

**Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Tuxedo
Via WebEx
September 12, 2022**

Supervisor English called to order the Town Board Meeting of September 12, 2022 at 7:01pm.

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

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| 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

Agenda Items:

1. 2022-23 Tax Certiorari Proceedings

WHEREAS, the following tax certiorari proceeding has been commenced against the Town of Tuxedo to contest the 2022-23 assessment roll:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Index No.</u> |
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| The Tuxedo Club, Inc. | EF003633-2022 |
| Martin Friedman | EF004063-2022 |
| Tuxedo NY LLC | EF003890-2022 |
| Karen & Said Haidar | EF004108-2022 |
| Genesis Real Estate | EF004111-2022 |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo, Orange County, New York, that the law firm of Jacobowitz and Gubits, LLP, is hereby authorized to defend the Town in the above-mentioned cases.

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On a motion by Supervisor English seconded by Councilmember May, the foregoing resolution was adopted on a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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

2. Resolution to Appoint Police Chief

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the office of Chief of Police and the Town Board, following interviews and compliance with the requirements of the New York Civil Service laws and regulations, desires to fill the position;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that John Trazino be and hereby is appointed to the position of Chief of Police of the Town of Tuxedo Police Department (Civil Service Title #1470) with a starting salary of \$35,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that his compensation and benefits shall be in accordance with the existing Town of Tuxedo Employment Handbook for non-union employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said appointment is subject to the probationary period set forth in the Civil Service Law.

On a motion by Supervisor English seconded by Councilmember May, the foregoing resolution was adopted on a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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| ON ROLL-CALL VOTE; | Supervisor: | Kenneth English | Aye |
| | Deputy Supervisor: | Michele Lindsay | Aye |
| | Councilmember: | Maria May | Aye |
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3. Resolution to Appoint Part-Time Police Officers

RESOLVED, Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to appoint Eric Tursi as a part time Police Officer (Civil Service Title #1475) at the rate of \$31.62 per hour effective immediately.

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

RESOLVED, Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to appoint Kyle Conklin as a part time Police Officer (Civil Service Title #1475) at the rate of \$31.62 per hour effective immediately.

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

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4. Resolution to approve Field Use Application – Powerhouse Park

RESOLVED, On a Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember Reichgott, the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby approves the permit application submitted by Kim Levinsky & Don Weise to utilize the Powerhouse Park on Saturday, October 15, 2022 for the use of a Trail Race.

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

Supervisor English is in receipt of the following monthly reports:

- Building Department
- Justice Court
- Police Department
- Town Clerk

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TOWN SUPERVISOR/TOWN BOARD UPDATE:

- Supervisor English said the Town Board continues to work on the Special Permit for Tuxedo Farms.
- Deputy Supervisor Lindsay met with Sean Hoffman, Town Engineer, and Eleanor Peck, Clean Energy Communities Coordinator at Hudson Valley Regional Council to get more information on NYSEERDA programs. There are action items the Town can take to help earn certification to become a Clean Energy Committee that she will bring up in New Business.
- Councilmember Reichgott said Executive Order 11.9 was not renewed by Governor Hochul, so the ability to hold fully remote meetings has ended. Family Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 8th. There will be an apple pie contest this year. He is working on a local law for food trucks with Town Attorney Protter and circulated the draft to the Town Board for their review.
- Councilmember Murphy is working on the Plein Air Event. The artist's reception is Friday, October 1st at the Tuxedo Train Station. Heather Bullard is catering the event and Tuxedo Wine & Liquor will provide drinks. The artwork will be displayed for viewing on Saturday and Sunday. There will be a silent auction of 5x7 paintings starting at \$35.00. She is also working with Deputy Supervisor Lindsay to apply for grants.

Department Updates:

- Marisa Dollbaum, Town Clerk, said the Video Conferencing Policy Local Law #4 of 2022 was filed with the Department of State. She said school taxes are due without penalty by September 30th. Payments are collected by either Monroe Woodbury or Tuxedo Union Free School District. Links to pay online are posted on the Town's website. She is working with Councilmember Murphy to utilize the subscribe to e-alerts function on the Town's website to allow users to sign up for content they wish to receive.

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MINUTES

RESOLVED, Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember Murphy to accept the Minutes of the Regular Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held on August 22, 2022.

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

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: 2012920497 through 2012920584

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| General Fund: | \$305,968.57 |
| Part-Town Fund: | \$48,568.71 |
| Highway Town Wide: | \$7,961.10 |
| Highway Part Town | \$154,918.01 |
| Hamlet Sewer District | \$9,451.52 |
| Trust and Agency | \$19,118.50 |
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| Total Abstract Amount: | \$545,986.41 |

ON ROLL-CALL VOTE; Supervisor: Kenneth English Aye
 Deputy Supervisor: Michele Lindsay Aye
 Councilmember: Maria May Aye
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Resident Evelyn David asked if she can call into Zoom and she was told that yes, a phone number would be provided to call in.

- Resident Irene Denaro thanked Supervisor English and the Town Board for renovating Tichy Field.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Resolution to accept contract with Joule Assets to be the aggregation administrator for electricity supply and community solar**

RESOLVED, Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Lindsay, seconded by Councilmember May, that the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby accepts the contract with Joule Assets to be the aggregation administrator for electricity supply and community solar and authorize Supervisor English to execute the agreement.

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

2. **Resolution to approve Jacobowitz and Gubits to prepare draft local law for Unified Solar Permit**

RESOLVED, Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Lindsay, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo hereby authorizes Jacobowitz and Gubits to prepare a draft of a Unified Solar Permit for the Town Board to review.

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3. Resolution to allow Supervisor English to send a letter of commitment

RESOLVED, Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember Reichgott, that the Town Board hereby approves Supervisor English to sign a letter of commitment to undertake a government operations greenhouse gas inventory and climate action plan pending review from Town Attorney Protter.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED, Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember May to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marisa Dollbaum
Town Clerk
Town of Tuxedo