

**VILLAGE OF TIVOLI BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2019**

A meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on January 16, 2019 at the Historic Watts DePeyster Hall, Tivoli, NY. Mayor Griffith opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Griffith, Deputy Mayor Majer, Trustee Ezrati, Trustee Schneider, and Trustee Murphy, Attorney Chale

Media: PANDA TV

Public: Claudio Guazzoni, Phyllis Palmer, and John Corcoran

The Mayor asked all present at the meeting to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk's report included:

- Sale of 361 trash tags
- Two payrolls were processed
- Village Clerk's Office will be closed Monday, January 21, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King Day
- Deputy Clerk attended one Planning Board Workshop
- Happy to report I was able to put the new title of Marriage Officer to good use by conducting a ceremony after the holidays

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Majer, seconded by Trustee Murphy, the minutes of the December 19 Regular Meeting were approved, all in favor.

On a motion by Trustee Schneider, and seconded by Trustee Ezrati, the Treasurer's Report for Abstract #8 totaling \$48,624.60 was approved. Trustee Murphy moved that the bills be paid for the abstract as presented and Trustee Ezrati seconded the motion, all in favor.

Zoning Report

Trustee Ezrati presented the Zoning Report which was provided by John Fenton, Building Inspector, and Zoning Enforcement Officer; Building Permits, Inspections, and Violations were addressed.

Mayor Griffith summarized the agenda and opened the meeting for public comments on agenda items only, no comments.

The next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Historic Watts dePeyster Hall. The workshop will be held at 6:00pm before the meeting.

RESOLUTION #67; Approving Budget Modifications, motion made by Deputy Mayor Majer, seconded by Trustee Schneider; all in favor.

RESOLUTION #68; Authorizing an Amendment to T & B Engineering, P.C. Agreement for Professional Services to Include Additional Services in Support of Water System Improvements; motion made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Schneider; all in favor.

Deputy Mayor Majer and Trustee Ezrati commented on the resolution. Deputy Mayor Majer was impressed with the requirements, and Trustee Ezrati spoke about the visual impacts, and the disposal of the existing tank. She also touched upon the topic of the Landscape Consultant, and how residents will be able to be a part of which screening is chosen.

RESOLUTION #69; Authorizing the Engagement of Kerri L. Yamashita, Esq. as Special Prosecutor for the Village of Tivoli, motion made by Trustee Schneider, seconded by Deputy Mayor Majer; all in favor.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Ezrati

Trustee Ezrati read the water/sewer report.

Water/Sewer:

Well Report

Water Quality Report

- Two water samples taken each month
- No violations
- Testing every month
- Two different locations are tested monthly; water quality met standards

Trustee Schneider

Court Report prepared by Court Clerk McGarry was read: \$1,318.00 was collected and remitted to the Office of the State Comptroller.

Trustee Murphy

Deputy Mayor Majer

See Attached

As always, do visit the Tivoli Free Library Website, so many wonderful programs are always being offered.

Mayor Griffith

Recently there were vandals again in the park. This behavior and how it defaces property is wasteful.

Tivoli On Ice will be finished any day now. It will be a 70' X 80' ice rink, and lights will be going up.

Save The Date: the weekend of August 17, the Fire Department Centennial will be taking place.

You may recall talk of a Compost Grant with bins not long ago. Now, out of 7 states, Tivoli has won a grant and will be included in receiving Swedish Composters. This will be located behind the Community Garden, and eventually this will be open to all residents in order for folks to compost for themselves.

Tuesday, January 29, 2019, the Department of State and Amtrak will be meeting regarding fencing and gating. This will take place at Palatine Park Community Center; 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Discussion will be on river access, and most of you will recall this is quite important to kayakers and striper fishermen.

Public Comment

Claudio Guazzoni, owner of 84 North Road, the old Singer House, spoke about the demolition of the house. It is in the hands of a lawyer, and an asbestos inspection will be completed. The removal of asbestos, along with rodents, will take place. Prior to this there will be an inspection, which will be a 10-day process to receive tests back. There will be 13-14 containers, and the structure will be taken down.

Phyllis Palmer asked to talk about recycling. She raised concern about “wipes” which are flushed down toilets, and the fragility of the sewage system. She also spoke of how grease can congeal and believes this can create huge issues with the system and cause sewer back-ups.

She spoke about a Solar Garden, and how she believes this could be a great idea for Tivoli. People can buy a panel, and as it progresses, there could be a field full of solar panels. She would like for residents to participate in a Solar Garden for Tivoli, and would like to develop steps which could be used to complete the garden. She mentioned in Rhinebeck there was a private company which dealt with this. Trustee Schneider spoke of a forum in Ulster County. She is open to revisiting the municipal facility and the option of solar, and feels it is an opportunity for those who cannot support ground or otherwise mounted panels. A Community Solar Program was discussed, and how residents could “sell” when leaving; this is a flexible program. She feels it a good solution, and believes it should be potentially investigated. She went on to say it is fair, and asked residents to be open minded.

Mayor Griffith mentioned the firehouse would be a good place for panels upon the expansion of the firehouse. Rhinebeck passed municipal solar “greening” their town however, it was a long and difficult process.

Supervisor Spinzia, Rhinebeck, and the Board of the Town of Red Hook just issued an RFP for a Solar Program.

Being in a landmark district, and by contacting Central Hudson, Trustee Schneider said she can find additional information.

Phyllis Palmer, Mayor Griffith spoke of the future of the trash program, and the board will be taking a look at and assess what the impact could be. A discussion was held on whether the Village can handle the present program, and whether it can be made more attractive. Presently there are 3-4 private haulers that come into the village for trash pick up. They are here due to residents who do not opt in to Tivoli's pick up. DPW has to pick up all trash and recycled materials. Mayor Griffith is looking to engage with a commercial hauler eventually. The Board has had conversations on this topic, and one point made was that big cans give little incentive to recycle. This will be a public conversation in the future. Other communities have gotten out of the garbage business, and all residents' participate as a whole. Rhinebeck has a similar/close model to this, where there is a flat fee to a hauler. This can potentially be what it comes to. We may have to engage with a hauler to pick up from all residents.

For aesthetic reasons, John Corcoran is opposed to seeing trash cans each and every day street side.

Trustee Schneider mentioned the board has taken steps so cans are not visible all week long, and tickets have been issued where cans have been left out all week. The importance of getting the cans taken away from the street was discussed.

Points to be discussed when determining whether to engage with a hauler are days used for trash pick up by DPW, the potential hazards, and the haulage fees in connection with the sale of tags.

Trustee Schneider feels it is good timing when thinking about the composting grant.

This will be a large community conversation, and transient residents will have to be taken into consideration.

Trustee Ezrati mentioned a Hannaford deposit program for returned cans where money is spent on hygiene items. And, spoke of a collection box for bottles.

Phyllis Palmer asked about Bard students, and what is the protocol for orienting students. Mayor Griffith provided insight as to how he had just rewritten a page in the Renter's Handbook, and a section of it was on trash. This is a challenge, and many cans are left out each week at rental homes. Phyllis asked if students comply, and a short discussion was completed.

Mayor Griffith once again mentioned that there will be a discussion on what residents want, and the board will run the numbers. John Corcoran touched upon it being difficult to legislate trash pick up, Trustee Murphy mentioned the board could educate residents on pick up.

Mayor Griffith mentioned he is glad many are aware of the issue, and this will need to be a collective enterprise.

Deputy Mayor Majer did mention the fact that trash would build up in areas. Mayor Griffith discussed that the convenience of being able to throw everything away is appealing to many residents.

Trustee Schneider brought up the point of finding a convenient way to simplify the process.

Mayor Griffith discussed running the numbers to be able to compare a hauler to the trash tag program. Phyllis Palmer asked if the board could circulate the topic through board meetings, and gather interest somehow. Trustee Schneider feels engagement and interest will be high.

Mayor Griffith and John Corcoran discussed handicapped accessibility; and John Corcoran believes there could be much improvement in this area. Mayor Griffith discussed the new sidewalks that have been completed, and the upcoming projects for same. Phyllis Palmer mentioned wheel chair accessibility improvements to restaurants and storefronts. It is believed Bob Zises has a metal ramp for wheelchair access. It was discussed that restaurants and businesses should be persuaded to address accessibility.

Mayor Griffith thanked everyone present for their comments.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Majer and seconded by Trustee Schneider, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM, in memory of Herb Mead. Herb was a member of the fire department, and was Mayor from 1975-1979; the meeting is adjourned in memory of his service and giving; condolences go to the family; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Bruno
Village Clerk

Trustee Report
January 16, 2019

Soup Night at the Elmendorph
January 26, 2019
Saturday, Jan. 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors at the cozy historic Elmendorph Inn – featuring a variety of tasty homemade soups, bread and salad and live music by Duality (Red Hook's own Jay Trappe and Jack DiPietro). Tickets at the door \$10, \$6 children 10 and under. 7562 North Broadway.

Life Along the Hudson
February 10, 2019
Sunday, Feb. 10, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Life Along the Hudson: The Historic Country Estates of the Livingston Family is Pieter Estersohn's most recent book. An acclaimed photographer of architecture and interiors, Estersohn's work appears frequently in major shelter magazines, including Architectural Digest. This book features three dozen country homes, many overlooking the Hudson River, and offering some of the finest examples of American architecture and landscape design. Constructed on land owned by the influential Livingston family, who settled in the area in the late 17th century, many have been restored to their former splendor by the original owners' descendants as well as recent leaders of New York City industry and the arts. In this talk, Pieter, who owns a home in Red Hook, will focus on those estates that fall within the boundaries of our Town. Books will be available for autographs and purchase. Free and open to the public. Refreshments follow the program.

The Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program was developed in order to further support Hannaford's values by making it easy for our customers to contribute to their local community and support the environment.

The program offers specially designed reusable bags supporting local non-profits throughout New England and NY in the communities where Hannaford serves.

And with store leadership choosing non-profits to benefit each month, the positive impact of bag sales has reached over 3000 causes!

This reusable Community Bag focuses on local non-profits in the areas of education, civic and health & wellness.

Every time you purchase the Community Bag at \$2.50, Hannaford donates \$1 to the benefiting non-profit for that month!