

Board of Trustees  
Village of Tarrytown  
Regular Meeting No. 21  
One Depot Plaza  
Tarrytown NY 10591  
August 21, 2023 7:00  
p.m.

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

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

#### BOARD MISCELLANEOUS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Trustee Mitchell wished to remind residents to not open their doors to solicitors unknowingly, There is usually some type of notification sent out whether it might be Con Edison or representatives from the water meter replacement company. Administrator Slingerland reminded everyone that the water meter replacement company will schedule an appointment in advance to replace your water meter. Trustee Hoyt inquired about the individual meter installations that had been postponed as it has been a few months and no one has received any information. Administrator Slingerland replied that a particular size water meter had been delayed and they are now in stock. The company is looking to reschedule those appointments and the Village will make sure this is brought to their attention. Trustee Kim asked how close we are to competition. Administrator Slingerland stated that our goal is to have it complete by the end of the year. Treasurer Morales noted that in cases where water usage is being estimated, once the meter is installed the first bill will be partial estimation, part accurate. The bill thereafter will be accurate.

Deputy Mayor McGovern reported that there are many events coming up and there is a packet at the Recreation Center for those who wish to obtain one, and also the information is on the Village's website. Some of the upcoming events are: September 9<sup>th</sup>, will be Dogs on Parade and Pup Pool Social. The events starts at 11:00 am at Pierson Park with contests and games and at 12:00 pm there will be a pup swim in the pool. Yoga is still being held on Mondays. The Village wide tag sale is being held on September 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating, you may register with the Recreation Department so you can be placed on the map. Baseball, soccer and football for youths will be starting soon, and Painters Pallet will be on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Farmers Kitchen for children ages 8-13 will run from September 30<sup>th</sup> through November 4<sup>th</sup> which is done in coordination with TASH. Pre-registration is required. All of our fall events will be coming up and announced at a future meeting including our Halloween Parade on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Phillips-Staley wished to congratulate Jennifer Ross for another terrific Open Streets Event on Main Street this past Saturday. It's a terrific way to celebrate our award winning Main Street. The next Open Streets Event will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> which will celebrate Hispanic and Latino History.

Mayor Brown in her report read a letter that the Village of Tarrytown received from the New York State Police regarding one of our Police Officers Frank Reilly. Officer Reilly while off duty, responded to an accident on the Taconic Parkway on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and provided life-saving medical assistance to one of the crash victim. Mayor Brown stated we are proud to call Officer Reilly one of our own. The full letter from the New York State Police is attached to these minutes.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Slingerland reported that paving and curb work along Franklin will hopefully be completed prior to school starting East Sunnyside paving will be coordinated with the Village of Irvington, and paving will take place where Con Edison has had work done. Administrator Slingerland then congratulated Dr. Nigro who worked as the Medical Director for forty years for the Tarrytown TVAC. He will be stepping down, and Dr. Goldstein will be taking Dr. Nigro's place. He had been on the board for over twenty five years and welcome him as the new Medical Director.

Administrator Slingerland continued his report by announcing that the Back to School bash will be held on August 28th from 4-6 pm at Patriots Park. This event is being run by the school district with contributions from the Tarrytown Police Department. Additionally, our Recreation Department and the Tarrytown Rotary will also be in attendance. People are encouraged to walk as parking will be limited. Administrator Slingerland also reported on date and time changes for a few upcoming meeting. The revised schedule is as follows:

- A. Note date and time changes for upcoming meetings. Next Work Session will be Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 6 p.m. Next Regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6 p.m.

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

Dean Gallela co-chair of the Environmental Council thanked Administrator Slingerland and the Board for the resolution on tonight's agenda the approval of a kayak launch at Lossee Park. It's very much needed and it's great to see its proceeding forward. We are hopefully it will be installed before our event on September 17th. Administrator Slingerland replied that the Village will be reaching out to the DEC to try and get it installed as soon as possible.

Dolf Beil stated that he fully supports the appointment of Tina Valenti to the Housing Affordability Task Force. He's a bit disappointed that his application was not the one that won, but that's just the way it is. Mr. Beil asks that the Board open up the meetings of that committee as it is one of two committees who do not open their meetings to the public, do not provide advance notice of their meetings, and operate as a clandestine organization. He is aware it is perfectly legal, but it's just wrong. He understands why the Ethics Board needs to operate in secrecy, but why the HAFT? Mayor Brown replied that the Housing Affordability Task Force is a group of professionals whose calendars are quite full. It can be difficult to schedule a meeting which is why the meetings aren't regularly scheduled. They are no secret, and the public is free to ask questions about what is happening at the meetings. Right now the task force is discussing how NYS requires ten percent of new residential buildings with ten units or more have to be affordable housing. Right now we are discussing and seeing if it is feasible to change that number to fifteen percent for new larger developments. It's not as easy as it sounds, and talks are ongoing.

Patty Steinschneider from Gotham Design is a bit disappointed that the Board is not supporting what they requested, and as he was unaware that he was not going to be able to talk about their solutions for the Boards concerns. We have looked at the snow from previous years, and the snow could be put in a corner where you cannot park anyway. There are already two parking lots accessed this way, and by being the third they wouldn't be introducing a problem. He is hoping there is a chance this will work with the Zoning Board, although he is not convinced it will work. Administrator Slingerland clarified that the one of the lots, the YMCA parking lot will be a public parking lot. The other lot that was mentioned is the back access point to the Masons lot. The Village purchased the South Washington Lot from the Masons to add about twenty five public parking spaces. As for the lot on the agenda tonight, there is no plow point to the north, right or straight ahead because that is where the new public access is going to be. Mr. Steinschneider replied he had a plan that would take two parking spaces you could plow the snow into and it would not block anyone, but it seems like the ship has already sailed. Mayor Brown stated she hopes that Gotham Design and the Planning Board can come up with a creative way to figure this out. The YMCA parking lot is going to be brand new to us as it will be our first underground lot. It's not prudent for us to make new decisions around that parking lot before we see how it works.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 305 — ZONING TO: (1) AMEND SECTION 47 TO ADD NEW EXEMPTIONS TO THE YARD REQUIREMENTS FOR MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT AND CERTAIN OTHER STRUCTURES; (2) TO AMEND SECTION 63 REGARDING THE PARKING FUND PAYMENT REQUIREMENT TO EXEMPT THE RR (RESTRICTED RETAIL) ZONE APPLICANT FROM HAVING TO OBTAIN A VARIANCE WHEN THE PLANNING BOARD REQUIRES PAYMENT IN LIEU OF PARKING CONTRIBUTION TO THE PARKING FUND.

Mayor Brown stated that some of our zoning rules require people doing minor changes to their homes to go before a land use board. We have asked the land use boards look at the things that come up often that they feel are a burden and can be changed. This resolution is calling for a public hearing on all three zoning changes. While historically we have noticed zoning changes in the newsletter, on our website and on Facebook, moving forward we will also do a postcard mailing whenever there is a proposed zoning change with the information on the postcard.

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Phillips-Staley with all voting aye, the following resolution was unanimously approved. Approved: 7-0

WHEREAS, in order to simplify the land use process for certain types of improvements and to potentially proceed without the need for Zoning Board of Appeals approval, which will reduce costs and the burden upon property owners, the Board of Trustees hereby finds it useful and appropriate to adopt new provisions in the Village Zoning Code to allow certain minor improvements to be sited within the setbacks, which may potentially reduce the need for residential property owners to seek variances for such minor improvements, but to still require a minimum 3-foot setback for these improvements; and

WHEREAS the proposed minor improvements to be allowed within the setback requirements, but still no closer than 3ft from the side and rear yard lot lines, include certain mechanical equipment for heating and cooling as well as storage sheds and children's playhouses no more than 12ft in height; and

WHEREAS in order to establish in instances where the Planning Board requires payment into the parking fund for a property use in the RR Restricted Retail Zone (or where the Building Inspector waives site plan approval), the applicant need not also have to obtain a variance for parking from the Zoning Board of Appeal, which will reduce the burden on proposed businesses in the RR Restricted Retail Zone but still ensure a process remains through the Planning Board for payment in lieu of parking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of Trustees hereby determines that the proposed action constitutes a Type I action under SEQRA; and that as the Board of Trustees is only Involved Agency for the proposed action, this Board declares it is the Lead Agency under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs the Village Clerk to circulate the proposed local law and EAF, Part 1 to all interested agencies under SEQRA; and to refer the matter to Westchester County Planning Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby schedules a public hearing to be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2023, at Tarrytown Village Hall, 1 Depot Plaza, during the Regular Board Meeting, on a local law to amend the Village Code Chapter 305 — Zoning to (1) amend Section 47 to add new exemptions to the Yard requirements for mechanical equipment and certain other structures; (2) to amend Section 63 regarding the parking fund payment requirement to exempt the RR (Restricted Retail) Zone applicant from having to obtain a variance when the Planning Board requires payment in the parking fund.

#### VETERANS BANNERS

On a motion made by Trustee Hoyt, seconded by Trustee Kim with all voting aye, the following resolution was unanimously approved. Approved: 7-0

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown along with the Tarrytown Scouts wish to honor village residents who have served in the Armed Forces through the placement and display of banners in honor of veterans held dear by the Tarrytown community; and

WHEREAS, Dylan Smith from the Tarrytown Scouts along with various Department Heads will coordinate the ordering and placement of the banners, and

WHEREAS, the banners will be hung on decorative light poles along Main Street and Broadway during the month of November each year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve the Veterans Banner Program which will serve as a reminder of our Veterans courage and sacrifice for our village, state and country.

#### RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF A KAYAK DOCK AND LAUNCH ON THE HUDSON RIVER AT THE LOCATION OF THE CURRENT KAYAK LAUNCH

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi, with all voting aye, the following resolution was unanimously approved. Approved: 7-0

WHEREAS the Kayak Launch on the Hudson River at the west end of Parking Lot G between the Washington Irving Boat Club Property and Losee Park is utilized by Tarrytown residents to access the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown rents storage space for 32 spaces at a current rate of \$180.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, the kayak launch is sited at a location along the Hudson with a heavy industrial past, the remnants of which remain in the waterway making the entry point challenging and difficult, especially at low tide; and

WHEREAS the Village has investigated and tried multiple options to improve the safety and comfort of the launch area; and

WHEREAS, the installation of a mobile dock and kayak launch would improve the safety for entering and exiting the Hudson River for Tarrytown kayakers for an affordable price compared with other options that have been investigated;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize the purchase and installation of a floating dock, kayak launch, gangway, and other elements for the dock system for a total cost of \$18,782.50 from EZ Dock — Playpower, Inc. off of the Sourcewell shared purchasing group "Contract 010521-LTS-2"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator and Village Treasurer are authorized to take the necessary and appropriate actions, including signing the necessary documents for this purchase, and the Village anticipates that the funds for the purchase will be made through the appropriation of capital budget funds.

RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR DRIVEWAY ACCESS TO 25 S. WASHINGTON STREET VIA THE WEST SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, seconded by Trustee Mitchell with all voting aye, the following resolution was unanimously approved. Approved: 7-0

WHEREAS Gotham Design Planning and Development applied to the Board of Trustees to request driveway access to the property at 25 South Washington Street via the village-owned Municipal Lot on the west side of South Washington Street; and

WHEREAS the request was submitted to allow for driveway access through the South Washington municipal lot to six private parking spaces situated behind a proposed new multi-family 4-unit structure currently under site plan review by the Village Planning Board; and

WHEREAS the current driveway access for the property is located on and shared with an adjacent lot without agreement in place for the new property owner of 25 S. Washington Street; and

WHEREAS due to operational needs of the Village for seasonal snow plowing and maintenance, occasional closures of the lot for maintenance, additional access from the existing lot to new municipal parking spaces that will be in the 62 Main Street development parking structure and the fact that an access agreement could potentially limit the Village's future use of the village property since the proposed driveway access for 25 S. Washington St. would be only through the municipal lot, thereby limiting the future potential uses for the property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby rejects the request for driveway access to the 25 S. Washington Street property through the Municipal Parking Lot on the west side of South Washington Street.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ROOFING CONTRACT UNDER SOURCEWELL SHARED PURCHASING INITIATIVE FOR A NEW ROOF ON FIRE HOUSE AT 50 MAIN STREET

On a motion made by Trustee Rinaldi, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern, with Trustee Hoyt abstaining, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-1-0

WHEREAS the roof of the Main Street Fire House is in need of replacement; and

WHEREAS an estimated \$150,000 cost for the project was included in the most recent capital plan for completion in FY 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS the actual project quote is higher than anticipated due to complexities that exist on the firehouse roof, but due to savings on other Fire Department capital projects there is adequate funding in the Capital Fund for this roof project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes the Village Administrator to execute a contract with ELQ Industries under Sourcewell Contract #091620-GGI with Gordian serving as Construction Management for the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator is authorized to take the necessary and appropriate actions, including signing the necessary documents for this project, and the Village anticipates that the funds for the purchase will be sourced from current capital funds designated for fire house improvements.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRI-MUNICIPAL WEST SUNNYSIDE FLOOD REMEDIATION PROJECT

On a motion made by Trustee Rinaldi, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern with all voting aye, the following resolution was unanimously approved. Approved: 7-0

WHEREAS, the Villages of Irvington and Tarrytown have experienced significant flood issues along East and West Sunnyside Lane, which have caused road damage and washouts numerous times over many years, with recent flood damage experienced during Hurricane/Tropical Storm Ida, as well as recent severe and intense storms and rainfalls including the extreme rainstorm in September, 2022, and severe rainstorms this year in Spring and Summer of 2023, which have contributed to further area erosion, road washouts, and damage to nearby structures; and

WHEREAS, Irvington, Tarrytown and Westchester County all own portions of the property and roadway, stream and culvert that carry the brook along East and West Sunnyside Lane; and

WHEREAS, projects already completed to address past damage and reduce flood risk include roadway restoration and culvert improvements that were cost-shared by the Villages of Irvington and Tarrytown for East and West Sunnyside Lane; and

WHEREAS, due to the repeated damage experienced along West Sunnyside Lane, the Village of Irvington has worked with Hahn Engineering to prepare an evaluation and project estimate for a remediation project to address and reduce the likelihood of future damaging flooding, and reduce the flood risk to the public infrastructure and residential properties; and

WHEREAS, the breakdown of this project estimate is as follows:

- Total project estimate for the two Villages portion - \$812,096
  - Irvington portion \$725,812
  - Tarrytown portion \$ 86,284
- Westchester County share (not eligible for grant) \$211,728
- Total Estimated Project Cost \$1,023,824

WHEREAS, the Villages would like to submit an application to the Westchester County Flood Remediation Fund, in the total project estimate cost for the village portion of this work of \$812,096, which if awarded would fund half of the Villages' portions of this project, and reduce the Village of Tarrytown's cost share to an estimated \$43,142.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown authorizes the Village of Tarrytown to jointly submit this application for funding in cooperation with the Village of Irvington, for a Village cost-shared project valued at approximately \$812,096, seeking fifty percent (50%) funding from the Westchester County Flood Remediation Fund in the approximate amount of \$406,048, with the Village's portion of the project estimated at \$86,284, with a Village match of half of this amount at \$43,142 and authorizes the Village Administrator to take the necessary and appropriate actions to jointly apply for this funding with the Village of Irvington and to execute any application documents that may be required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Tarrytown's funding source for this project will be either through the use of operating funds in the Sewer Fund, capital fund surplus or through the future issuance of debt.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX CERTIORARI — GBR TAR\_RYTOWN LLC

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern with all voting aye, the following resolution was unanimously approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby approve payment of the settlement of the following tax certiorari case as outlined in the Village Tax Certiorari Attorney's recommendation, related to GBR Tarrytown LLC, located at 150 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, settling tax years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, as follows:

Owner and Address	Property ID Number	Total Amount of Refund
GBR Tarrytown LLC	S. 1.150 Block 98 Lot 24	\$108,506.90
150 White Plains Road		

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator, Village Treasurer and the Village's Tax Attorney and other involved staff are authorized to take the necessary and appropriate actions to execute, file, process and make payment of the aforementioned tax certiorari settlement through operating funds budgeted in this fiscal year.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE RT. 9 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Phillips-Staley with all voting aye, the following resolution was unanimously approved. Approved: 7-0

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown appointed two designees, Village Administrator Rich Slingerland and Trustee David Kim, to the Route 9 Joint Committee, an Intermunicipal Committee appointed to interface with NYSDOT on the Route 9 Active Transportation Conceptual Design project; and

WHEREAS the Joint Committee will execute decisions regarding the project as per the instructions of each respective Board of Trustees, and will collaborate with fellow designees from the involved Villages, as NYSDOT and its consultant, WSP, prepare the preliminary and detailed engineering design; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee replaces the Route 9 Intermunicipal Steering Committee that had shepherded the Route 9 Active Transportation Plan project since 2016; and

WHEREAS, it is also desirable to maintain a corridor-wide project perspective, provide institutional memory, expertise and advice, and provide input on public engagement planning and events, and so an Advisory Committee is proposed to perform this function.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Village of Tarrytown appoints the following members of the previous Intermunicipal Steering Committee to continue participation in the Rt. 9 Advisory Committee: Planning Board Member David Aukland, Trustee David Kim, and Village Administrator Richard Slingerland.

APPOINTMENT OF A TEMPORARY LABORER FOR DPW

On a motion made by Trustee Rinaldi, seconded by Trustee Kim with all voting aye, the following resolution was unanimously approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes the appointment of Nicholas Rama as 40-hour per week Temporary Laborer for the Department of Public Works effective August 21st, at an hourly wage of \$20.00 per hour subject to all applicable civil service rules and regulations.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY TASK FORCE (HATF)

On a motion made by Trustee Phillips-Staley seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern with all voting aye, the following resolution was unanimously approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Tina Valenti to the Housing Affordability Task Force (HATF), replacing member Gary Friedland who has resigned and moved out of the Village of Tarrytown, for a term that will expire in December, 2023.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

On a motion made by Trustee Rinaldi, seconded by Trustee Kim, with Trustee Hoyt abstaining, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-1-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby approves the following membership changes recommended at the July 18, 2023 Board of Fire Wardens Meeting.

Membership: Eddie Perez has resigned from Conqueror Hook and Ladder.

Yasmin Nunez has been dropped from Active Membership at Riverside Hose

Brayden Denardo has been elected to Active Membership at Riverside Hose

Officers: Conqueror Hook and Ladder has made the following changes to their officers:

Captain; William Sherer

1st Lieutenant Campbell Allan

2nd Lieutenant Michael Pereira

3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Vacant

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby approves the following membership changes recommended at the August 15, 2023 Board of Fire Wardens Meeting.

Membership: Erin Riley and Michael Pereira have resigned from Conqueror Hook and Ladder

Louis Baez has resigned from Riverside Hose

Isabella Morabito has been elected to active membership at Phenix Hose

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RIVERSIDE HOSE TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE FUNDRAISER

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Phillips-Staley, with Trustee Hoyt abstaining, the following resolution was approved. Approved: 6-1-0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes Riverside Hose to hold its annual Christmas Tree Sale Fundraiser between the dates of November 24, 2023 and December 22, 2023, and asks the Riverside Hose fire company to submit receipts, a statement of expenses and a statement of revenues for this fundraiser; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator and Village Treasurer are authorized to take the necessary and appropriate actions to allow this fundraising activity to take place.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF JULY 17, 2023

On a motion made by Trustee Rinaldi, seconded by Trustee Kim with all voting aye, the following resolution was unanimously approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby approves the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, July 17, 2023 as submitted by the Village Clerk.

#### APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEM MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2023, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MTG.

On a motion made by Trustee Rinaldi, seconded by Trustee Kim with all voting aye, the following resolution was unanimously approved. Approved: 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby approves the action item minutes of the Board of Trustees Work Session Meeting held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 as submitted by the Village Clerk.

#### APPROVAL OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Rinaldi with all voting aye, the following resolution was unanimously approved. Approved: 7-0

Roll Call: Trustee Hoyt; Yes, Trustee Kim; Yes, Trustee Mitchell; Yes Trustee Rinaldi; 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.4 of Audited Vouchers (8/9/23 & 8/23/23) in the total amount of \$ 1,642,341.34 as presented by the Village Treasurer, to be paid in the following amounts:

General	\$ 1,454,152.08
Water	\$ 137,252.51
Sewer Fund	\$ 363.73
Capital	\$ 5,206.00
Library	\$ 25,194.78
Trust & Agency	\$ 20,172.24
CM (Special Funds)	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 1,642,341.34

#### 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

Rachel Tieger from Linden Place and the Co-Chair of TEAC wished to state that TEAC had a successful vine cleaning events the last two Saturdays and she wished to recognize the work of Mark Trimello who has been maintaining the trails for years. He creates the beautiful benches and helps creates new trails. Some of the benches he has made have graffiti on them. Ms. Tieger is suggested the village can make a plaque stated that the benches are donated so that people might not mistake them for Village property. Administrator Slingerland noted that the benches (between five and ten of them) have been carved out of tree stumps and are really beautiful. Deputy Mayor McGovern suggested a sign that could possibly say these benches were donated. Mayor Brown also suggested a flyer or something in the display case by the trails.

Patty Steinschneider wished to note that invitations are going out to municipalities in Westchester as Gotham Design is hosting a Housing Summit along with Pace in Albany on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. This is targeted on how to address Mayors and Boards on the needs that have been identified by the state and find good solutions that work on different levels of government. A save the date is on its way, and we are hoping to get a good turnout from Westchester. The southern half of New York is the area that could be potentially most affected. We should be able to turn this into something helpful, and get us the housing New York desperately needs.

Dolf Beil taxpayer of 108 Main Street wished to address the Cornell Study and 29 South Depot Plaza. Mr. Beil feels that as the relevant agency the Board should consider rescinding the negative declaration, and reconsider the environmental impact because there are substantial environmental factors that were not know when it was approved as a negative declaration. A session should be schedule so that it can be examined by the public. Mr. Beil continued his comments by stating that we currently have fifty eight million in debt, the debt service is five and a half million dollars a year and eight five percent remains to be paid for eleven years without anything being added. Effectively per resident, we have a debt load per resident that is twice the state average for all villages. For comparison, Dobbs has twelve million, and Irvington has seventeen million. This year's capital budget had twenty two point six million projected over the next four years. What is bothersome is that there was zero support for the twenty two point six million dollars, and zero discussion among the trustees or the residents. Mr. Beil strongly suggests that a public session on debt and capital be held. This is a significant number, and twenty two million dollars is worth examining. Mr. Beil suggest that the Board consider appointing a Budget Advisory Committee to utilize capable people in our community to help the village.

Mayor Brown replied that the negative declaration for 29 South Depot was given to the zoning of the area. The project is not the same project that was being considered when we considered zoning. The project before planning now has had no declaration made and the Planning Board is still making a decision on whether to



give it a negative declaration and there is no declaration yet on the SEQRA process. Mayor Brown then stated that as far as the debt, our numbers might be higher than some of our neighbors, but we also have the same or higher bond rating than all of them. It has been recognized that the debt we have accumulated has been used to improve our infrastructure, and because Tarrytown spends its money wisely and is in good financial health. As for no public dialogue on the debt, we spent months talking about the budget and had a special meeting for people to come to the library to talk about the budget. The fact that there was zero public dialogue is patently false.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm on a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and seconded by Trustee Kim with all voting aye: 7-0

Kristine Gilligan  
Village Clerk



**KATHRYNE M. ROHDE**  
• Troop K Commander

August 15, 2023

Chief John Barbelet  
Village of Tarrytown Police Department  
1 Depot Plaza  
Tarrytown, New York 10591 •

Dear Chief Barbelet,

On behalf of the New York State Police, I would like to express our gratitude for the assistance provided by one of your police officers, Frank Riley. On August 14, 2023, at about 10:30PM, Officer Riley was off-duty and traveling on the Taconic State Parkway in Putnam Valley when he came upon an accident in which a vehicle crashed into a rock cut and rolled over. Two persons were injured. The victims were extricated from the vehicle before it was engulfed in flames. Officer Riley noted that one victim, a 17-year old female passenger from Peekskill, sustained an open compound fracture to her left leg with moderate to severe bleeding. Officer Riley applied a tourniquet to her leg to stop the bleeding. The female victim, along with the driver, were transported to Westchester Medical Center by ambulance. As a result of Officer Riley's actions, a young woman survived her potentially life-threatening leg injury. She never lost consciousness due to blood loss and is currently recovering from her injuries.

Officer Riley's actions are highly commendable. They were in the finest traditions of law enforcement and emergency response. Although Officer Riley was off-duty, he stopped and provided life-saving medical assistance to a crash victim who required it. His commitment to helping others reflects positively on your agency's culture and values. Thank you for your leadership and kindly extend my appreciation to Police Officer Riley for his outstanding work.

Sincerely,

Captain Arnil DeGu  
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