

Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Tuxedo
Via WebEx
May 9, 2022

Supervisor English called to order the Town Board Meeting of May 9, 2022 at 7:01 pm.

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
	Mr. Jay Reichgott	Councilmember
	Ms. Deirdre Murphy	Councilmember

Town Board Member Absent: None

Recording Secretary: Marisa Dollbaum Town Clerk

Other Town Officials Present:

Mr. Howard Protter, Town Attorney

Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

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Agenda Item #1

Resolution to appoint part-time Police Officer

RESOLVED, Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember Reichgott, that the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo appoints Michael Cardona as part-time Police Officer for Civil Service #1475 at the hourly rate of \$31.69 per hour for 20 hours per week (1,040 hours annually). Budget Code 1200 for \$32,957.60.

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

Agenda Item #2

Resolution to appoint part-time Account Clerk

RESOLVED, Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember May, that the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby appoints Carey Alley as part-time Account Clerk in the Office of the Town Supervisor (Civil Service #1001 - Non-Competitive) at the hourly rate of \$35.71 per hour for 17.5 hours per week (910 hours annually). Budget Code A1220 for \$32,496.10.

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

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Other Business

1. Resolution approving purchase of environmentally sensitive property identified as Parcel 201-1-34.2, (Rt. 17A, 27 acres), from Orange County for \$106,500.00.

Whereas the Town Tuxedo had learned that a parcel of environmentally sensitive property located in the Town identified on the Orange County tax records as 201- 1-34.2 consisting of 27 acres+/- was on the property tax delinquent list to be sold at auction in the event the property owner did not redeem the property in accordance with law; and

Whereas the parcel was owned by a not-for-profit organization that maintained the property as undeveloped, but if the property were not redeemed by the property owner it would be sold at public auction and present an environmental threat to the reservoir located next to the parcel; and Whereas protection of the watershed for the reservoir is in the public interest; and

Whereas the Town authorized an appraisal of said property by a certified appraiser and said appraisal established a value of the property; and

Whereas the Town expressed interest to the County in acquiring this property because of its environmental significance in lying proximate to the reservoir amid concern that development could adversely impact the water quality of the reservoir; and

Whereas the property owner did not redeem the property in as required by Law and therefore said property was to be sold to the highest bidder; and

Whereas in the absence of the owner's redemption of the property and knowing of the town's interest in the property the County of Orange withdrew the property from the auction; and

Whereas on May 6th 2022 the county legislature has acknowledged the town's interest and agreed to accept the amount of \$106,500 from the Town for said parcel; and

Whereas the sum of \$106,500 is the approximate amount of the unpaid taxes on the parcel and below the appraised value of said parcel; and

Whereas the acquisition of 27 acres for these purposes is an Unlisted action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

Whereas the Town has sufficient funds in its reserves to fund the acquisition;

Now therefore be it resolved as follows:

1. This is an unlisted action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and this proposed action will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

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2. The Town of Tuxedo hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$106,500 payable to the Orange County commissioner finance for the purchase of tax map parcel 201- 1- 34.2 to preserve said property because of its environmental significance.

On a motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Lindsay, the resolution was adopted on a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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

2. Resolution to Re-allocate funds for Highway Department to pave Town roads

RESOLVED, On a motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Lindsay, that the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby approves re-allocating Highway Part-Town funds to be used for paving Town roads not to exceed \$150,000.00.

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

Presentation

Councilmember Deirdre Murphy and Tuxedo resident, Brenda Zuck, presented a strategy for marketing Tuxedo. The presentation is attached.

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Town/Village Consolidation update

Attorney Howard Protter has been in contact with Council from the State Comptroller's office with questions they have regarding the consolidation process of the Town and Village of Tuxedo. Their view is that the Village "disappeared" since the Town/Village continued operating as a Town. There are certain financial reports that are supposed to be filed, which the Town has not done. Attorney Protter suggested he have another conversation with their council to propose that the Town keep powers of preventing a pipeline since that is what was stated in the consolidation plan. He will update the Board at the next meeting.

Resolution Accepting Minutes

RESOLVED, Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember May to accept the Minutes of the Regular Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held on April 25th.

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

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VOUCHERS

RESOLVED, Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Lindsay, that the following vouchers, having been audited by the Town Board, are hereby approved for payment:

Claim numbers: 2012919973 through 2012920044

General Fund:	\$191,936.38
Part-Town Fund:	\$9,102.21
Highway Town Wide:	\$8,831.10
Highway Part Town	\$4,612.00
Hamlet Sewer District	\$95.00
Refuse and Garbage	\$0
Trust and Agency	\$9,273.50
Total Abstract Amount:	\$223,850.19

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

TOWN SUPERVISOR/TOWN BOARD UPDATE:

- Supervisor English said Police Chief Tamara Dreyer resigned on April 26th to be effective May 28th, 2022. She accepted a full-time position with another police department. The recruitment process for a replacement is expected to begin soon. The Orange County Clerk's Office notified Tuxedo that the April Mortgage Tax receipts were \$39,103.50. Tuxedo's reported receipts for 2022 total \$133,385.50. The American Rescue Plan Act report that documents how the town is using the \$304,614 federal award was filed on time. The money used to date were the completed water treatment system that has been installed at the Highway Department (\$32,000) that removes iron and manganese from the water making it both potable and usable for maintaining equipment without the damaging effects of these and other minerals. They also reported on the purchase of the Zoom Room equipment for Town Hall (\$52,127)

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which, when installed, will allow the Town to hold meetings that are virtually fully interactive two-way communication with the public remotely. Supply chain issues continue to delay the installation but the vendor expects delivery next week. The bid opening for the train station renovation project was today. One contractor submitted a bid for \$207,000. Special Town Board Workshops to discuss Tuxedo Farms have been scheduled for Thursday, May 19th, and Thursday, June 2nd from 5-8pm. These workshops will be held through the Town's WebEx portal.

- Deputy Supervisor Lindsay is working with the Building Department on how to convert microfiche to digital files. Building Inspector Dave Maikisch attended a webinar on battery storage for first responders. He will attend another webinar on solar permitting process. Deputy Lindsay will work with Deborah to update the Town's paperwork for solar permits. She is meeting with O&R to finalize the LED streetlight conversion. The Town Hall roof project began today
- Councilmember Reichgott announced a reminder about the Memorial Day parade, picnic and raffle. He cautioned pedestrians to walk on the side of the road facing traffic.
- Councilmember Murphy following up on the speed reduction request on Long Meadow Rd. She spoke with PIPSI director, Joshua Laird, about Eagle Lake. The dredging has stopped and beavers built another dam.
- Councilmember May reminded everyone that the school budget vote is coming up soon. She thanked Arias Cooper for their help with submitting reports for ARPA funds.

Monthly Reports

Supervisor English is in receipt of the following monthly reports:

- Justice Court
- Town Clerk

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Department Updates:

- Marisa Dollbaum, Town Clerk, said she has been working with Interstate Waste Services to help replace small toters because they keep falling in the truck. The Youth Fishing Derby is on Saturday, May 21st from 9-12pm. The ages to participate are 15 and younger. The bid opening for Community Choice Administrator is Monday, June 6th at 1pm. She thanked the Highway Department for planting flowers and shrubs at Town hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

- Councilmember Reichgott suggested a Ward System to better represent different areas of the Town. The other Town Board members agreed that it would be worth looking into. Attorney Protter will work on the next steps.
- Deputy Supervisor Lindsay suggested the Town Board prioritize action items and prepare topics for upcoming Town Board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED, Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marisa Dollbaum
Town Clerk
Town of Tuxedo