

Board of Trustees  
Village of Tarrytown  
Regular Meeting No. 5  
One Depot Plaza  
Tarrytown NY 10591  
February 7, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT in person or via zoom: Mayor Brown presiding; Trustees: Hoyt, Kim, McGovern; Mitchell, Phillips-Staley and Rinaldi; Village Administrator Slingerland; Village Attorney Zalantis; Village Treasurer Hart; Village Clerk Gilligan and Deputy Village Clerk Fasman

The meeting began with the Pledge to the Flag.

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

PROMOTION AND SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF POLICE SERGEANT – MATTHEW TOTH

On a motion made by Trustee Hoyt, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and carried unanimously the following resolution was approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby promote Matthew Toth to the position of Police Sergeant at an annual salary of \$142,985 effective Tuesday, February 8, 2022. This appointment is subject to the provisions of Civil Service and the Village's contract with the PBA, including a probationary period of not less than twelve weeks and not more than fifty-two weeks as mandated by Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Mayor Brown noted that Sergeant Toth has been an officer in this community for twenty years. He grew up in Tarrytown and we are very proud.

PROMOTION AND SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF POLICE SERGEANT – CHRISTOPHER SCHETTINO

On a motion made by Trustee Hoyt, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and carried unanimously the following resolution was approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby promote Christopher Schettino to the position of Police Sergeant at an annual salary of \$142,985 effective Tuesday, February 8, 2022. This appointment is subject to the provisions of Civil Service and the Village's contract with the PBA, including a probationary period of not less than twelve weeks and not more than fifty-two weeks as mandated by Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

PROMOTION AND SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF POLICE SERGEANT – IAN YEARWOOD

On a motion made by Trustee Hoyt, seconded by Trustee Kim, and carried unanimously the following resolution was approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby promote Ian Yearwood to the position of Police Sergeant at an annual salary of \$142,985 effective Tuesday, February 8, 2022. This appointment is subject to the provisions of Civil Service and the Village's contract with the PBA, including a probationary period of not less than twelve weeks and not more than fifty-two weeks as mandated by Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

### BOARD MISCELLANEOUS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Trustee Rinaldi reported that the Placemaking Committee will be looking to paint murals in various locations throughout the Village. The first mural will be on the side of the Taste of China building on Kaldenburg. The committee will also be looking into other areas throughout the Village to do additional murals in the future, and will also be looking into utilizing the company Street Art for Mankind for the possible future murals. Trustee Rinaldi encourages everyone to go to the website Street Art for Mankind to view their work and mission statement.

Mayor Brown mentioned that an email was sent to the Board regarding the Village's various committees and how they are not all listed on the Village website. Mayor Brown asked Village Administrator Slingerland to review the website and update the different committees and volunteer opportunities throughout the Village.

Deputy Mayor McGovern reported that the Recreation Department is preparing for the many spring sports programs that will be available. There were some wonderful ice skating days this season, more than she can remember in a long time. Unfortunately skating is not available at this time due to the recent inclement weather but keep checking in in case we get another cold snap.

Trustee Hoyt gave a few updates from the Police Department. The Police Department has started planning and training their officers for 2022 in such topics as anti-bias in policing, de-escalation, duty to intervene, and 911 diversion which is helping those with mental health issues. In addition, they have also started their usual annual training in first aid, firearms and officer wellness. One note to our residents, there has been an uptick in the thefts of catalytic converters here and in the rest of the county. Several were stolen this past week in the North Washington area. An observant resident contacted police headquarters and while they did not make an arrest, Tarrytown Police were able to gather valuable information for the investigation. The police department encourages all residents to call when they see something suspicious.

Trustee Kim reported that TEAC is in the process of preparing for Earth Month which is going to happen in April. There will be a lake cleanup near the end of this month, and a whole slew of other activities that they are working on. Please visit their webpage for more information and upcoming events. As for the Transportation and Mobility Council, the Village is working to make sure that the description of the committee and committee member's names are on the website for everyone to see.

Trustee Phillips-Staley reported that she had a wonderful tour of police headquarters and a great conversation with Chief Barbelet. One of the subjects they spoke about was reverse 911 and how the department is piloting to have reverse 911 go out in Spanish as well as in English. The updated version of reverse 911 will be rolled out soon. Trustee Phillips-Staley encourages people to sign up for reverse 911. In the future, the public might be able to indicate a language choice when receiving the notifications, or the message will go out in both languages. Trustee Rinaldi inquired if residents have to opt in to reverse 911. Trustee Phillips-Staley responded that yes, you have to sign up for reverse 911, and the information can be found on the homepage of the Village of Tarrytown website. Trustee Rinaldi asked if opting in was automatic. Administrator Slingerland replied that if an address has a landline, the calls are automatic. If you wish to receive calls on a cell phone, you will have to sign up for them.

Mayor Brown reported that New York State has several bills pending that would significantly change zoning across the entire state. One bill has to do with ADU use, which is extra accessory dwelling units, and the other bill is about transit related development. The Affordable Housing Committee has been tracking the legislation as it unfolds. While they generally support the ADU legislation, as it will really help the people who in need affordable housing in the Village, they are reviewing the bill to see how it could be carried out in Tarrytown. The same goes for the transit orientated development bill as there are new zoning mandates recommended and we are going to be following this very closely.

### CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There is a request to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting as there are advice of council questions that need to be discussed.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Administrator Slingerland reported that there was a small oil spill that appears to have emanated from a building on Wildey Street. The Building Department, and Coast Guard have been coordinating with the DEC to clean up the spill. It was a small amount of oil, originating from Wildey Street and ended up down by parking lot C and the Recreation Center. Booms have been deployed, and oil absorbing materials are being utilized. Tarrytown's Fire Department, Harbormaster, Building Department and Code Enforcement were all involved and very helpful throughout the project. Administrator Slingerland continued by reporting that COVID numbers are continuing to decline, and the positivity rate is 3.8%. As of today, there are a total of 239 positive cases in Tarrytown which is a significant concern. People should still be taking preventative measures to social distance and get vaccinated.

Trustee Rinaldi stated that he had several people approach him over the past several days saying how much they appreciate the Public Works Department and the job they have done salting and plowing during the two storms over the past weekend. Administrator Slingerland responded that our DPW was very proactive with this last ice storm. They took great care with our Village and prevented a lot of accidents. Thank you again to our DPW and Parks Departments. Deputy Mayor McGovern noted that Edmond O'Gorman is back to work after being out for six months with an injury. He's very happy to be back, full of a lot of energy, and we are very happy to have him back.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ONLY ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA, OTHER THAN PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. SPEAKERS SHALL HAVE THREE (3) MINUTES EACH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

There were no public speakers.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi the following resolution was approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the following Fire Department membership changes recommended at the January 18, 2022 Board of Fire Wardens meeting.

- Member: Jacob Nierman has been approved for active membership at Consolidated Engine Co
- Drivers: Scott Weaver Jr. has been approved as a driver for Utility 61.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi the following resolution was approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby appoint Suzanne Sorrentino and Krista Barron as members of the Placemaking Committee for terms that will expire in December of 2022.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE PLACEMAKING COMMITTEE

On a motion made by Trustee Rinaldi, seconded by Trustee Kim the following resolution was approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby re-appoint Amy Wessan as a member of the Placemaking Committee for a term to expire in December of 2022.

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2021 LIFE GUARD SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

On a motion made by Mayor Brown, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern the following resolution was approved: 7-0

WHEREAS, the Westchester County Youth Bureau established a Positive Youth Development Program to incentivize municipalities to support employment opportunities for young people from the community during the summer months, and

WHEREAS Westchester County will reimburse the Village of Tarrytown for a portion of the salaries for ten (10) lifeguards employed at the rate of \$13.50/hour in an amount not to exceed two thousand three hundred twenty nine dollars (\$2,329.00), and

WHEREAS the term of this agreement will be effective retroactively beginning January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2021

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize and direct the Village Administrator to execute an Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) with Westchester County to provide the Life Guard Summer Employment Program.

#### PRE-AUTHORIZATION TO ORDER TWO POLICE VEHICLES

On a motion made by Mayor Brown, seconded by Trustee Hoyt the following resolution was approved: 7-0

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown maintains a fleet of vehicles to serve the needs of the Tarrytown Police Department to perform public safety operations including patrol, traffic protection, response to emergency calls and regular day-to-day police business, and

WHEREAS, as part of its vehicle management plan the Village has always purchased two new vehicles each year to rotate through the fleet and allow us to replace old vehicles with new front-line vehicles, and

WHEREAS, as part of the schedule for the normal build out and shipping of vehicles after order, the Village plans for a delivery timeframe of three to four months, which has been delayed significantly due to logistical supply chain issues during the COVID pandemic, causing delivery times to be prolonged and extended by as much as a year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes the Village to pre-order two Ford SUV police package vehicles, one administrative vehicle and one front-line response vehicle, off of New York State Contract administered through Westchester County, in the total approximate cost of \$113,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator is authorized to execute the order for these vehicles and coordinate with the Police Chief and Village Treasurer to fund the purchase through operating funds, surplus funds, or the future issuance of debt.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2022

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Kim the following resolution was approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, January 18, 2022 as submitted by the Village Clerk.

#### APPROVAL OF THE ACTION ITEM MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION OF JANUARY 26, 2022

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and seconded by Trustee Kim, with Trustee Hoyt abstaining, the following resolution was approved 6-0-1

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the Action Item Minutes of the Board of Trustees Work Session held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 as submitted by the Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern seconded by Trustee Hoyt, the following resolution was approved: 7-0

Trustee Hoyt abstained from voting on voucher number 2018020710

Roll Call: Trustee Hoyt, Yes; Trustee Kim, Yes; Trustee Rinaldi, Yes; Trustee Mitchell, Yes; Trustee Phillips-Staley, Yes; Deputy Mayor McGovern, Yes; Mayor Brown, Yes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve Abstract No. 14 of Audited Vouchers in the total amount of \$266,673.56 as presented by the Village Treasurer, to be paid in the following amounts:

General	\$ 229,650.95
Water	\$ 11,678.00
Sewer Fund	\$ 747.75
Capital	\$ 7,527.63
Library	\$ 11,641.48
Trust & Agency	\$ 5,427.75
Total	\$ 266,673.56

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA. SPEAKERS HAVE THREE (3) MINUTES BEFORE YIELDING TO THE NEXT SPEAKER

Jill Swanson spoke about the Tarrytown Ambulance Corps. She wished to share with the Board and residents some information regarding this past year. TVAC volunteer drivers and other programmers committed approximately 5200 scheduled hours of their time to be available for emergency response on standby. This does not include time spent at meetings, training or community events. When combined with our staff of paid EMT’s, TVAC has a crew available twenty four hours a day, every day, all year long. TVAC completed 1301 patient care reports for emergency request in New York. This was a record high for our organization. 1051 of these patients were transported to area hospitals. Of those calls where patient information was available. 63% were to assist Tarrytown residents, 34% were guests of Tarrytown residents or those passing through the area, and 3% was to provide assistance to neighboring villages. We served 800 patients over the age of 65, and our youngest patient was six months old. One crew even got a mom to the hospital in time for the birth of her baby girl. TVAC has been serving our community for fifty five years built on the dedication of our volunteers while still offering the opportunity for people to give back as drivers, EMT’s or crew members. We are proud to have brought back our junior corps after a hiatus due to COVID. Our volunteers come from all walks of life including students, homemakers, nurses, social workers, retirees and local staff. All training is provided. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our website for more information which is [www.tarrytownems.org](http://www.tarrytownems.org). In closing, she thanked the community for their generous outpouring during our fund drive mailing and throughout the year. Your donations keep our wheels rolling and your kind words help keep our members going. Both greatly appreciate it.

Trustee Hoyt stated that TVAC does an excellent job. The ambulance corps is on call twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, even holidays. The Board appreciates it immensely as well as the community. Please keep up the great work. You are all fantastic.

Clarise Pollack first thanked TVAC. She has lived in Tarrytown her entire life and they have been a wonderful asset. Hats off to those volunteers. Ms. Pollack then spoke about the garbage around our sidewalks and gutters. She feels that we should do something to hold business owners accountable for the sidewalk in front of their business, and see if we can have the street sweeper get into the actual gutter between the curb and where it meets the road. There is an accumulation of litter in the streets, and it makes our Village which was once the prettiest village in the area look kind of dirty.

Administrator Slingerland thanked Clarise for her comments. He stated that one of the reason why the litter is an issue right now is because of the snow and the frozen temperatures. Garbage can get stuck in the snow and ice. We will get the word out to all of the businesses

and ask them to clean up everything in the curbs, and along the sidewalks. Now that the warm weather is coming back, they can do this. Ms. Pollack stated that this was before the bad weather events. She thinks the businesses would want the front of their stores clean to attract more customers. Mayor Brown thanked Clarice for bringing up this issue and agreed with her observation. Mayor Brown stated that we are heading into budgeting season, we will take a look and see if we can maybe put a little more resources towards keeping downtown clean. You are not the only person to bring this up to us, and thank you for reminding us. Ms. Pollack appreciates the Board taking the time to listening to her concerns and addressing them.

#### ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Trustee Hoyt, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at approximately 7:45 pm by a vote of seven in favor, none opposed.

Kristine Gilligan  
Village Clerk