

**Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Tuxedo
October 13, 2021**

The Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Tuxedo was held on Wednesday, October 13th, at the Tuxedo Town Hall, One Temple Drive, Tuxedo, New York, and via Webex and called to order by Supervisor English at 6:34pm.

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
	Mr. David McMillen	Councilmember

Town Board Member Absent: None

Recording Secretary: Marisa Dollbaum Town Clerk

Other Town Officials Present:

Howard Protter, Town Attorney; Robert Dollbaum, Highway Superintendent; John Banyo, Planning Board Chairman; Deirdre Murphy, Planning Board Member; William Lemanski, Planning Board Member; Russ Shaver, Planning Board Member; Bonnie Franson, Town Planner

Public Hearing – Preservation of Fire District

Notice of Public Hearing having been posted, distributed by electronic mail and published on the Town website, and proof of publication of notice in the *Times Herald Record* having been furnished, a Public Hearing regarding “Preservation of Fire District” was held before the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 and called to order by Supervisor English, seconded by Deputy Supervisor at 6:37pm.

Town Attorney Protter explained that this Local Law was necessary with the new Town/Village forming as of January 1, 2021 so the Joint Fire District can operate without any changes.

There were no public comments.

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Motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember May, that all persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Public Hearing regarding “Preservation of Fire District” be closed at 6:43pm.

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

**TOWN OF TUXEDO
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
Preservation of Fire District**

WHEREAS, an introductory Local Law, entitled “Preservation of Fire District” was introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo on August 23, 2021, and upon notice duly published and posted, a hearing was held on October 13, 2021, before the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, public discussion was heard at such hearing concerning the merits and environmental significance of said introductory local law,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the adoption of the introductory Local Law entitled “Preservation of Fire District” is hereby determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and therefore is not subject to SEQRA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the introductory Local Law entitled “Preservation of Fire District” of the Town of Tuxedo be and hereby is adopted as Local Law # 4 of 2021 of the Town of Tuxedo on October 13, 2021.

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

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Presentation – Sean Hoffman, Town Engineer

Sean Hoffman discussed the municipal sewer plant located on Contractors Road. The DEC inspected the plant in March and July of this year. An unsatisfactory rating was given at the last inspection. Mr. Hoffman explained that the sewer plant is over seventy years old and at the end of its useful life.

Supervisor English pointed out the areas of the plant that have issues and explained why it is important to get connected to the new sewer plant built by the Related Company. The existing plant serves approximately 260 homes and businesses located in the Hamlet, East Village and Tuxedo Park. The new sewer plant is 95% complete and it is the best option for the Town to get connected as soon as possible.

Presentation – Tuxedo Farms

Supervisor English stated the proposal recently submitted by Related is in the beginning stages. The Town Board received written comments and questions and they are in the process of identifying concerns and finding answers. He said there is no set time frame for responding and the Board will take their time to do the proper research involved.

Deputy Supervisor Lindsay thanked residents for attending the meeting and submitting thoughtful feedback. She also thanked Related for their renewed interest. She mentioned the advantages of wanting to build in Tuxedo such as the historical architecture and having a train station downtown.

Councilmember McMillen said he supports this project and in the past there has been a lot of resistance. He hopes that there will be more support going forward and everyone will open to the needs of the community.

Councilmember May said that she is excited that Related is ready to move the project forward. She feels that the development would attract families. She said a concern is the potential impact on traffic.

Councilmember Reichgott said he is in favor of the project. There have been changes made to the special permit, but he does not feel the need for a full revision of the environmental impact study. He does want to see traffic, water supply, and sewage plant capacity revisited. The TF project includes the “LIO Parcel” at the intersection of Long Meadow and Warwick Brook roads. In previous versions of the Special Permit, a PILOT agreement was in place for this area. In more recent proposed revisions, the PILOT was removed in favor of “gifting” the land to the Town. In the latest proposed revision all arrangements regarding the parcel have been removed. This needs to be further reviewed and resolved prior to the revised Special Permit being approved. He would also like to see what the potential impacts will be on the Tuxedo Union Free School District.

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Greg Gushee from The Related Company gave another presentation clarifying some of the questions and comments received in writing submitted by residents.

The presentation is attached to the minutes.

Agenda Item #1

Budget Modifications - Tabled

Supervisor English is in receipt of the following monthly reports:

- Dog Control Officer
- Justice Court
- Town Clerk

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Robert Dollbaum, Highway Superintendent, said leaf pick up will begin on Monday, October 18th and go through December 15th or until the first snow fall. Leaves must be bagged after December 15th and can be left at curbside for pick up. Quarry Field has mulch and compost available for residents to take. Road side cutting will continue, which will help with drainage. The screening of material is finished for the year at the rock pile on Long Meadow Rd. He said milling of Route 17 in Sloatsburg has started and after that is complete the road will be paved.
- Marisa Dollbaum, Town Clerk, said beginning October 24th all phone numbers will need to use 10 digits to dial since with the implementation of the national suicide hotline going into effect. Early voting begins Saturday, October 23rd at 10am. There are seven locations open to all Orange County residents. Monroe and Warwick are the closer locations. The dates, times and locations are posted on the Town's website. Also on the website is information for the General Election on Tuesday, November 2nd including voter registration look up and absentee ballot information. She gave a reminder that hunting season has begun and licenses can be obtained in her office. She recently passed her notary exam and stated once she is licensed that Town Hall will have three notaries available to residents.

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Town Board Updates

- Deputy Supervisor Michele Lindsay said the money for the SAM grant that the Town was awarded has been released. The money will be used towards the Town Hall roof repair.

Minutes

RESOLVED, Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Lindsay, seconded by Councilmember Reichgott to accept the Minutes of the Regular Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held on September 27th.

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

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VOUCHERS

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

Claim numbers: 2012919090 through 2012919151

General Fund :	\$75,503.45
Part-Town Fund:	\$10,278.23
Highway Town Wide :	\$33,337.46
Highway Part Town	\$3,757.47
Refuse and Garbage Disposal	\$30,356.24
Hamlet Sewer District	\$425.00
Total Abstract Amount:	\$153,666.85

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Resident Jerry Mottola asked Deputy Supervisor Lindsay if there was an update regarding the Town purchasing an area near the Post Office for parking. Deputy Supervisor Lindsay said that the Town is not in a financial position right now to enter into a lease agreement.
- Resident Greg Beard advised the Board to take their time negotiating with Related and suggested hiring specialists to help with the process.

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ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED, motion made by Supervisor English seconded by Councilmember McMillen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Marisa Dollbaum
Town Clerk
Town of Tuxedo