

Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Tuxedo
1 Temple Dr., Tuxedo, NY 10987
And via Zoom
April 8, 2024

Supervisor McMillen called to order the Town Board Meeting of April 8, 2024 at 7:00pm.

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

Town Board Members Present:	Mr. Dave McMillen	Supervisor
	Mr. Rick Marsh	Deputy Supervisor
	Ms. Deirdre Murphy	Councilmember
	Mr. Chris Kasker	Councilmember
	Mr. Chris Dollbaum	Councilmember

Town Board Member Absent: None

Recording Secretary: Marisa Dollbaum Town Clerk

Other Town Officials Present in person:

Highway Superintendent Robert Dollbaum; Police Chief John Trazino

Other Town Officials Present via Zoom:

Town Attorney Howard Protter

Deputy Supervisor Marsh administered the Oath of Office to Town Councilperson, Chris Dollbaum

Presentation:

- David Guthaim from Enterprise Fleet provided information to the Town Board on a leasing program for Town vehicles. He gave a cost analysis based on the proposed needs listed below:

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	# New Leases	Total Leased	Cost
Year 1	7	7	\$83,642
Year 2	3	10	\$123,488
Year 3	0	10	\$123,488
Year 4	8	18	\$232,895
Year 5	5	23	\$301,246
Year 6	7	23	\$304,246
Year 7	3	23	\$301,246
Year 8	0	23	\$301,246
Year 9	8	23	\$301,246
Year 10	5	23	\$301,246

A recording of his full presentation can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3duCVII-VaE>

Public Comment(s) on Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Resolution to postpone Public Hearing on Introductory LL “Amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Tuxedo”

On a motion made by Supervisor McMillen and seconded by Deputy Supervisor Marsh, that the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby postpones the Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law “Amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Tuxedo” to a later date since it is still in review by the Town’s legal team.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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Agenda Item #1 - Resolution to Appoint Part-Time Seasonal Laborer

On a motion made by Supervisor McMillen and seconded by Deputy Supervisor Marsh, the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby appoints Kristian Matthews for the position of Part-Time Seasonal Laborer in the Highway Department at the hourly rate of \$20.00.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Agenda Item #2 - Resolution to approve Film Permit – Eye on the Ball Enterprises, Inc.

On a motion made by Supervisor McMillen and seconded by Deputy Supervisor Marsh, the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby grants permission to Eye on the Ball Enterprises, Inc. to film in the Town of Tuxedo on Route 17 on April 10, 2024. Eye on the Ball Enterprises, Inc. submitted all necessary paperwork and payments for the permit.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Other Business

Accept resignation of part-time Police Officer

On a motion made by Deputy Supervisor Marsh and seconded by Supervisor McMillen, that the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby accepts the resignation of Part-time Police Officer Brendan Eirand effective immediately.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Appointment of part-time Police Officer

On a motion made by Deputy Supervisor Marsh and seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby appoints Anthony Weed as a part-time Police Officer at an hourly rate of \$32.33/hr.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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Department Updates

- Chief John Trazino stated the TUFSD was evacuated and cleared after the 4.8 magnitude earthquake in the area on April 5th. Officers also checked areas of concern in Tuxedo to ensure structures were safe. He reported that in the month of March Officers issued 82 traffic tickets and 29 parking tickets handled 272 calls for service and responded to 11 vehicle accidents. The Animal Control Officer responded to 2 complaints.
- Highway Superintendent Rob Dollbaum said illegal dumping is a continued problem in Tuxedo. A recent incident of dumping occurred on Arden Road. One of the sewer projects to address the pump station started last week with widening the embankment. There is a sink hole near St. Elizabeth's caused by an old clay pipe that broke that his department is in the process of repairing. They are starting to clean up broken asphalt caused by the plows. They are placing American flags around Town and changing the ropes on the flag poles. They are also cleaning streets and sidewalks in preparation of the Memorial Day Parade.

Town Supervisor/Town Board Updates

- Supervisor McMillen signed the contract to begin production of two 65 minute documentaries that will profile the history of Tuxedo and its residents. He reported recent vandalism at the Train Station. The Board will have further discussions on options such as issuing key card or passcodes for use of the bathrooms since vandalism is recurring.
- Councilmember Murphy said the Hamlet Revitalization bid was awarded to Creighton Manning and was approved to be funded by the Tuxedo LDC. Concept drawings of will be completed in May, which will be shared with the Board and Revitalization Committee for review.
- Deputy Supervisor thanked John Ruel for building the new podium in the Community Room.

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Presentation:

Peggy Kurtz from Joule Community Power shared a presentation on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), which allows municipalities to negotiate bulk purchase of energy for eligible residents and small businesses. She explained that Orange and Rockland will continue to deliver electricity, but CCA would supply the electricity. Customers that are eligible will be notified and they have an opportunity to opt-out. A mailing will be sent out to all customers to explain the opt-out process. A Request for Proposal was issued and the Town Board will start to receive pricing as soon as April 11th. Additional information is listed on the Town’s website here <https://www.tuxedogov.org/home/community-choice-aggregation-program> and the phone number for the help line is 845-859-9099. The full presentation can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/3duCV1I-VaE?t=2991>.

Minutes

On a motion made by Supervisor McMillen, and seconded by Deputy Supervisor Marsh, that the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby accepts the Minutes of the Regular Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held on March 25, 2024.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

VOUCHERS

Below are the vouchers totaling \$5000 or greater:

2012923024	Benistar	6,481.15	April 2024 Retiree Health & Rx
2012923028	H2O Innovation	7,403.09	February monthly Fees & Testing
2012923034	Fusco Engineering	12,600.00	February 2024 Building Inspector
2012923037	Town of Tuxedo	10,317.71	Highway Fuel Jan/Feb 2024
2012923038	New York State Insurance Fund	7,674.74	February 2024 Workers Comp
2012923039	Office of the State Comptroller	26,203.00	January 2024 Fines and Fees
2012923042	IWS of New York	32,441.09	February 2024 Garbage and Recycling
2012923045	Town of Tuxedo	5,188.74	Police Department Fuel Jan/Feb 2024
2012923053	Global Montello	5,773.21	Fuel and Diesel Delivery #1/2 March 2024
2012923055	IBEW Local 363	13,440.00	Highway Health Part B
2012923056	TAM Enterprises	9,932.00	Repair of existing Pump- Sewer
2012923058	Professional Brush Works Inc.	5,600.00	Town Hall Interior Painting- ARPA
2012923080	Ford motor Credit Company	16,182.49	2024 Ford F250 Payment #1/5

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On a motion made by Supervisor McMillen, and seconded by Deputy Supervisor Marsh, that the following vouchers, having been audited by the Town Board, are hereby approved for payment:

Claim numbers: 2012923081 through 2012923132

General Fund:	\$179,158.14
Part-Town Fund:	\$30,737.61
Highway Town Wide:	\$14,921.37
Highway Part Town	\$0
Refuse and Garbage	\$0
Hamlet Sewer District	\$241.24
Trust and Agency	\$0
<u>Total Abstract Amount:</u>	\$225,058.36

The foregoing resolution was adopted on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Resident Jerry Mottola asked if the Town would continue to use State bid pricing if they decide to lease vehicles through Enterprise. Deputy Supervisor Marsh answered that Enterprise Fleet is already on State contract. He asked if the Town would consider using swipe card access for the train station bathrooms.
- Claudia Bhaktiary asked if the accounting issue that was brought up in a previous meeting has been addressed. Supervisor McMillen said the Town’s financial audit will be completed soon. She asked if the building known as the Junction was changing use since the current owner recently removed trees from the site. Supervisor McMillen stated the Town is considering using that space for Municipal parking. Councilmember Murphy said municipal parking is needed for Hamlet businesses and the space has the potential for a pop up type of retail building. Deputy Supervisor Marsh added that the owner planned on moving the trees to another location that he owns and was not related to the Town potentially putting in a parking lot.
- Mary Graetzer thanked Highway Superintendent Dollbaum and his department for the tulips planted at the Train Station.

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- Deputy Mayor Michele Lindsay said the Climate Smart Task Force Meeting is on April 11th at 5:30pm. She announced a Clean Energy Campaign on Saturday, May 11th at Train Station.
- Evelyn David asked if the CCA program is opt in and Councilmember Kasker clarified that the program is opt out. If a customer is eligible they will automatically be opted in and they have to contact Joule Community Power to opt out.
- Deputy Supervisor Marsh announced upcoming Town events. There is an Earth Day 5k and Town Clean up on Saturday, April 20th. The donations to enter the 5k will go to the Warwick Humane Society. The Village of Tuxedo Park Tree City Board is hosting an Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration on Monday, April 22nd. Police Chief John Trazino is hosting an Active Shooter Seminar at Town Hall on Thursday, April 18th at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Supervisor McMillen and seconded by Deputy Supervisor Marsh, the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Dollbaum

Town Clerk
Town of Tuxedo