

**VILLAGE OF TIVOLI BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
November 18, 2020**

A meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on November 18, 2020 at the Historic Watts DePeyster Hall, Tivoli, NY. Deputy Mayor Majer opened the regular meeting at 7:01 PM.

Present: Deputy Mayor Majer, Trustee Ezrati, Trustee Cole, Trustee Schneider

Media: PANDA TV

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

The Clerk's report included:

- Sale of 415 trash tags
- Two payrolls were processed
- Deputy Clerk continues to hold meetings for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, however does continue to work remotely, as well.
- The Village Clerk's Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27, 2020 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday; With that in mind, we wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving

On a motion by Trustee Schneider, seconded by Trustee Cole, the October 21 regular meeting minutes, were approved, all in favor.

On a motion by Trustee Ezrati, and seconded by Trustee Cole, the Treasurer's Report for Abstract # totaling \$50,825.69 was approved. Trustee Schneider moved that the bills be paid for the abstract as presented and Trustee Ezrati seconded the motion, all in favor.

Zoning Report

A Zoning Report was provided by John Fenton, and Trustee Ezrati read through the particulars of recent search requests, tickets, and violations.

Deputy Mayor Majer summarized the agenda and opened the meeting for public comments on agenda items only; there was no comment.

On a motion made by Trustee Cole, seconded by Trustee Schneider, the Return of the Tax Roll to Dutchess County was approved; all in favor.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Ezrati

Trustee Ezrati provided an update on the Tivoli Solid Waste Committee. They are in the process of completing a thorough survey regarding who uses village pick up for trash, versus who uses private haulers, and they are making the comparison as to how single families versus the businesses handle their trash. They will be also looking into how many rid themselves of their yard waste, and a report will be prepared and presented to the Village Board.

Trustee Schneider

Court Report: Trustee Schneider read the contents of the report which was provided by Court Clerk McGarry; \$678.00 was remitted to the Office of the State Comptroller.

Trustee Schneider went on further to add that in order to boost morale a decorating initiative will be planned and information is forthcoming. In order to spread the Village spirit and holiday joy and love, this decorating event will be planned, and all are encouraged to participate. This will be a driving visual titled, winter wonderland; keep an eye out for all of the details.

Trustee Cole

Trustee Cole reminded everyone that virus numbers in our area are continuing to creep up. Dutchess County has a website which updates the numbers. In Red Hook, the original number of active cases has tripled. Covid is not only “on the doorstep,” it is “in the house.”

Please be cautious, stay 6 feet apart, wear a mask, and wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. It is important to stick with those who are in your quarantine “pod.”

Stay healthy, and have a safe New Year. By doing your part, it will help us keep you safe.

Deputy Mayor Majer

Deputy Mayor Majer spoke about the Tivoli Free Library; definitely check the website for open times and upcoming activities such as a Genealogy Workshop, Dungeons and Dragons, and the Virtual Coffee Breaks. Check the website for craft projects, and also “Take and Make” holiday kits and projects.

Clermont/Friends of Clermont are hosting many events. The Bard campus is closed to the public.

Please keep in mind that hunting seasons have begun. Bow Season has been open and regular gun season will open November 21, 2020.

Again, a reminder poison ivy is still active, and the ticks are still out of control.

And, finally please remember that support networks are available, Village Captains are out there to help you navigate through covid. Check the village website for information. The Red Hook Responds organization is up and running, the United Methodist Food Pantry is accommodating twice the usual amount of people.

Mayor Griffith

Trustee Ezrati informed viewers of the loss of a wonderful resource, historian and the F. D. R. Library for much of her career; this lovely woman had 2 wonderful sons, and namely our Mayor, Joel Griffith. Sheryl Griffith was a member of Historic Red Hook, a carpenter, counselor and avid reader; she will be missed very much.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

On a motion by Angela Cole and seconded by Trustee Schneider, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM, all in favor, and Deputy Mayor Majer mentioned that the meeting would be adjourned in the memory of Sheryl Griffith.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Bruno
Village Clerk