

Board of Trustees
Village of Tarrytown
Regular Meeting No. 15
One Depot Plaza
Tarrytown NY 10591
May 15, 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 Zalis; Village Treasurer Morales; Village Clerk Gilligan and Deputy Clerk Fasman

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

The meeting began with the Pledge to the Flag.

BOARD MISCELLANEOUS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Trustee Mitchell reported that the Alvin Alley Arts and Education Community Program will be leading an intergenerational interactive dance workshop on Saturday, June 17th at Pierson Park in honor of Juneteenth. Additionally, the construction at Warner Library has been completed, so while you are out, stop by and pay them a visit.

Trustee Rinaldi thanked everyone involved in the Village's Mother's Day event. It was a beautiful day, and people really enjoyed themselves. The next event on Main Street will be on June 10th in the evening which will celebrate Pride Month. Additionally, there will be a Pride celebration held in Greenburgh on June 10th. More information will be available on the Village's website.

Deputy Mayor McGovern reported that the splash pad as well as the playground is still closed due to repairs. We are hopeful they will be reopened by May 26th. Deputy Mayor McGovern continued her report by stating that if you are sixty years or older you may join the Tarrytown Seniors. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month starting at 1:00 pm. In conclusion, Deputy Mayor McGovern reported that camp, pool, t-ball and fitness center registrations are open and you may apply for any of the programs online.

Trustee Phillips-Staley also thought the Mother's Day event on Main Street was a great success, Alissa Fasman and Jennifer Ross did an excellent job as well as the Police for managing the event. Trustee Phillips-Staley is also especially looking forward to the Alvin Alley Event on June 17th.

CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Administrator Slingerland reported that we will be adding the name of the person who will be getting appointed as a Recreation Leader this evening. The name in the resolution will be Alexandra Cirrincione of West Harrison, New York.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Slingerland reported that the Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 29th. The lineup will be on Main Street, and the parade will finish at Patriots Park. Administrator Slingerland continued his report by stating that the Con Edison work on Main Street is complete. Con Edison has more work to do in the Village, and he thinks we are looking at an additional year and a half before the Con Edison work is complete. Con Edison is currently working in the Rosehill, Neperan Ave area, and will then move to Miller Park and Tappan Landing.

PRESENTATION AND PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mayor Brown stated that tonight we commemorate National Police Week which is observed from May 14th, through May 20th, 2023, as well as National Peace Officer Memorial Day, which is today, May 15th. These national commemorations honor those law enforcement officers who have given their lives in service to our country.

Mayor Brown then asked for a moment of silence honoring all law enforcement officers who have died serving their community.

National commemorations like these are important because they remind us to take a moment for observance and recognition, but for these commemorations to be truly meaningful, we have to make them local. In Tarrytown, we are so fortunate to have the police force we have led by police Chief Barbelet. Chief Barbelet has made a concerted effort to hire officers reflective of our diverse community. Our officers are trained in all of the critical skills needed to keep our community safe — in fact they are participating in a large seven-village active shooter training later this month — but they also receive training in de-escalation, community policing and new approaches to domestic violence incidents working in coordination with social service partners, among other forward-thinking innovations that make them a well-rounded department.

The sense of safety and security we have in our village thanks to this department gives us the freedom to hold wonderful community gatherings like the Mother's Day event we had on Main Street yesterday. We can feel confident that this department will serve our most vulnerable with professionalism and skill, like when a Tarrytown senior called the department recently because she was being targeted by scammers trying to steal from her posing as a relative in danger. Our police officers worked with speed and sensitivity to capture the criminal and deliver him for prosecution by the Westchester County D.A., and then followed up by attending a recent Senior Meeting to make sure our seniors are aware of risks from scammers. When Asian business owners across this region were being targeted by an international crime ring, it was our department that worked with multiple regional and national law enforcement agencies, to capture four of the gang members, and continue to track down others across international borders.

Police Chief Jon Barbelet thanked the Board of Trustees for allowing him to speak at tonight's meeting in honor of National Police Week. Chief Barbelet continued by stating that he was born and raised in this Village, and has been the Chief the past 6 years and in the Department the past 29 years. His older brother also served this Department and Village for 20 years retiring as a sergeant. Chief Barbelet then made the following remarks:

A little background about today and this week. In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. This was established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962. It was created to set aside a time in our busy lives to reflect on sacrifices made by those in law enforcement who protect and to serve their various communities.

In 2021 (129) officers were killed in the line of duty, in 2022 (224). According to the FBI 323 officers were shot in 2022 and over 60,000 assaulted. Becoming a police officer is a life changing event, not only for the individual but for their families and their friends. In Tarrytown, our Department never closes. We are open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. Our officers work on holidays, miss their children's birthday parties, respond to emergencies in every weather condition imaginable all while having that feeling that there are people who might do them harm just based on the uniform they wear.

Who are those who wear the uniform in our community? We are no different than the community we serve. We are men, women, fathers, and mothers with different ethnical, economic, educational and cultural backgrounds. We are a diverse group of individuals all who have sworn to protect this community, its residents and all that come to visit this great Village. Being a police officer unfortunately puts us in a position having us see people usually not in the best moment of their day or sometimes their lives.

The duties of a police officer go way beyond the prevention of crime and arresting those who break the law. As police officers we are asked to be a minister, a social worker, a diplomat, a tough guy and a gentleman. We are asked to make decisions in an instant which sometimes require months for a lawyer to make. We come to work, put on a bullet proof vest, asked to carry a firearm, a taser, a baton, pepper spray, body camera and handcuffs. Officers are trained to utilize naran, defibrillators, positive pressure oxygen, tourniquets and epi pens. All while we are exposed to death, sickness and often find ourselves as the scape goats to society's problems. But we leave our homes, kiss our families goodbye and come to Tarrytown all to be a part of what makes this Village so special.

In Tarrytown we are fortunate enough to have a professional detective division known throughout the County as being one of the best. Our patrol division, the backbone of any

Department, patrols the streets of the Village and responds to over 12,000 calls for service a year. The parking division, ensures that drivers adhere to the parking rules within our Village, They are also instrumental in assisting the young ones in our community in getting to school safely. I know, no one likes to get a ticket. We have a civilian administrative staff who are the unsung heroes of the Department, without them I think I would be lost. Last but not least, our Administrative Division. I have the utmost confidence in the 3 Lieutenants on the Administrative Staff. We are team and they are All Stars. With them the Department has overhauled its training initiatives, re written an entire general order manual and are on pace this year to become a NYS certified department. Only 28% of all Departments in NYS are currently accredited meeting 111 standards as determined by the NYS Department of Criminal Justice.

Duty compels us to defend our profession and advance it to the highest standards possible. We get a lot of things right but sometimes are only remembered for the wrong. We can't do this alone. As a profession we must ensure that those who wish to corrupt the ranks never enter and those who dishonor us are relieved of the privilege of serving.

We need the support of the Village Administration, our elected officials and the community. We cannot be who we strive to be without help. We need your continued support to provide us with the tools we need to be an agency this community can continue to be proud of. I ask everyone listening tonight to not let your support wain once this week passes. Thank you.

Mayor Brown then invited Police Chief Barbelet and Lieutenants Barosa, Budnar and Cole to the dais to accept the following proclamation:

Proclamation in recognition of National Police Week 2023 and National Peace Officers Memorial Day 2023, and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Village of Tarrytown;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 23,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty;

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, the officers of the Tarrytown Police Department have worked devotedly and with integrity to safeguard the lives and property of the people of Tarrytown, affording our Village a meaningful sense of security which contributes to the quality of life that makes this a wonderful place to live; and

WHEREAS the officers of the Tarrytown Police Department can be counted among the best in the region; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week 2023 is observed from May 14–20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, National Peace Officers Memorial Day is observed today, May 15, 2023, and in observance US flags on Village buildings were flown at half-staff;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Karen G. Brown, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Village of Tarrytown, and on behalf of the entire Board of Trustees and all of our residents, do hereby commemorate National Police Week 2023 and National Peace Officers Memorial Day 2023 and tender to the Tarrytown Police Department our heartfelt gratitude for their distinguished service to this Village.

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

John Stiloski from Wildey Street in Tarrytown thanked the Board for honoring the police officers, and he hopes every day is like today in honoring the Police. Mr. Stiloski inquired if anything was given to our officers due to the American Cares Act. Did they not receive anything because the money was spent elsewhere? Mayor Brown asked if he was talking about the ARPA money. If so, Mayor Brown stated that the Village was still in negotiations. Mr. Stiloski then asked if the new person hired at Recreation was background checked. Deputy Clerk Fasman confirmed they were background checked. Mr. Stiloski then asked if other people who have been hired this year were background checked, and Deputy Clerk Fasman confirmed that they were. Mr. Stiloski then noted that National Firefighter Day was on May 4th, and we are heading into EMS Appreciation week. He wishes to make sure that the EMS are honored as well and are included in the conversation along with the Fire Department when the Board talks about the American Care Act. Mayor Brown replied that the Board might have to make one day where we show our appreciation for all first responders.

Mayor Brown asked Deputy Clerk Fasman if we were doing everything according to law regarding background checks. Deputy Clerk Fasman replied that the law went into effect in September of 2022 that all employees hired since then have been background checked. Administrator Slingerland noted that the vast majority of employees are appointed in April, May and June.

MOTION REGARDING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT PETITION SUBMITTED REGARDING 303 SOUTH BROADWAY

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

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY MAKES A MOTION to reject the zoning text amendment petition and request submitted by Zarin & Steinmetz, LLP, on behalf of Amtrust Realty, to make changes to the text of the Office Building (OB) Zoning Districts in the Village of Tarrytown to allow residential uses, which are not currently allowed.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MULTI-VILLAGE ROAD MILLING AND PAVING CONTRACT AWARD FOR 2023

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, and seconded by Trustee Rinaldi the following resolution was approved. Approved 7-0.

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2023, the Village of Irvington received four (4) bids for the 2023 Road Milling and Paving shared services, multiple municipality paving project and are summarized below for the proposed work in the Village of Tarrytown:

Company Name	Based out of:	Total Bid amount (6 Villages)
Montesano Bros., Inc.	New Rochelle, NY	\$1,575,079.35
ELQ Industries, Inc.	New Rochelle, NY	\$1,612,643.70
Waters Construction Co.	Bridgeport, CT	\$1,753,712.00
Morano Brothers Corp.	Croton on Hudson, NY	\$1,783,457.50

WHEREAS, in accordance with the contract, each partner municipality will separately authorize the Contract and be responsible for payment of services performed within their respective municipality and the quantities of work required directly to the contractor; and

WHEREAS, the paving and milling is planned to take place on Prospect Avenue, Sheldon Avenue, Putnam Avenue, Terrace Avenue and Sawyer Avenue, for a total estimated contract amount of \$770,000, based on unit prices included in the bids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize the award of the contract, for the work to be performed in the Village of Tarrytown, for the 2023 Milling and Paving Contract to Montesano Bros., Inc. of New Rochelle, NY, for a total estimated contract amount of \$770,000, in accordance with their unit prices contained in their bid of May 3, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes and directs the Village Administrator to execute an agreement for this project with Montesano Bros. Inc.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE QUAY OF TARRYTOWN CONDOMINIUM AND THE STATE OF NEW YORK

On a motion made by Trustee Mitchell, 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 does hereby authorize and direct the Village Administrator to execute the Amendment to the Stipulation of Settlement among the Village of Tarrytown, the New York State Thruway Authority and the Quay of Tarrytown Condominium solely to the extent of extending the time for the Quay to provide the Village with an easement related to certain proposed improvements to the Westchester Riverwalk for another six (6) months, subject to the approval of the Village Attorney.

INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR WORKERS COMP

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize and direct the Village Administrator to take the necessary and appropriate actions to renew the Village's Worker's Compensation Insurance through Brown and Brown Insurance Company, a/k/a The Spain Agency, to remain a member of the Worker's Compensation Alliance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual estimated premium for the second year of the Worker's Compensation Alliance premium is \$600,997.00, plus any estimated NYS assessment that may be required.

AUTHORIZATION OF POLLING PLACES

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize the use of Village facilities, including Conqueror & Hope Hose Firehouse, Riverside Hose Firehouse, Phenix Hose Firehouse, Washington Engine Firehouse, Consolidated Engine Firehouse and Village Hall as official polling places for the New York State Primary Election being held on June 27, 2023 and the General Election being held on November 7th, 2023.

SALARY INCREASES FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees does hereby grant percentage salary increases for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 to the nonunion fulltime staff (3%) and percentage hourly increases to the permanent part-time staff at three percent (3%). Such salary increases for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 shall be effective June 1, 2023, for the following titles:

Acting Village Justice

Building Inspector

Code Enforcement Officer

Court Clerk/M. Hernandez

Deputy Village Clerk

Deputy Village Treasurer

- General Foreman
- Junior Civil Engineer
- Superintendent of Public Works
- Superintendent of Recreation
- Village Administrator
- Village Clerk
- Village Engineer
- Village Justice
- Village Treasurer

Part Time employees	Percentage
Bus Driver	3%
Court Attendant/ D. Moyer	3%
Fitness Center Desk Employees	3%
Intermediate Clerk/ D. Cowart & T. Curry	3%
Parking Enforcement Officer	3%
School Crossing Guard	3%
Secretary to the Village Admin.	3%

APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION LEADER

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby authorize the appointment of Alexandra Cirrincione of West Harrison, NY, as Recreation Leader for the Village of Tarrytown at a starting annual salary of \$66,351.36, with an official start date of June 11, 2023, subject to the applicable rules and regulations of Civil Service including a probationary period of no less than twelve weeks and an agreed upon period not to exceed six (6) months based on additional considerations and prior service with the Village.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby appoint Doreen Carrasquillo of Yonkers, NY, on a provisional basis to the position of Office Assistant/Financial Support, at an annual salary of \$69,886.00 effective June 5th, 2023, subject to all applicable Civil Service Rules and Regulations including a probationary period of no less than twelve weeks and a maximum of 52 weeks (Note: The official probationary period within the title begins when the employee takes, passes and is appointed from the Civil Service list for this position.)

APPOINTMENT OF INTERN FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown hereby authorizes the hiring of Emma N. Clarke as an intern at \$17.50 an hour in the Building Department for a summer project in the Building Department, effective immediately.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE TARRYTOWN TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY COUNCIL

On a motion made by Trustee Phillips-Staley, and seconded by Trustee Kim, the following resolution was approved. Approved 7-0

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby appoint Henry Molina as Chair of the Tarrytown Transportation and Mobility Council for one year term that will expire in December 2023

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF May 1, 2023

On a motion made by Trustee Kim, and seconded by Deputy Mayor McGovern the following resolution was 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, May 1, 2023 as submitted by the Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF THE ACTION ITEM MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF MAY 10, 2023

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and seconded by Trustee Kim, the following resolution was 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, May 10, 2023 as submitted by the Village Administrator and the Village Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and seconded by Trustee Kim, 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.21 of Audited Vouchers in the total amount of \$366,983.69 as presented by the Village Treasurer, to be paid in the following amounts:

General	\$ 295,169.34
Water	\$ 13,398.87
Sewer Fund	\$ 0.00
Capital	\$ 35,650.08
Library	\$ 4,327.87
Trust & Agency	\$ 18,437.53
CM (Special Funds)	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 366,983.69

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.

John Stiloski from Wildey Street inquired if there was anyone working for the Village who work with youths from September through December that should have been background checked, but never was. Mayor Brown replied that the Board will look into it. Mr. Stiloski then asked the Board of Trustees what their position is on possible illegal immigrants coming to a hotel in town or an area in town? Mayor Brown replied that it is a sensitive issue, and if it becomes something we have to deal with, we will look at it from all sides. Mr. Stiloski stated that if the homeless wished to go to the hotel it would have to go before the zoning and planning boards and have public input. People need to know what the plan is. There are people sleeping in the street in Sleepy Hollow. Westchester seems to be opening their arms to them and he is concerned about the Double Tree. If they want to bus people to the hotel, is this acceptable? Are we ready with the services they will need? Mayor Brown replied that when we are officially asked the Board will put their heads together and come up with an answer. Mr. Stiloski feels that since it is already happening in Westchester, talks should be happening now.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm on a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGovern, and seconded by Trustee Hoyt, with all voting aye:
7-0

Kristine Gilligan
Village Clerk