

**VILLAGE OF TIVOLI BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 17, 2022**

A meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on August 17, 2022 at the Historic Watts DePeyster Hall, Tivoli, NY. Mayor Griffith opened the regular meeting at 7:07 PM.

Present: Mayor Griffith, Deputy Mayor Majer, Trustee Ezrati

Absent: Trustee Baldino and Trustee Mangieri

Public Present: Masha Zabara, Hayden Sartoris, Tyler Emerson, and Anna Siftar

Media: PANDA

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

**The Clerk's report included:**

- 426 Trash tags sold
- Two payrolls were processed by Village Treasurer, Bonnie Day
- Deputy Clerk Tyler continues to assist in the Clerk's Office, and supports the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals at their meetings
- The Village Clerk's Office will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022 in observance of Labor Day

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Majer, seconded by Trustee Ezrati, the July 20 Regular Meeting Minutes and the August 10 Workshop Minutes were approved, all in favor.

On a motion by Trustee Ezrati and seconded by Deputy Mayor Majer, the Treasurer's Report for Abstract #3 totaling \$209,107.41 was approved. Deputy Mayor Majer moved that the bills be paid for the abstract as presented, Trustee Ezrati seconded the motion, all in favor.

**Zoning Report**

Trustee Ezrati read the Zoning Report provided by Gary Beck of Z3 Consultants.

**Regular Business:**

ACCEPT 2021 – 2022 AUD; on a motion made by Trustee Ezrati, seconded by Deputy Mayor Majer; all in favor.

RESOLUTION Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Items of the Village of Tivoli; motion made by Deputy Mayor Majer, seconded by Trustee Ezrati; all in favor.

## **Trustee Reports:**

### **Trustee Ezrati**

Trustee Ezrati commented that she thought the AUD was very readable. Trustee Ezrati continued by providing a report on LOSAP. She explained that the program began in 2008, and is a program for firefighters who complete enough calls, drills, trainings, etc and for those who achieve 50 points or over each year, a monetary value is placed into an account for them, and it is distributed to them at a later date, upon reaching the age of 65. This is a Length of Service Program.

The Solid Waste Committee is still working hard and working to determine the future of trash pick up being done by the Village.

Court Report: Trustee Ezrati read the contents of the report which was provided by Court Clerk McGarry; \$650.00 was remitted to the Office of the State Comptroller.

### **Trustee Baldino**

No Report – Absent

### **Trustee Mangieri**

No Report - Absent

### **Deputy Mayor Majer**

Deputy Mayor Majer suggested checking out the Tivoli Free Library; they have a number of fabulous activities coming up.

Clermont has Harmony on the Hudson coming up, and work is being done on the mansion.

Historic Red Hook has a Cemetery Crawl planned for September.

Tivoli Artist's Gallery will hold a Historic Tivoli Talk with Deputy Mayor Majer on Saturday, August 20 at 6:00 PM.

Ticks, poison ivy, and deer flies are all out in Tivoli Bays! Be careful! Also, no fires are allowed, it is so very dry.

### **Mayor Griffith**

Mayor Griffith also gave a reminder about the Historic talk on Saturday, August 20; 6:00 PM, at Tivoli Artist's Gallery with Deputy Mayor Majer.

Mayor Griffith went on to mention that 54 people participated in the Stormwater Infrastructure Study Survey. Tighe & Bond will be working closely with the Village Board, and will be looking to determine actionable ways to deal with the water issues.

This year's Clean Up Day went very well; we will have an idea of how many tons of trash were picked up at the beginning of September.

Tivoli's Summer Recreation Camp went very well! It is always such a pleasure to see all of the children enjoying themselves. Many thanks, once again, to the Tivoli Fire Company for bringing over a firetruck and spraying water on the children to cool them off on a hot day! There were 38 kids the first week, and 34 the second week. Olivia Couture was our Camp Director this year, and we are so fortunate to have had her on the staff. Also, our thanks to the American Legion for providing pizza parties for the children!

Monday, August 22, brings a fund raiser for the Tivoli Fire Department at The Corner. This event will be in connection with Hotel Tivoli and The Corner's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please come and participate, as a portion of the proceeds that evening will be donated to Tivoli Fire!!!

Other upcoming events on August 23 are Early Voting, and also the Mason's will be holding a blood drive.

On Saturday, September 10 at 9:00 AM, a 5K I LOVE IT RUN will be held for kid's cancer. Register at [iloveit5krun.com](http://iloveit5krun.com).

Red Hook's Hardscrabble Day will be held September 17, 2022. There will be music, local farms and a cider tent. Also, coming up is Tivoli Street Painting Day on September 24, 2022. Check out the Tivoli Street Painting Facebook page for more info.

NYCOM has passed a law to allow speed limits to be lowered; this will be an upcoming project for the Village Board.

### **Public Comment**

Masha Zabara spoke of a joint event with the Tivoli Library and Thrift 2 Fight happening on August 21 in the park. This will be a clothing swap. You can drop off donations from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, and exchange for items between 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Anna Siftar asked about composting. Trustee Ezrati gave Anna information about the current composting initiatives, and an overview of bins that were distributed years ago. Trustee Ezrati spoke of the present trash and recycling program offered by the Village of Tivoli. She went on to discuss the recycling challenge which runs through October in Red Hook. She also mentioned the composting tumbler in the park, which is a smaller scale of others that are out there.

Tyler Emerson asked what will become of the area where the water tower used to be in the park. Expanding the garden came up, a pollinator garden was mentioned, and also the fact that bees were a bit of a problem during the recreation camp.

Anna Siftar asked when board workshops were held, and what they were. Mayor Griffith provided a review of how workshops and meetings ran, and covered how the Board discusses projects and decision making.

Hayden Sartoris asked about the Kaatsbaan Trail. Information was provided about how often the committee for the trail meets, and general use laws and private property owner responsibility regarding public safety.

There are talks about the trail, and a volunteer corps which will pick up trash.

Hayden had questions about the reed beds at the sewer plant. Mayor Griffith and Trustee Ezrati provided an insight into the reed bed process.

On a motion by Trustee Ezrati and seconded by Deputy Mayor Majer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM, all in favor.

Submitted by,

Robin L. Bruno  
Village Clerk