

Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Tuxedo
1 Temple Dr., Tuxedo, NY 10987
And via Zoom
July 10, 2023

Supervisor English called to order the Town Board Meeting of July 10, 2023 at 7:04pm.

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

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

Town Board Member Absent:	Ms. Deirdre Murphy	Councilmember
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Recording Secretary: Marisa Dollbaum Town Clerk

Other Town Officials Present:

Mr. Howard Protter, Town Attorney (via Zoom); Mr. Robert Dollbaum, Highway Superintendent; Mrs. Cary Alley, Bookkeeper, Mrs. Kathleen Rooney-Metcalf, Recreation Director

Commendation Awards

Councilmember May and Supervisor English presented a commendation award to Daisy Troop 40264 Members for donating their cookie sales to the Tuxedo Summer Camp Tuition Program

Retaj Aboushady	Charlie Evans
Phoebe Fuller	Arabella Hargroves
Athena Mammato	Isabella Humphrey
Abigail Clarke	Raina Mallek
Olivia Abrucci	Jocelyn Stearns
Virginia Potouridis	

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Public Comment(s) on Agenda Items

Resident Nick Balisteri asked why the highway garage floor was in need of repair. Deputy Supervisor Reichgott answered that the floor was installed around 20 years ago and is starting to erode. It needs to be resealed to help prevent further damage and will only require spot patching.

Agenda Item #1 – Resolution to accept Mary Harriman Grant

Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember May that the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby accepts the Mary & Kathleen Harriman Foundation Grant awarded to the Tuxedo Police Department in the amount of \$3,500.00.

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

Agenda Item #2 - Resolution to appoint full time Police Officer(s)

Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember Lindsay that the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby appoints Savino Citriniti as a full-time Police Officer starting at a salary of \$62,844 (Step 1).

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

Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Reichgott that the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby appoints Michael Tierney as a full-time Police Officer starting at a salary of \$73,342 (Step 3).

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

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Agenda Item #3 -

Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember May, that the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby approves the pay rate schedule for the Seasonal Summer Camp positions listed below:

Position	Hourly Wage
Recreation Aid	Current Minimum Wage plus 2.5% for each completed season of employment
Lifeguards	\$20.00 per hour plus 2.5% for each completed season of employment
Water Safety Instructor	\$25.00 per hour plus 2.5% for each completed season of employment
Medical Director	\$25.00 per hour plus 2.5% for each completed season of employment

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

Agenda Item #4 - Resolution to authorize bidding of Highway Garage Floor Rehabilitation project

Where is the town board is in receipt of a bid package for the rehabilitation of the highway garage floor as detailed in the engineer's specifications included in the proposed bid package; and whereas the town board is required by its procurement policy and by the NY State General Municipal Law to solicit competitive bids for the work; now therefore be it Resolved That the town board of Town Tuxedo here by invites bids for the highway garage floor rehabilitation project with a bid opening date of Friday, July 28, 2023 and directs the Town Clerk to post advertise and publish Notice thereof.

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Resolution to appoint 2023 Summer Camp employees

Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember May that the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby appoints the 2023 Summer Camp employees following Orange County Civil Service rules and NYS Guidelines to operate a summer camp. Their job titles, names and pay rates are listed below:

Juance	Casey	1520	Recreation Aide	Temp	\$14.20/hr.
Juance	Reginald	1520	Recreation Aide	Temp	\$14.20/hr.
Meyer	Zachary	19028	Lifeguard	Temp	\$20.00/hr.

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

Resolution to consider bid proposal for Ford F550 with dump/salter/plow

Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Reichgott that the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby accepts bid proposal for Ford F550 with dump/salter/plow submitted by Healy Brothers in the amount of \$91,082.50.

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

Department Updates:

- Kathleen Rooney-Metcalf, Recreation Director, said summer camp has been going well. They are adjusting to the use of the BeClutch app for communication with parents. A hotspot will be used to help with the lack of wifi at the school. They took 55 campers bowling for their first field trip last Friday. The next field trip is to the Castle Fun Center in Chester. The annual Fishing Derby was a success and 25 children participated. Councilmember May read her letter of thanks to the Watchtower for hosting the event.

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- Rob Dollbaum, Highway Superintendent, said they are cleaning drains and sweeping debris from the heavy rain over the weekend. There were no major repairs required in Tuxedo due to the storms. They continue to work on patching roads and screening materials at the dirt pile on Long Meadow Road.

DISCUSSION:

Short Term Rentals

The Town Board members have submitted their comments to Deputy Supervisor Reichgott from the initial draft of the local law. They continue to discuss potential additions and edits to the draft. A public workshop was suggested to have a meeting dedicated to this topic. The full discussion can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9c1BPLq8Fc>

Options for Town investments and updating current Town Investment Policy

Councilmember Lindsay researched various options to invest Town funds, such as Treasury Bills, CD's, and joining NYCLASS (NY Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System). Attorney Protter advised looking into Treasury Direct, which has additional options for investments. Councilmember Lindsay recommends focusing on CD's for the time being.

The Town Supervisor has the authority to make investments following state guidelines according to the Town's current investment policy. Attorney Protter shared a draft on investment policy and management guide for the Board to review. An updated draft of an investment policy will be shared with the Board to consider. The full discussion can be viewed here:

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TOWN SUPERVISOR/TOWN BOARD UPDATE:

- Town Supervisor English said two of the full-time Police Officer candidates are in the final hiring stages. An additional candidate, Savino Citriniti, has been hired and was appointed earlier in this meeting. He will start on Monday, July 31st. Six seasonal Traffic Agents have been added to the Tuxedo Municipal Civil Service roster. Candidates are being identified and screened by OC Human Resources. These agents will work directly for Tuxedo PD to improve traffic control on Rt. 17A, Long Meadow Road, Bramertown Road, and any intersection or location that our Police Supervisors identify. All expenses related to this detail will be covered under our contract with Ren Fair Entertainment. A contract has been awarded to TAM Enterprises, of Goshen for the Train Station repairs. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 13th. This project will restore the iconic building to its 2009 renovated magnificence. Site visits to Augusta Properties (Orange Top and adjacent office), Karlyn Realty (warehouse building), and Tuxedo Historical Society (old Chase Bank building), were conducted on Tuesday, June 27th. It was determined that all three are making progress and met the criteria for receiving the second grant disbursement. The Town of Tuxedo's Checking Accounts are in the process of being converted to interest bearing accounts yielding 2.3% interest. This will be effective August 1, 2023. He toured several neighborhoods in Tuxedo today and found the Highway Department diligently cleaning storm drains to remove debris and obstructions after the storms over the weekend. He checked in with several residents in the Hamlet and East Village and all reported minor problems. The new sewer plant received a flow that far exceeded the normal expectations. Efforts continue to identify a contractor who specializes in the relining of the sewer lines and manholes that feed the new sewer plant. Three companies are being considered who have the necessary experience and equipment needed to restore our century old system that is made up of a variety of pipe widths and materials.
- Councilmember Lindsay met with Senator Skoufis and Councilmember Murphy. They discussed the MTA plan for a streetlight crossing at Route 17 and East Village Road. A meeting with the MTA was held on July 8th and input from the Board will be shared with the MTA. A revised plan will be presented to the Town at a future Town Board meeting. They shared the idea of incorporating a Pocket Park between the railroad and Route 17, north of the train station. They plan to meet with landscape architects who design public spaces for initial ideas that can be incorporated into the MTA plan. They will present those ideas along with MTA plan at a future Town Board meeting. She is attending a NYSDOT meeting with Councilmember Murphy and Highway Superintendent Dollbaum to discuss a road diet, complete Streets, sidewalks and a crosswalk at Hospital Road. She

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has reached out to the Tuxedo Park Library, the Ambulance Corps, the Lordae Group, Tuxedo Hudson and Reggie Bar to submit applications for Tuxedo LDC grants. She reached out to the LDC Board to think of ways to engage business owners in small projects to beautify the Hamlet Business District. Small projects could include exterior painting and new awnings with a coordinated look.

MINUTES

Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember May to accept the Minutes of the Regular Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held on June 26, 2023.

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

VOUCHERS

Below are the vouchers totaling \$5000 or greater

2012921805	Michael J. Hammett	\$8,200.00	Install Clack Metered Tannon System
2012921810	Fleet Pride	\$1,404.98	Shop Tools
2012921830	Gorman Brothers	\$388,217.48	Paving- Laurel Ridge
2012921833	IBEW Local 363 Welfare Fund	\$13,440.00	Highway Health- July 2023
2012921837	Mercedes-Benz Financial Services USA LLC	\$28,057.73	Freightliner Payment #2/7
2012921847	Environmental Consultants	\$6,738.40	Monthly Maintenance of old sewer plant
2012921849	Office of the State Comptroller	\$33,107.00	Court Fines and Fees May 2023
2012921851	Orange & Rockland	\$10,673.97	Highway Electric Dec-May 2023
2012921861	Healey Brothers	\$91,082.50	Purchase of F550

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

Claim numbers: 2012921805 through 2012921865

General Fund:	\$82,807.71
Part-Town Fund:	\$42,615.00
Highway Town Wide:	\$131,077.52
Highway Part Town	\$402,547.40
Hamlet Sewer District	\$6,738.40
Refuse and Garbage Disposal	\$0
Trust and Agency	\$0
<u>Total Abstract Amount:</u>	\$665,786.03

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Email from resident Evelyn David – “I suggest placing a stream gauge in the Ramapo possibly at the waste management building or attached to the bridge piling the river. I sent you data of last night’s rainfall showing the Ramapo in Suffern. Tuxedo is not on the grid and there is no information for you or the public when big events occur. The one used by the Ramapo in Suffern (also called Mahwah in Suffern) is USGS01387450. USGS can be contacted at 1-888-ASKUSGS. Maybe the Gov will pay for it as Tuxedo is not in the grid, ie; no data available for the Town of Tuxedo.”

<https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?gage=sufn6&wfo=okx>

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ADJOURNMENT

On a Motion made by Supervisor English seconded by Councilmember Lindsay, the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo adjourned the meeting at 10:20pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Dollbaum

Marisa Dollbaum
Town Clerk
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