

**VILLAGE OF TIVOLI BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2020**

A meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on December 16, 2020 at the Historic Watts DePeyster Hall, Tivoli, NY. Mayor Griffith opened the regular meeting at 7:04 PM.

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

Absent: Trustee Cole

Media: PANDA TV

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

The Clerk's report included:

- Sale of 532 trash tags
- Two payrolls were processed
- Deputy Clerk continues to hold meetings for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals; she does continue to work remotely.
- The Village Clerk's Office will be closed Friday, December 25, 2020 in observance of the Christmas Holiday, along with Friday, January 1, 2021 in observance of New Year's Day

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Majer, seconded by Trustee Ezrati, the November 18 regular meeting minutes, and the June 27 Listening Session transcription were approved, all in favor.

On a motion by Trustee Ezrati, and seconded by Trustee Schneider, the Treasurer's Report for Abstract # 7 totaling \$110,574.81 was approved. Trustee Ezrati moved that the bills be paid for the abstract as presented and Deputy Mayor Majer seconded the motion, all in favor.

Zoning Report

A Zoning Report was not discussed.

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

On a motion made by Trustee Schneider, seconded by Deputy Mayor Majer, the 2021 Holiday Schedule was approved; all in favor.

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor Majer, seconded by Trustee Ezrati, the 2021 Tivoli Fire Company List of Officers was accepted; all in favor.

RESOLUTION #38; Penflex LOSAP Point Earning Amendment; motion made by Trustee Schneider, seconded by Trustee Ezrati; all in favor.

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor Majer, seconded by Trustee Ezrati, the 2021 Fuel Oil, Propane and Diesel Pricing was approved; all in favor.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Ezrati

Trustee Ezrati provided an update on the Tivoli Solid Waste Committee. They are comparing how families in the Village handle their trash versus the businesses in the Village. The committee is investigating how residents can potentially get rid of their yard waste, as well. Once the committee completes this project and obtains all of the information they have set out to get, a report will be prepared and presented to the Village Board.

Many topics have been discussed from purchasing a trash truck, where to store the equipment, the idea and community effort of composting, how and where to rid of yard waste, large pieces of furniture, and also electronic waste, which now can be taken to the Red Hook Recycling Center or Staples or Best Buy. Trustee Ezrati spoke of additional details regarding trash pickup. Mayor Griffith mentioned the idea of private haulers picking up tree limbs, brush, etc. Which he sees as a complete need for this within the Village. Leaves are difficult enough to get rid of, there is no room to dispose of these in the Village, and lately bagged leaves are useless to local farmers. Trustee Ezrati mentioned that this project has been unusually interesting, and Mayor Griffith thanked her and the committee for all of their hard work.

Trustee Schneider

Court Report: Trustee Schneider read the contents of the report which was provided by Court Clerk McGarry; \$1494.00 was remitted to the Office of the State Comptroller.

Trustee Schneider went on further to provide additional information about an event coming up. In order to spread Village holiday spirit, and not germs, the driving visual titled, Winter Wonderland, is coming up. Many residents have decorated their homes with lights, etc, and there is a map with these homes listed on it. It is a self-guided tour and you can drive around the Village and take in all of the displays which are available. Many have decorated, but are not on the map. Keep your eyes and ears open for Santa and the Mayor on the Maxim fire truck. They will be going around the village, however, are not able to hand out candy canes this year. You are able, however, to go out on your lawn and wave as they go by, and share in this holiday initiative. Thank you to Laura Gail Tyler and the Tivoli Free Library for this charming event.

Deputy Mayor Majer

Deputy Mayor Majer spoke about the Tivoli Free Library and how they are knocking programs out of the park. Definitely check the library's website for upcoming activities, and participate in the winter wonderland.

Clermont and Historic Red Hook have online activities presently, and the Elmendorph Green has a tree set up and they are accepting time capsules as ornaments; you can hang it on the tree, and these capsules will be archived when the tree is taken down.

Deputy Mayor Majer spoke briefly about the Hammersley Barn in Tivoli Bays, and its dwindling existence.

Please keep in mind it is still hunting season. If you are out in the Bays, be mindful and please wear orange. Also, be careful with the snow that is coming, the one good thing about the snow is that there should not be any ticks.

After Friday, December 18, Montgomery Place will be open to the public. There will be sledding areas; do wear snowsuits and masks.

Mayor Griffith

Mayor Griffith mentioned the Climate Smart Community Grant, and the Village's Bronze Status. Just 50 communities have this Bronze Certification. This grant will provide \$8,000.00 in materials in order to assess where we stand in relation to being climate smart. He also mentioned the composting grant, and the CFA Program.

Mayor Griffith thanked the Department of Public Works for their efforts in decorating Village Hall with wreaths, the courtyard and gazebo with so many lights, as well as the bridge with bows and solar lights.

He provided a reminder that a winter storm is coming, and those who wish to use the municipal parking lots will be required to purchase and have visible in their cars, a parking permit. These are available in the Village Clerk's Office.

Also, the west side residents of the Village will experience water service interruption again soon. Residents of the condos, Provoost Park, and those on Elizabeth Drive and Woods Road will be affected. This interruption will be to drain the main and to connect all to the new water main. Broadway will be next; and he thanked all residents for their patience and cooperation.

Deputy Mayor Majer said to Mayor Griffith that it was good to have him back.

Mayor Griffith added that as many know he lost his mother unexpectedly not long ago. He missed everyone, and is so very appreciative of the support from so many. He feels this level of support breeds life, and he thanks everyone for their compassion.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Majer and seconded by Trustee Ezrati, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Bruno
Village Clerk