

Train Station Repairs

*Improvements to
Town Playgrounds
and Ball Fields*

*Tuxedo Reserve
Water Supply*

**Resolution
Adopting Revised
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Citizen Tax
Exemptions**

AGENDA ITEMS (Continued):

3. Resolution Introducing Local Law entitled “Veterans’ Tax Exemptions”

Councilperson Castricone offered the following resolutions and moved their adoption; Supervisor Dolan seconded their adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Introductory Local Law #2 of the year 2007, entitled “Veterans’ Tax Exemptions,” be and it hereby is introduced by Councilperson Daniel Castricone before the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo, County of Orange, State of New York; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law be laid upon the desk of each member of the Board; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hold a public hearing on said proposed local law at the Town Hall, One Temple Drive, in the Town of Tuxedo, New York at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2007; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that, due to the nature of the local law, which will not have a permanent effect on the environment, this action is classified as a Type II action under SEQRA and does not require a determination under SEQRA; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the Town of Tuxedo of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

Adopted: AYES: [4] NAYS: [0] ABSENTEES: [0]

The Supervisor declared this resolution unanimously adopted.

4. Resolution Appointing Andrew L. Siegel as Town Councilperson to Fill Vacancy

RESOLVED, motion made by Supervisor Dolan, seconded by Councilperson Rauch, that the Town Board hereby appoints Andrew Siegel as Town Councilperson, effective immediately, to fill the unexpired term of Alyse McCathern through December 31, 2007.

Adopted: AYES: [3] NAYS: [0] ABSTAIN: [1-Councilperson Castricone]

5. Tabled Resolution to Retain Appraiser to Represent Town in Tax Certiorari Claim filed by New York State

This item was tabled until a future meeting.

6. Notification of Indian Point Siren System Test on Thursday, February 15, 2007

The new, recently-installed Indian Point Siren System will be tested on Thursday, February 15, 2007 between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon. During this full-system activation test, all 150 sirens will sound for three to four minutes.

7. Acknowledgment of Letter Commending Highway Department

Supervisor Dolan read aloud a letter from a Laurel Ridge resident expressing her thanks to the Highway Department crew for their indispensable services.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There were no items of Other Business to come before the Board.

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(Continued)**

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OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Supervisor Dolan asked for comments from the public.

United Water

Mr. Eric Nimke advised that he recently attended a technical meeting of the New York State Public Service Commission at which United Water made a presentation about their future objectives. They plan to address long-term water supply demands by constructing a desalination facility and utilizing Hudson River water as a new major water source. Mr. Nimke noted that United Water has water rights in Tuxedo and questioned what understandings were made regarding the transfer of water rights. He also questioned whether those resources are taxable by Tuxedo and, if so, the amount of the assessment.

Supervisor Dolan asked for any further comments from the public. There were none.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

There were no budget transfers

VOUCHERS

RESOLVED, motion made by Supervisor Dolan, seconded by Councilperson Rauch, that the following vouchers, having been audited by the Town Board, are hereby approved for payment:

Claim numbers 120 through 125, 127 through 228 [Claim 126 Deleted (duplicate)]
General Fund Claim totaling \$112,449.31
Part-Town Fund Claim totaling \$6,550.09
Highway Town Wide Claim totaling \$7,460.07
Highway Part-Town Claim totaling \$6,850.00
Tuxedo Refuse District Claim totaling \$27,612.00
Hamlet Sewer District Claim totaling \$5,720.18
Total abstract amount: \$166,641.65

Adopted: AYES: [4] NAYS: [0] ABSENTEES: [0]

Authorization for Payment was thereafter signed by Councilperson Rauch, Councilperson Spivak and Supervisor Dolan.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED, motion made by Supervisor Dolan, seconded by Councilperson Spivak, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Adopted: AYES: [4] NAYS: [0] ABSENTEES: [0]

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Laurent
Town Clerk

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