

**Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Tuxedo Town Board
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The Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Tuxedo was held on Monday, July 13, 2020 via WebEx, and called to order by Supervisor English at 7:05pm.

A recording of the meeting will be available on the Tuxedo YouTube site.

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

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

Town Board Members Absent: None

Other Town Officials Present:

Ms. Marissa Weiss, Esq. Robert Dollbaum, Superintendent of Highway; Mr. John Banyo, Planning Board; Mr. Brian Sullivan, Account Clerk; Lt. John Norton, Tuxedo PD

Recording Secretary: Donna Matthews Town Clerk

Minutes:

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RESOLVED, motion made by Supervisor English seconded by Councilmember May to accept the minutes of the regular by-monthly Town Board Meeting held via WebEx on June 22, 2020.

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

Monthly Reports:

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Supervisor English acknowledged receiving reports for the month of June from the Police Department, Justice Department and the Town Clerk.

Town Supervisor / Town Board update:

Supervisor Update

The Supervisor said the Town is still under a consent order from the DEC at the Highway site. This consent order has been in place for at least 10 years. The Town can potentially get fined \$3,000.00 a day for non-compliance. The Supervisor stated that the Town set aside \$250,000. Larry Ricci has been assigned as the new site monitor. Highway Superintendent Dollbaum has rented equipment and has dedicated 2 of his employees to star the screening operation. This process will be done for the next 3 or 4 months. They will be sifting the dirt pile separating out all contaminants. He stated that no contaminated soil will leave the property. Deputy Supervisor Lindsay gave a hats off to the Highway Department; she had visited the site and stated what a huge job this is. Supervisor English also gave a hats off to the Team. The Supervisor stated the next big item is the sewer plant. The new plant needs to be brought online. Councilmember Reichgott said existing plant is basically on its "last legs" since it is at least 100 years old. It does not meet with modern standards. Supervisor English stated he will be meeting on July 15th with representatives from Related to discuss the process. He is hoping to get an update on their plans for the Tuxedo Farms property. Supervisor English stated that RFP's have been sent out for the Town Garbage collection and for a cleaning company that will be going to the Town Hall, Police Department, the Train Station, Murphy Field in Eagle Valley and the Highway Department. Supervisor English said that we are now in Phase 4 of the Covid remediation, and are getting ready to open the Town Hall to the public. He commented how the staff had responded well and that no complaints have been received in regards to residents trying to do business. Councilmember McMillen said he negotiated a wireless upgrade with Optimum for the Town Hall. Deputy Supervisor Lindsay spoke about the Census saying how important it is for everyone to be counted, this way the Town would be eligible to receive all the money they can. The current deadline is mid-August. She went on to say

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there were many expressions of support from various elected officials on Moving Tuxedo Forward. She will be setting up another meeting soon. She noted that the Village of Tuxedo Park voted to become a climate smart community. It is her hope that there are projects the Town and the Village will be sharing services with. Councilmember May has been working on finalizing the Town's new website.

Items for Discussion:

- Welcome to Tuxedo Signs - The Welcome to Tuxedo sign at the south end of town was damaged by the construction crew working on the Sloatsburg roads. Highway Superintendent Dollbaum and his crew will fix it.
- Movie Night - There will be a movie night at Power house Park on July 22 weather permitting. Rain date will be Thursday July 23. This event was organized by the Tuxedo Recreation Department and the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Committee with the Economic Development Council.
- Survey - The Board talked about responses to a survey that Bonnie Franson, Town Planner had given them so she can schedule further workshops that are needed.
- The Board scheduled a Zoning Workshop for July 29th at 7:00pm.

Agenda Items:

1. Schedule dates to hold a Public Hearing to consider improvements to Powerhouse Playground - CDBG

2. Resolution to accept sign permit form Southfields Equities, LLC:

After reviewing Town Code it decided that as long as the "for sale" sign does not exceed 6 square feet it can be displayed without a permit. The sign must be taken down right after the sale is complete

3. Resolution Settling Tax Certiorari:

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Tuxedo, County of Orange, State of New York, held at Town Hall in said Town on the 13th day of July, 2020;

WHEREAS, HUME R. STEYER, AS EXECUTOR and THE ESTATE OF H. ALEXANDER SALM, has commenced a tax certiorari proceeding against the Town of Tuxedo in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Orange for the 2019-20 tax assessment year bearing Orange County Index # EP005314-2019;

WHEREAS, it appears from the recommendation of the Town Assessor and Kara J. Cavallo, Esq., of Jacobowitz and Gubits, counsel for the Town of Tuxedo in the aforesaid proceedings, upon a thorough investigation of the claims that further proceedings and litigation by the Town would involve considerable expense with the attendant uncertainty of the outcome and that the settlement of the above matter as more fully set forth below is reasonable and in the best interests of the Town; and

WHEREAS, HUME R. STEYER, AS EXECUTOR and THE ESTATE OF H. ALEXANDER SALM, is willing to settle these proceedings without interest, costs or disbursement, in the following manner;

(1) That the proceeding for the 2019-20 tax year be compromised and settled by the assessment being reduced from \$500,000 to a total assessment of \$244,112 for tax map no.

107-1-14.2;

(2) That the proceeding for the 2019-20 tax year be compromised and settled by the assessment being increased from \$14,800 to a total assessment of \$78,612 for tax map no.

107-1-13;

(3) That the proceeding for the 2019-20 tax year be compromised and settled by the assessment being reduced from \$3,800 to a total assessment of \$2,482 for tax map no.

107-1-14.1;

(4) That the proceeding for the 2019-20 tax year be compromised and settled by the assessment being increased from \$4,500 to a total assessment of \$4,965 for tax map no.

107-1-12.22;

(5) That petitioner(s) real property taxes for the 2019-20 School taxes and the 2020 County and Town taxes be adjusted accordingly and that petitioner(s) be reimbursed for any overpayment without interest, if paid within sixty (60) days of notice of entry, or be credited with the corresponding decrease in taxes, as the case may be;

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NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the proposed settlement as set forth and described above is hereby accepted pursuant to § 68 of the Town Law, and it is further;

RESOLVED, that Jim Davies, Assessor of the Town of Tuxedo and Kara J. Cavallo, Esq. on behalf of Jacobowitz and Gubits, LLP be and they hereby are designated as the officers of the Town who shall apply for such approval pursuant to the aforesaid section and law and be it further;

On a motion by Deputy Supervisor Lindsay, seconded by Councilperson Reichgott, the foregoing resolution was adopted to a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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

4. Resolution Fair Housing:

5. Resolution to schedule Public Hearing on the CFA Grant:

RESOLVED, motion made by Deputy Supervisor Lindsay, seconded by Councilmember May that the Town Board will schedule a Public Hearing to be held on July 20th at 7:00 pm to review the CFA Grant.

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

Other Business:

Supervisor English announced that The Town Auditor, Andrew Arias, will be giving a presentation on the 2019 Town Audit on Monday June 20th at 7:00pm via WebEx.

Public Comments:

Resident Jerry Mottola said there was a lot of dirt piled up on the sewer property. He asked if the Town was going to have Mr. Demarino to remove it. Supervisor English said yes. He also mentioned that the speed limit sign on Route 17 was covered with brush and leaves again and no one can read it. Highway Superintendent Dollbaum said David Dupont emailed him that brush was trimmed back so the sign is visible again.

VOUCHERS

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

Claim Numbers 2012917000 through 2012917087

General Fund :	\$ 163,670.48
Part-Town Fund:	50,451.18
Highway Town Wide :	13,330.00
Highway Part Town:	24,863.46
Refuse and Garbage Disposal:	22,463.25
Hamlet Sewer District:	6,773.47
Trust and Agency:	36,726.13
Total Abstract Amount:	\$ 318,277.97

**CFA Grant Public
Hearing**

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ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLVED, motion made by Supervisor English, seconded by Councilmember McMillen to adjourn Regular Town Board meeting at 9:37pm.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,



Donna Matthews
Town Clerk
Town of Tuxedo

Adjournment