

**Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Tuxedo
1 Temple Dr. , Tuxedo, NY 10987
And via Zoom
March 13, 2023**

Supervisor English called to order the Town Board Meeting of March 13, 2023 at 7:02pm.

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

Town Board Members Present:	Mr. Kenneth English	Supervisor
	Mrs. Michele Lindsay	Deputy Supervisor
	Ms. Maria May	Councilmember
	Ms. Deirdre Murphy	Councilmember

Town Board Member Absent:	Mr. Jay Reichgott	Councilmember
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Recording Secretary: Marisa Dollbaum Town Clerk

Other Town Officials Present:

Mr. Robert Dollbaum, Highway Superintendent

Other Town Officials Present via Zoom:

Mr. Howard Protter, Town Attorney

Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

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Agenda Item #1 - Approving and Authorizing Supervisor to Sign 2023 Stop-DWI Intermunicipal Agreement with Orange County

WHEREAS, the Town of Tuxedo desires to enter into the annual agreement with the County of Orange, to provide enforcement patrol funding to the Town for March 12, 2023 through January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board hereby approves and authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Agreement in the form annexed with the County of Orange, for the period of March 12, 2023 through January 1, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

On a motion made by Supervisor English seconded by Councilmember May the resolution was adopted on a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent.

Agenda Item #2- RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law, entitled, "POLICE MUTUAL AID" be and it hereby is introduced by Supervisor English before the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo in the County of Orange and 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 Board hold a public hearing on said proposed local law at the Town Hall, One Temple Drive, Tuxedo, New York at 7:00 P.M. on March 27, 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 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 ten (10) days prior thereto.

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On a motion by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember Murphy the resolution was adopted on a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

Monthly Reports:

Supervisor English is in receipt of the following monthly reports:

- Building Department
- Justice Court
- Town Clerk

Department Updates:

- Robert Dollbaum, Highway Superintendent, said they are preparing for the expected snow storm starting tonight. He got quotes to purchase a mini excavator and found a company that offers a lease-to-own over a five-year period. They are considering renting a crusher to make usable material from the rocks being sorted at the dirt pile on Long Meadow Road. Tree trimming will resume through the end of March.

TOWN SUPERVISOR/TOWN BOARD UPDATE:

- Supervisor English stated three applications for Hamlet Revitalization funds have been submitted to the Tuxedo LDC Board. The projects are subject to Planning and ARB Board approvals. Applicants are responding to Board feedback and they expect to receive completed submissions at the next meeting on March 23rd from 5:00-6:30. He has been managing the coordination of the startup of the new plant and the emergency actions needed to remediate the excessive inflow of stormwater into the system. He signed a \$62,400 agreement with InLiner Solutions to begin the scoping work necessary to analyze the storm and groundwater infiltration into the Hamlet Sewer District's Collection system. The system is currently feeding a much larger than anticipated amount

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of water into the new sewer plant. Rob Dollbaum's team have provided a detailed analysis of where the suspected trouble spots are which will save money and time needed to identify the areas of concern. The annual meeting for the Tuxedo Farms LDC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22nd at 10:00am. The meeting will be both in-person at Tuxedo Town Hall, and live streamed on the Town's Zoom account. All meetings are recorded and available on demand through our website. The Tuxedo Club Tax Certiorari claim settled. The total amount of the refunds to the Tuxedo Club for the 2023 Town and County taxes is \$65,851.06. It is approximately a 47% reduction from the prior assessed values. Also, the last payment was made on a \$250,000 settlement regarding the property at 60 Woods Road, owned by Mr. Howard Schaub. This ends an obligation that was paid over five years. The 2024 Town budget can eliminate this expense line.

- Deputy Supervisor Lindsay is working on the plans to implement infrastructure projects in the Hamlet business district for connectivity between the west and east sides of Route 17, pedestrian safety and increased public parking. She contacted the state agency, DASNY, to revive the \$75,000 grant for a Highway Department truck and truck accessories. Estimates provided by Rob Dollbaum have been submitted and she is following up on the next steps. She is going to consult our bond counsel about issuing Revenue Anticipation Notes if the Town is awarded federal grants for Hamlet Sewer infrastructure. She will also discuss Bond Anticipation Notes in case the Town needs additional funding for the Hamlet Sewer District.

- Councilmember May is working on an application to apply for Community Project Funding, which the funds would be used towards the Hamlet Sewer System. She has received letters of support from businesses in the community that are connected to the Sewer System. She announced the office hours for Kathleen Rooney-Metcalf, Recreation Director, are Monday through Wednesday 9-3pm. She said Kathleen is currently staffing for Summer Camp.

- Councilmember Murphy is working with Attorney Protter to put together the RFP for the Greenway Grant.

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MINUTES

RESOLVED, On a motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember Murphy to accept the Minutes of the Regular Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held on February 27, 2023.

ON ROLL-CALL VOTE; Supervisor: Kenneth English Aye
 Deputy Supervisor: Michele Lindsay Aye
 Councilmember: Maria May Aye
 Councilmember: Jay Reichgott Absent
 Councilmember: Deirdre Murphy Aye

VOUCHERS

Below are any vouchers exceeding \$5000:

2012921270	HERC Rentals	5,631.15	Rental- Bucket Truck
2012921276	Global Montello Group	6,366.18	February Fuel
2012921283	Jacobowitz & Gubits	9,171.46	January Legal Billing
2012921285	IBEW Local 363 Welfare Fund	13,440.00	Highway Health and Welfare February
2012921298	Rockland Paramedic Services, Inc	63,196.50	EMT Services- March 2023
2012921299	J.S. Braddock Agency	61,781.00	Town Insurance- Installment Billing
2012921301	Office of the State Comptroller	27,366.00	January 2023 Fines and Fees- State Portion
2012921303	New York State Insurance Fund	7,521.80	February 2023 Workers Comp

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RESOLVED, On a motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember May, that the following vouchers, having been audited by the Town Board, are hereby approved for payment:

Claim numbers: 2012921259 through 2012921320.

General Fund:	\$247,996.69
Part-Town Fund:	\$29,967.89
Highway Town Wide:	\$15,902.94
Highway Part Town	\$3,361.26
Hamlet Sewer District	\$2,184.29
Refuse and Garbage Disposal	\$0
Trust and Agency	\$0
Total Abstract Amount:	\$299,413.07

ON ROLL-CALL VOTE;	Supervisor:	Kenneth English	Aye
	Deputy Supervisor:	Michele Lindsay	Aye
	Councilmember:	Maria May	Aye
	Councilmember:	Jay Reichgott	Absent
	Councilmember:	Deirdre Murphy	Aye

OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor English announced the transition of appointing Jay Reichgott as Deputy Supervisor to allow Michele Lindsay to focus on Climate Smart projects.

She provided the following statement:

“It has been an honor to serve on the Town Board since 2016. And to serve as Deputy Supervisor with supervision of the Building Department.

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In order to focus on priority projects, I will step down as Deputy and Building Department manager.

My priority projects have included strengthening the Town's finances through refinancing of the Town's bond debt and securing state and federal grants. I will continue that work with a state grant for Highway vehicles. Once we secure grant funding for the Hamlet Sewer District. I will lead issuance of Revenue Anticipation Notes so we can start that work while waiting for the grant funds.

Another priority is implementation of a vision for economic development. The proposal we presented tonight will encourage development activity in the Hamlet District by improving infrastructure for pedestrian safety, lighting and parking. We are also working on the Greenway study that will encourage responsible economic activity throughout the Rt 17 corridor.

Finally, I am passionate about actions the Town can adopt to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and incorporate clean energy to reduce the Town's energy costs to taxpayers.”

OTHER BUSINESS CONTINUED

Councilmember Murphy presented a proposal to apply for the Tuxedo LDC grant for Hamlet Revitalization funds.

The Tuxedo Town Center, also known as the “Hamlet”, is identified as the retail and commercial district in Tuxedo. The boundaries include the entrance of the Town of Tuxedo on Route 17 North until the entrance of the East Village on Route 17. Over the years, the Hamlet has witnessed a decline in retail and commercial business with many store fronts empty and no prospects to fill them. The primary reasons include:

Route 17 is the “Main Street” in the Hamlet. This is a heavily traveled thoroughfare. Vehicular and truck traffic travels north and west to Warwick and Monroe; trucks typically travel to avoid the NYS Thruway tolls. The traffic pattern is a deterrent to safe pedestrian traffic as the sidewalks hug the highway without ample “right of way” for bike or pedestrian traffic.

Parking. While the Town of Tuxedo has a Municipal parking lot on the western side of Route 17, there is no clear and delineated pedestrian walkway that provides pedestrians a safe and convenient way to park and walk to the Hamlet. There is private parking in the Hamlet, but little

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to no retail or commercial business spaces available. The empty parking spaces give the appearance of an abandoned town and, in effect, acts as a deterrent to potential businesses.

Public Parking. There are a total of eight public parking spaces available in the Hamlet on the eastern side of Route 17. The library does not have its own parking.

Lighting. There is an absence of sufficient lighting in the Hamlet. The Town literally “goes dark” at sundown exacerbating the abandoned town appearance.

Action Plan:

1. Commission a survey to include typography, physical features, property lines and right of way to ensure the project does not infringe on private property and is within the parameters of Town property.
2. Civil Engineering to prepare schematic, detailed design and Permit applications
 - proposed walkways, raised and stamped
 - Rt 17 crosswalks to be submitted to NYS DOT for approval
 - Streetscape details and lighting and plantings
3. Construction of sidewalks, stamping of pedestrian walkways, implementation lighting solutions and specified landscaping throughout the Hamlet streetscapes.
4. Addition of parking spaces on Store Road

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Estimated/Proposed Costs:

Surveying (site plan and boundary)	\$12,300
Civil Engineering	\$31,500
Construction and Installation (Excavation, drainage, installation) Raised Sidewalks/ Stamped Concrete Walkways Electrical Conduit System for Lighting 7400 sq ft @ \$30	\$220,000
Streetscape—Landscaping/Lighting	\$30,000
Lighting Fixtures (20@ \$1,000)	\$20,000
Total	\$313,800
Grant Request	\$157,900 (15.7% Total Grant)
Town Expense	\$157,900

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Resident Jerry Mottola asked if there would be a public hearing on the Burgis study. The board let him know a formal public hearing is not required, but the information will be posted on the website. He suggested that the Town hosts a 10K run that was done in the past instead of having multiple 5K runs throughout the year.

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Executive Session

RESOLVED, On a motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Lindsay, that the Town Board enter an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

ON ROLL-CALL VOTE;	Supervisor:	Kenneth English	Aye
	Deputy Supervisor:	Michele Lindsay	Aye
	Councilmember:	Maria May	Aye
	Councilmember:	Jay Reichgott	Absent
	Councilmember:	Deirdre Murphy	Aye

RESOLVED, On a motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember Muprhy, that the Town Board exit executive session and re-enter public meeting.

ON ROLL-CALL VOTE;	Supervisor:	Kenneth English	Aye
	Deputy Supervisor:	Michele Lindsay	Aye
	Councilmember:	Maria May	Aye
	Councilmember:	Jay Reichgott	Absent
	Councilmember:	Deirdre Murphy	Aye

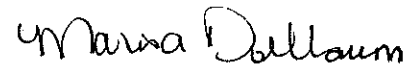
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED, On a motion made by Supervisor English seconded by Councilmember May, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm

ON ROLL-CALL VOTE;	Supervisor:	Kenneth English	Aye
	Deputy Supervisor:	Michele Lindsay	Aye
	Councilmember:	Maria May	Aye
	Councilmember:	Jay Reichgott	Absent
	Councilmember:	Deirdre Murphy	Aye

Respectfully submitted,


Marisa Dollbaum
Town Clerk
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