



# Town of Tusten Town Board Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2022  
6:30 PM

**Venue:** Tusten Community Hall, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg NY  
Zoom ID 809 1678 4280

PRESENT

Supervisor Bernard Johnson  
Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger  
Councilman Bruce Gettel  
Councilman Kevin McDonough  
Councilman Greg Triggs

OTHERS PRESENT

Crystal Weston, Town Clerk; Ken Klein Esq., Attorney to the Town;

## 1 OPENING ITEMS

### 1.1 Call Meeting to Order

Supervisor Bernard Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

### 1.2 Pledge of allegiance

Supervisor Bernard Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1.3 Announcements

- Sullivan County Mobile DMV will be coming on February 22, 2022 10:30 - 3:30 Please call the SC DMV or go online to schedule an appointment

### 1.4 Presentation

Peter Manning gave a presentation regarding the Conservation Advisory Council.

### 1.5 Correspondence

Star Hesse

### 1.6 Payment of Bills

#### RESOLUTION # 30-2022

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, seconded by Councilman Kevin McDonough, the following resolution was,

**ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board Pay the Bills as presented:

<u>Fund Acct</u>	<u>Ck Acct Disbursement</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>
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<b>General</b>	\$325,123.52	102-127, 56, 57
<b>Highway</b>	\$329,978.11	60-81
<b>Water</b>	\$13,060.41	93-101, 129-131, 59
<b>Sewer</b>	\$13,287.23	82-91, 132-134, 58, 56 A
<b>Lighting dist</b>	\$447.79	55
<b>Escrow accts</b>	\$1,218.75	61A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$683,115.81</b>	

**2 DIVISION REPORTS**

Supervisor Bernard Johnson read the following reports aloud:

**2.1 Highway - January Report by Donald Neiger**

- Used 1198.2 gal of diesel fuel 1064.3 gal was for highway and 133.9 was non highway use.
- Used 172.8 gal of gas 0 was highway and 172.8 was non highway use.
- Patched holes on dirt and paved roads.
- Removed trees in the road way on Swamp Pond, Perry Pond, Gables, Ryer and Trout Pond Roads.
- Made sand salt mix for winter.
- Worked on ice conditions on several roads.
- Repaired trucks after storms.
- Out for slippery road conductions most of the time.

**2.2 Water & Sewer**

**Financial Report for January 2022**

<b>NARROWSBURG WATER &amp; SEWER</b>	
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022	
<b>Narrowsburg Water</b>	
Water Metered Rent	\$ 29,526.38
Service Charge	\$ 349.72
Water Penalty	\$ 3.56
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 29,879.66</b>

<b>Narrowsburg Sewer</b>	
Sewer Rent	\$ 22,077.15
Service Charge	\$ 4.50
Sewer Penalty	\$ 22.84
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 22,104.49</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 51,984.15</b>
Jocelyn Strumpfler Water & Sewer Clerk	

- Completed monthly drinking water and waste water sampling and reporting.
- Took daily chlorine samples around the water district.
- Made adjustments to the chlorinator at the sewer plant, as needed, to maintain Federal and State standards on the effluent wastewater.
- Did water meter readings every Wednesday in the month of May.
- Found several leaks inside homes after a cold weekend, turned water off to two locations. One used 82,000 gallons and the other 31,000 in three days. Notified several other homeowners about possible water leaks.
- Repaired curb valve and turned water off to a house on RT-97 due to water leak inside that we found reading water meters on a weekly basis.
- Attended a class provided by NYRWA and several webinars for sewer and water education.
- Koberlein pumped out sludge from dosing tanks.
- Located sewer cleanouts and one water curb valve in wooded easements, used GPS to mark their location.
- Shoveled and plowed sewer plant, wells, and water tower.
- Responded to a grinder station alarm on Main St due to grinder plugged up. Koberlein helped unclog and get pump running.
- Found a leaking galvanized service line on 5<sup>th</sup> St, had TAM repair leak due to no working valves to turn water off.
- Continued painting inside Well #2.
- Did several final meter reads.

### 2.3 Building Department/ Code Enforcement

Town of Tusten Building Inspector's Report  
JANUARY 2022 Monthly Report

Construction Inspections - 12

Fire & Safety Inspections - 0

Complaint/Violation Inspections - 0

Certificate of Occupancy Issued - 0

Certificate of Compliance Issued - 3

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**Total Permits Issued - 10**

New Homes - 0  
- 0

Renovation/Alteration/Addition - 4

Chimney/Fuel - 0

Acc Bldg Comm - 0

Ren/Alt - Comm Const - 0

Deck - 1

Demolition Permit - 1

Electrical - 2

Mechanical - 0

Plumbing - 0

Roof Replacement - 1

Septic Permits - 1

Sign Permit - 0

Well - 0

Flood Plain Permit - 1

Accessory Building/Garage

Camping - 0

New Comm Const - 0

Commercial Deck - 0

Driveway Permit - 0

Logging Permits - 0

Permit Renewals - 0

Pool - 0

Roof Structure - 0

Sidewalk - 0

Solar Permit - 0

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Abstracts/Violation Search - 13  
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Dangerous and Unsafe Building - 0

Complaints Received - 0

Violations Issued - 0

Previous Violations Closed/Corrected - 0

Complaints Closed - 0

Violations Corrected - 0

Stop Work - 1

Jim and Jocelyn attended two on-line continuing education classes on January 13, 2022 on (1) Worker's Compensation & Disability Benefits; and (2) Records and Public Service.

2021 US Census Bureau Report Submitted

Monies collected by this office from January 1, 2022 to January 31, 2022 are \$4,993.60.

Respectfully,  
Jim P Crowley, Building Inspector  
JPC/js

## 2.4 Assessor Submitted by Ken Baim, Sole Assessor

During the month of January, the Sullivan County Assessor's Association cancelled their meeting due to the Omicron Covid outbreak.

I have received some calls about tax bills. The usual calls about the market value printed on the bills no longer seems to be a major issue. Before the usual complaint was that the property could no way be worth that much. The sales from 2020 have shown a sharp increase in sale prices that the market value number looks now low. The figures from New York State have recently been received lowering our level of assessment from 51% to 38.5% for 2022. This is a huge jump, but seems to reflect what has happened to sale prices during 2019 and 2020. It appears that this has happened to most towns in Sullivan County and most likely will not cause a large shift in taxation for districts in multiple towns such as school districts and county levies. This shift will also increase the market value figures (the calls will start again!).

As it looks like I will be continuing doing my work at home, I spent some time rearranging my work space to include a new two drawer file that should allow me to keep all the construction and change of value data easily accessible along with giving me a larger area for the chair and computer work spaces. More still has to be done on this as I start work on the 2022 tentative roll and the data collection process.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Baim, Sole Assessor

## 2.5 Upper Delaware Council- Submitted from Tusten Representative Susan Sullivan.

UDC

Fiscal Planning workshop held at the N'Burg Union 2/52-22. I was unable to attend due to work conflict, but sent comments, saying I support the Non-Profit Model, and agree with shift to mixed funding and ongoing grant writing program.

NY DEC representative Bill Rudge has retired due to health issues. His replacement is Mike DeSarno. Bill was one of the nicest most helpful people I ever met, and will be sorely missed by all of us.

Project Review Committee:

The project referred to as the "Art Shop" which is Art Peck's old workshop on the Flats, was found to be in Substantial Conformance with the River Management Plan. Criteria are impacts on river quality, significant changes in landscape within the River Corridor. Since this project was within the footprint of an existing building, and is in the Water/Sewer district, UDC did not have issues with it.

WURM Committee Ten Mile River subdividing of Boy Scouts of America property. The Council amended its draft letter to the Tusten Planning Board to "add sentence recognizing the value of the river access area as a continued public recreational asset, " .... topic will continue at 2/22 Project Review meeting, and at 2/22 Tusten Planning Board Meeting Yes, same day. Project Review is 6:30P and Planning Board is 7:30 (?)

UDC sending letters to NPS, NYDEC, and PA Fish and Boat, in support of the committee's concept of Litter Bag Stations installed at public river accesses on PA and NY sides of river This is in early exploration phase.

Litter sweep April, Earth Day:

Reminder that volunteers are welcome and Tusten's Litter leaders are Evan and Cherene Padua and Wanda Gangel. If interested in cleaning up the ever-increasing amount of plastic in our environment, contact Ashley at UDC or Evan, Cherene or Wanda.

Other:

NY State Zoning changes. NY State is reportedly issuing new Zoning Regulations that would allow increased density, to encourage affordable housing. It would seem to violate "home rule" and UDC is following up with State Senator Martucci. Also, Tusten should follow up with Association of Towns.

Corridor Maps.... UDC is working with Counties and NPS to convert digital Corridor maps to REAL MAPS which Towns could hang on wall.

## 2.6 Energy Committee

### **Tusten Energy Committee Report January 2022**

#### **Soft Plastic Recycling**

In January 2022 the TEC collected 546 pounds of soft plastic making us eligible to receive our 6<sup>th</sup> TREX outdoor bench. This one will go next to the HORSE for operators and those dropping off food scraps.

To date the TEC has logged more than 9 tons from Tusten residents and businesses to be recycled into TREX decking and outdoor furniture.

#### **LED Streetlights**

The TEC would like to request the board's support in asking NYPA to schedule our Main St pendant streetlights installation in the spring. On that day they could also go through a punch list of issues with other already installed cobra head streetlights. Originally NYPA wanted to come back only once to Narrowsburg to trench and install the parking lot streetlights on that day as well.

We've waited more than 1 year for the completion of our LED streetlights install and waiting on the parking lot install could take another year. Because the parking lot needs a whole day to trench and install poles with cobra head LED streetlights, we'd like to ask NYPA to break it down that way and come back when the board is ready to proceed.

### **Bank Building on Main St**

The TEC is on our way towards a silver certification as a Climate Smart Community and we've recommended the board consider purchasing and installing air source heat pumps in the bank building lowering Tusten's emissions and energy costs significantly. Councilwoman Jane Luchsinger has confirmed the board's support of mini-splits or air source heat pumps in the building. The TEC thanks you for this decision.

### **Tusten HORSE update**

To date, we have processed 1 ton of organic material from The Heron, The Botanist, Blue Fox and Pete's. We are sorry to hear that The Botanist has closed but thank them for their support while they were in Narrowsburg.

- The TEC is now working on the ongoing HORSE operations plan which is our last deliverable for the DEC grant.
- Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York (NOFA-NY) Certification of the Tusten HORSE plant food product has been initiated with a local farm.
- The local [SUNY Green Technology department](#) is interested in scheduling a visit in the spring. There is significant training potential for students with the HORSE.
- As reported previously, an RIT research student/professor team is working on a graduate case study about the Tusten HORSE with the goal of understanding the social, environmental, and financial drivers of a distributed model for food waste processing and energy production.
- Energy Vision is a NYC based advisory team whose sole mission is to help communities lower their carbon footprint across the country. They will be featuring Tusten as a US community committed to responsible energy use. They fully support the Tusten HORSE as a necessary sustainable path for the future and want to highlight our efforts over the past 11 years.

### **Other TEC Initiatives**

The Forsythia in front of the Tusten Solar Array has been fed liquid organic plant food from our HORSE last fall. In spring, Narrowsburg Beautification wants to work with the TEC to mulch and plant around the Forsythia making it look better and become easier for the hi-way department's mowing maintenance. This Tusten garden improvement will be submitted to Sullivan Renaissance this year.

Brandi designed new stickers for town outdoor trash and recycling bins making it easier to understand what each bin is for. The bins surfaces will be cleaned and stickers applied in the spring.

This year the TEC Facebook page will feature inspiring green efforts around our community.

Brandi Merolla, chair  
1/29/2022

Star Hesse, Naomi Holoch, Catherine Lewis, Jennifer Porter, Scott Porter, Councilman Greg Triggs, Councilman Kevin McDonough.

**2.7 Zoning Revision/ Update Committee**

Continues to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month from 2:00 Pm – 4:00 PM in the Community Hall and on zoom (Zoom ID 847 5045 2682)

**2.8 Grants Report**

**2.9 Narrowsburg Water & Sewer Committee  
February 2022**

The Narrowsburg Water Committee held the first committee meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 8:00 AM. Committee members present were Jane Luchsinger, Greg Triggs, and Kevin McDonough. Also present were: Ben Johnson, Town Supervisor; Davis Bunce, NWS Interim Superintendent; and Jocelyn Strumpfler, Water Clerk; Crystal Weston, Town Clerk; plus 7 residents of the Narrowsburg Water Sewer District.

The residents present were given an opportunity to be heard. Questions/concerns were related to the new water rates and the classifications of the owners’ properties.

As a result of the discussion and consideration of presentations, the Water Committee has made the following recommendations (see attached)

The following individuals appeared before the Water Committee meeting to request a classification change of their property

Classifications in Red (\*) represent changes to current classifications

**Narrowsburg Water Sewer Committee**

February 7, 2022

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Classifications in **Red\*** represent changes to current classifications

Account #	Current Status	Recommendation	Justification
16660	commercial	<b>Residential*</b>	The building where occasional printing is done does NOT have water hook up.



100200	commercial	Residential*	property owner living home
25310	commercial	no charge*	vacant parcels
15420	commercial	no charge*	vacant parcels
25330	commercial	commercial (no change)	rental property
15340	commercial	commercial (no change)	rental property
15410	commercial	commercial (no change)	rental property
25350	commercial	commercial (no change)	rental property
15430	commercial	commercial (no change)	rental property
25360	commercial	commercial (no change)	rental property
15440	commercial	commercial (no change)	rental property
25370	commercial	commercial (no change)	rental property
15450	commercial	commercial (no change)	rental property
25320	commercial	commercial (no change)	rental property
90000	commercial	residential	family members residence
25400	commercial		tabled until final decision by ZBA
<b>The following residents filed complaints either by mail or phone</b>			
35700	commercial		needs more investigation
34300	commercial	commercial	rental property
25400	commercial	Residential*	single family residence
34800	residential	residential	no change
60400	residential	residential	no change

### 3 OLD BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Minutes

##### **RESOLUTION #31-2022**

##### **ACCEPT MINUTES**

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, seconded by Councilman Bruce Gettel, the following resolution was,

##### **ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board accept the January Regular Meeting Minutes & February Workshop Minutes as presented.

3.2 NWS Committee recommendation(s)

**RESOLUTION # 32-2022**

**APPROVAL OF NWS STATUS UPDATES & CHANGES**

On motion of Councilman Bruce Gettel, seconded by Councilman Kevin McDonough

**ADOPTED 4 AYES 0 NAYS 1 ABSTAINED** (Supervisor Ben Johnson)

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board motion to accept & approve the Classification changes as presented, on recommendation of the NWS Committee.

Account #	Current Status	Recommendation	Justification
16660	commercial	Residential*	The building where occasional printing is done does NOT have water hook up.
100200	commercial	Residential*	property owner living home
25310	commercial	no charge for water*	vacant parcels
15420	commercial	no charge for water*	vacant parcels
25400	commercial	Residential*	single family residence

3.3 Little Lake Erie Culvert Project

**RESOLUTION # 33-2022**

**LITTLE LAKE ERIE CULVERT PROJECT COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR ADJOINING PROPERTIES**

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, seconded by Councilman Kevin McDonough, the following resolution was,

**ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby acknowledges and accepts the following: To Amend Resolution # 31-2021 entitled "Amend Compensation Schedule for Acquisition: Little Lake Erie" & the Resolution of 2020 entitled "Little Lake Erie Culvert Project Compensation Schedule for Adjoining Properties"; the Town Board hereby authorize and set the final compensation schedule as shown below:

MAP #	Parcel #	Owner	Sq ft	Town Board Approved Amt.
4	4	Stuart	655	\$1,300.00
1	1	Dirlam	2,911	\$5,400.00
2	2	Dirlam	6,848	\$2,600.00

3	3	Yard Sale	+/- 1669	\$750.00
5	5	Littke	254	\$450.00

#### 4 PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were heard from the following individuals:

Bernie Lohmann – re: Water Rates

Ed Krause: re: Culvert Area tree

Susan Sullivan re: Zoning Maps

#### 5 NEW BUSINESS

##### 5.1 93 Main Street

- Heating System (EMERGENCY)

**Buselli OPTION #1 Supply & Install Fujitsu systems to replace the rooftop unit –**

**Estimate \$23,415.00**

**\*Heat & A/c**

**\* If one unit stops the other will continue to run**

**\*More Energy Efficient – Cost effective**

**\* Possibly a NYSERDA savings**

OPTION #2 Supply & Install the following Heating & A/C system **Estimate \$22,670.00**

**Olsen Mechanical** - called and inquired – unable to assist us at this time – BUSY

#### **RESOLUTION # 34-2022**

#### **93 MAIN STREET BUSELLI SOLUTION ESTIMATE ACCEPTANCE FOR FUJITSU SYSTEMS**

On motion of Supervisor Bernard Johnson seconded by Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, the following resolution was,

**ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS**

**WHEREAS** 93 Main Street heating system broke causing water pipes to freeze & break. With the Narrowsburg Water Dept. unable to shut off the water supply at the main in the road, water continues to be supplied to the building, the water valve is shut off inside the building. In order to keep from any further damage, the Town of Tusten requires a purchase and installation of a new heating unit due to the existing Heating system is unable to be repaired and therefore an emergency purchase is necessary. And;

**WHEREAS** Two estimates were received from Buselli Solutions, another was requested from Olsen Mechanical they were unable to assist due to the timeframe. And;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tusten Town Board Hereby accept estimate of \$23,415.00, #1510, dated 02/07/2022 as provided by Buselli Solutions for the Supply and install the following Fujitsu systems to replace the rooftop unit for the building at 93 Main Street in Narrowsburg NY:

- (2) AOU36RLXFZH outdoor units
- (2) ASU24RLF wall mounted indoor units
- (2) ASU15RLF1 wall mounted indoor units

- For Design of Property at 93 main Street Professional Services
  - Retainer fee quoted at \$3000.00

#### **RESOLUTION 35-2022**

##### **RETAINER FOR 93 MAIN STREET**

On the motion of Supervisor Ben Johnson, seconded by Councilman Greg Triggs the following resolution was,

**ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS**

**RESOLVED** the Town Board hereby hire Karl Wasner to create a design of the Property at 93 Main Street and agree to pay the retainer fee of \$3000.00 as quoted. As per the procurement Policy this is a Professional Services requiring no additional quotes or estimates.

## **5.2 Fire Advisory Council**

#### **RESOLUTION 36-2022**

##### **SULLIVAN COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY APPOINTMENT**

On the motion of Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, seconded by Councilman Bruce Gettel, the following resolution was,

**ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYES**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby appoint Craig Burkle to the Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board to represent Tusten.

## **5.3 Lawn Mowing/ Property Maintenance**

- Cemetery - Glenn Swendsen - hire for season? Discussion held; no action taken.
- Tusten Property excluding cemeteries - Go out bid - bids to be received by 4/5/22 Open on 4/5/22, awarded 4/12/22 A Regular Town Board Meeting
  - \*SEE LAWN MOWING DESCRIPTION

#### **RESOLUTION 37-2022**

##### **AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT LAWN MOWING & SUMMER MAINTENANCE BIDS**

On the motion of Councilman Kevin McDonough, seconded by Councilman Greg Triggs, the following resolution was,

**ADOPTED 5 NAYES 0**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board will accept bids for lawn mowing and summer maintenance for Town of Tusten grounds. Bids to be received by 4/5/22 Open on 4/5/22, awarded 4/12/22 a regular town board meeting. Town Clerk shall publish in the Towns official paper.

#### **5.4 Gasoline & Diesel Bid**

##### **RESOLUTION 38-2022**

##### **AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR UNLEADED GAS & DIESEL**

On the motion of Supervisor Ben Johnson, seconded by Councilman Kevin McDonough, the following resolution was,

**ADOPTED 5 NAYES 0**

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Tusten Highway superintendent and Town of Tusten Town Board will accept bids for diesel engine fuel and regular unleaded gasoline. Bids to be received by 4/5/22

#### **5.5 Highway Sand & Stone**

##### **RESOLUTION 39-2022**

##### **AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR SAND & STONE**

On the motion of Councilman Bruce, seconded by Councilman Greg Triggs, the following resolution was,

**ADOPTED 5 NAYES 0**

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Tusten Highway superintendent and Town of Tusten Board will accept bids for sand and stone. Bids to be received by 4/5/22

#### **5.6 Amend 2022 Compensation Schedule**

Motion to Amend the 2022 Compensation Schedule to include a cell phone reimbursement of up to \$50.00 per month; eligibility to be determined by dept head.

##### **RESOLUTION 40-2022**

##### **AMEND 2022 COMPENSATION SCHEDULE**

On the motion of Supervisor Ben Johnson, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, the following resolution was,

**ADOPTED 5 NAYES 0**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board will include a cellphone reimbursement of up to \$50.00 per month; eligibility to be determined by dept head.

#### **5.7 Town Assessor**

##### **RESOLUTION #41-2022**

##### **APPROVE EXEMPTIONS ON THE 2022 ASSESSMENT ROLL**

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, seconded by Councilman Grag Triggs, the following resolution was,

**ADOPTED 5 YAES 0 NAYS**

**WHEREAS**, that the Town Board of the Town of Tusten pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 11.1, issued by the Governor of the State of New York, does hereby direct the Town Assessor of the Town of *Tusten* to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll in accordance with the Resolution attached hereto.

**WHEREAS**, on December 26, 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul issued Executive Order No. 11, declaring a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, this State disaster emergency has resulted in limited hours in municipal offices in the Town of *Tusten* and rendered senior citizens and individuals with disabilities residing in *Tusten* homebound. These factors combined have made it difficult, if not impossible, for many in these populations to file their real property tax exemption applications in person and many, further, lack the ability to file such applications online; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the above problems caused by the pandemic, Governor Hochul issued Executive Order No. 11.1 on December 26, 2021, thereby extending Executive Order No. 11. This extension of the Governor's Executive Order modifies subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, the effect of which permits the governing body of an assessing unit (i.e., the Town Board of the Town of *Tusten*) to adopt a Resolution directing the Assessor to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all property owners who received such exemptions on the 2021 assessment roll (i.e., senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income), thereby dispensing with the need for such persons to file renewal applications to request such exemptions, and further dispensing with the requirement that assessors mail renewal applications to such persons; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 11.1 further allows the governing body of said assessing unit, in any such Resolution, at its option, to include procedures by which its Town Assessor may require a renewal application to be filed if he has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner or died; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said Executive Order, the Town Board of the Town of *Tusten* wishes to adopt such Resolution directing the Town Assessor of the Town of *Tusten* to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all eligible senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income, and granting the Town Assessor of the Town of Tusten the authority to require renewal applications for due cause, as discussed above, utilizing procedures outlined below;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 11.1, issued by the Governor of the State of New York, that the Town Board of the Town of *Tusten* hereby directs the Town Assessor of the Town of *Tusten* to:

1. Grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all individuals who received the senior exemption on the 2021 assessment roll and all individuals who received the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll because they were recognized as a person with disabilities and limited income, thereby dispensing with the need for any such individuals to file renewal applications for such exemptions, except that;

2. The Town Assessor may, in his sole discretion, require a renewal application to be timely filed with his office if he has reason to believe that any such individual, who qualified for the aforementioned exemption on the 2021 assessment roll, may have since changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed for the relevant property, transferred such property to a new owner or died. If the Town Assessor requires such renewal application be filed, he shall notify the owner of the subject property of such requirement by regular mail, with such notice shall containing instructions on how to file the renewal application. Said renewal application may be returned by mail or by making an appointment to drop same off at the Town Assessor's office, *210 Bridge Street Narrowsburg, NY 12764*

## 5.8 Cell Tower - Castle Crown - Consent

### **RESOLUTION # 42-2022**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO GIVE CONSENT TO CROWN CASTLE**

On motion of Supervisor Bernard Johnson, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, the following resolution was,

**ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby authorize Supervisor Bernard Johnson to sign the Master Management Agreement, to allow and give consent to Crown Castle so that they may install Verizon Wireless's equipment as permitted under the Lease

## 5.9 Ambulance Protection Agreement

### **RESOLUTION #43-2022**

#### **CONTRACT FOR AMBULANCE PROTECTION**

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, and seconded by Councilman Greg Triggs, the following resolution was,

**ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby approve the following contract agreement for ambulance protection as follows.

**THIS AGREEMENT MADE AS OF February 8, 2022** by and between the **TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TUSTEN**, a municipality located in the Town of Tusten, County of Sullivan and State of New York, hereinafter referred to as "Town" and **Tusten Ambulance Corp.**, a non-profit membership corporation located at Narrowsburg, Sullivan County, New York, hereinafter referred to as "Ambulance Corps". **WITNESSETH;**

**WHEREAS**, there has been established in the Town of Tusten the Ambulance Corps which has been and is providing necessary and appropriate ambulance and emergency service within the Town of Tusten and surrounding territory under the plan of ambulance service adopted by the Ambulance Corps, and

The Town duly authorized a contract with the Ambulance Corps for ambulance service when and if required to the Town of Tusten upon the terms and provisions herein set forth, and

**WHEREAS**, this contract has also been authorized by the authorized and delegated representatives of the Ambulance Corps,

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS;**

1. The Town does hereby engage the services of the Ambulance Corps to furnish ambulance service within the Town of Tusten and the Ambulance Corps agrees to furnish said ambulance service in the manner following, to wit:

(a) The Ambulance Corps shall, at all times during the period of this agreement, be subject to call for attendance upon any emergency, accident, illness, and/or occurrence in said Town and when notified by alarm or telephone call from any person within the Town of an accident situation, and/or occurrence, where the services of an ambulance is required, shall respond and attend at the place or places where required, without delay, with one or more ambulances with appropriate emergency medical equipment and trained members of the Ambulance Corps. Upon arriving at the scene where the services of the Ambulance Corps are required, the members of the crew of the Ambulance Corps so attending shall proceed diligently and, in every way, reasonably necessary and suggest in order to affect the appropriate emergency treatment and/or transportation to the nearest or most convenient hospital or other medical facility with the purpose and intention of saving the life and/or preserving the health of the individual or individuals involved.

2. In consideration of furnishing the ambulance services as here in above provided, including the equipment, medical supplies and trained ambulance crew as aforesaid, the Ambulance Corps shall receive the sum of **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00)** per annum and the Town covenants and agrees to pay the same to the Ambulance Corps annually.

3. All monies to be paid under any provision of this agreement shall be a charge upon the Town of Tusten to be assessed and levied upon the taxable property within the Town of Tusten and collected with the Town taxes.

4. This agreement shall continue for a period of one (1) year and shall be deemed to commence from **January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022**, inclusive. This agreement may be renewed and extended by mutual consent annually upon the same terms and conditions for a period not to exceed four (4) additional years. Any notice required or provided for in this agreement shall be served in the same manner as required for the service of a summons in the Supreme Court.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have duly executed and delivered this agreement, the day and year first above written.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bernard Johnson	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger	AYE
Councilman Greg Triggs	AYE
Councilman Kevin McDonough	AYE
Councilman Bruce Gettel	AYE

## 5.10 Tusten Youth Agreement

### **RESOLUTION #44-2022**

### **CONTRACT FOR TUSTEN YOUTH**

On motion of Deputy Supervisor Jane Luchsinger, and seconded by Councilman Bruce Gettel, the following resolution was,

**ADOPTED 5 AYES 0 NAYS**



**RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby approve the following contract agreement for Tusten Youth as follows.

**THIS AGREEMENT**, between the Town of Tusten and the Tusten Youth Commission as of February 8, 2022.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tusten wishes to facilitate the funding of the Tusten Youth Commission for the benefit of the youth of the Town of Tusten.

**WHEREAS**, the Tusten Youth Commission wishes to institute activities for the benefit of the youth of the Town of Tusten.

**IT IS THEREFORE AGREED** by and between the parties:

1. That the Town of Tusten shall fund the Tusten Youth Commission to the extent of **Ten Hundred (\$10,000.00) Dollars**.
2. That the above **Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars** stated shall be paid to the Tusten Youth Commission as reimbursements are received from the State of New York; and,
3. That the Tusten Youth Commission will use those funds disbursed to them by the Town of Tusten for the use and benefit of the youth in the Town of Tusten.

## **6 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments were heard from the following residents, for further details please review the recording:

- Ed Krause
- Star Hesse re: cell tower adjustments 5G
- Mary Bermudez re: did the town go out to bid for an architect for 93 main street?

## **7 CLOSING ITEMS**

### **7.1 Board Comment**

No further comments.

### **7.2 Meeting reminder**

- **ZBA** Regular Meeting February 14, 2022 at 7:30 PM – Community Hall (Zoom ID 851 9544 5595 )
- **Zoning Revision/ Update Committee** Meeting Tuesday February 15, 2022; 2:00PM-4:00PM – Community Hall (Zoom ID 847 5045 2682)
- **Planning Board** Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Tuesday February 22, 2022 at 7:15 PM – Community Hall (Zoom ID 897 1376 8662)
- **Zoning Revision/ Update Committee** Meeting Tuesday March 1, 2022; 2:00PM-4:00PM – Community Hall (Zoom ID 847 5045 2682)
- **Water Sewer Committee** Meeting Monday March 7, 2022 at 8 AM – Community Hall (No Zoom)
- **Town Board** Workshop Tuesday March 1, 2022 at 6:30 PM – Community Hall (No Zoom)
- **Town Board** Regular Meeting Tuesday March 8, 2022 – Community Hall (Zoom ID 890 1678 4280)

### **7.3 Adjournment**

With no further business, Supervisor Johnson made the motion to close the meeting at 8:30 PM, seconded by Supervisor Bernard Johnson, all in favor.

Respectively Submitted,  
Crystal Weston, Town Clerk