

**A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York.**

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor Joseph Bucco, Deputy Mayor Paul Lang, Trustees Richard Calore and Valerie Laudato.**

**ABSENT:**

**Trustee Diane Mack.**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Village Clerk Christine Shenkman, Village Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) Superintendent Christopher Martino, and Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

**Mayor Joseph Bucco led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO – ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Mayor Joseph Bucco stated this past Friday evening the Events Committee hosted Date Night, and it was a tremendous success. The next Date Night is scheduled for Friday, July 27. The Mayor expressed thanks and gratitude to all involved for their dedication and hard work.**

**Mayor Bucco indicated the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant project is well underway, and a “work in progress” presentation will be scheduled for the August Regular Village Board Meeting which will also include photographs of the process.**

**The Mayor commented the First Responder Barbeque and Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 1, and is sponsored by the Girl Scouts. Additional information will be available in the near future.**

**The Village of Washingtonville and Washingtonville Central School District are holding talks regarding Village Police Department presence in Village School buildings. Mayor Bucco explained to date no Agreement has been reached, but will provide information to Village of Washingtonville residents as it becomes available.**

**Public Hearings will be held next Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. regarding the Solar Permit Application for Solar Farm, and proposed Frontier Communications Franchise Agreement.**

**The Mayor stated on Thursday, July 19 at 7:00 P.M. a Zoning Comprehensive Meeting will be held, and Village Water and Sewer Billings will be mailed out at the end of the week.**

**RESOLUTION - PURCHASE OF SHED - MONELL ENGINE COMPANY:**

**Audience member and Fireman Christopher VanRiper explained that the shed that currently houses Monell Engine Company’s 911 Crosspatch System, Fire Department Antennas and the Village Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) Repeater System is deteriorating quickly. The Washingtonville Fire District will be purchasing a new**

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shed and is requesting the Village pay half of the \$4,449.00 cost; Village of Washingtonville share will be \$2,224.50, and Washingtonville Fire District will pay the \$200.00 delivery charge in full.

Trustee Laudato made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lang and adopted to authorize the purchase of an eight (8) foot by six (6) foot mini barn shed from Best in Backyards, New Windsor, New York in the amount of \$2,224.50 (Village of Washingtonville share); said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board.

**LION'S DEN INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND – FIREMENS MEMORIAL PARK:**

Celina Rofer, Vice-President and Playground Project Manager of the Greater Washingtonville Lions Club came before the Village Board and presented information regarding a project to build an inclusive playground at the Village Firemen's Memorial Park location. Ms. Rofer explained that the creation of this playground would serve the needs of children with special needs. Letters were submitted with the presentation packet from an Occupational Therapist, and a Physical Therapist who indicate that the opportunity for play is critical for a child with developmental disabilities. The Lion's Den at Firemen's Memorial Park would fulfill the needs for all children, and will not completely change Memorial Park but will enhance the area, and the equipment is accessible for children ages two (2) through twelve (12).

Ms. Rofer indicated the Lions Club is actively seeking Corporate Sponsorships and Grants, and had a successful meeting with Assemblyman James Skoufis who is committed to assisting the Lions Club to obtain a \$125,000 New York State Grant. Since the State Grant is reimbursable it means the Club would have to spend the money, and submit documentation for reimbursement to the State. Assemblyman Skoufis suggested the Lions Club submit a request to the Village Board regarding the Village laying out the funds for the inclusive playground, and becoming the recipient of the Grant. Ms. Rofer explained the Lions Club would not be turning the project over to the Village, and it will take between twelve (12) and sixteen (16) months to be approved so the Club would not expect or ask the Village Board to spend funding until acknowledgment has been received that the Grant is approved. Mayor Bucco questioned if the Grant Application is denied then there would be no expenditures, and Lions Club member Christopher Vohl stated that is correct and the Club is selling bricks to assist in fund raising efforts. Ms. Rofer indicated many organizations have already spent their charitable funds for this year. The Lions Club will actively apply early next year.

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Laudato and adopted to authorize the approval of the Village of Washingtonville to become the recipient of a New York State Grant in the amount of \$125,000 for the proposed Lions Den inclusive playground located at Firemens Memorial Park; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board, and a line item for the Grant Funding will be placed in a future Village of Washingtonville Budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Audience member Sean Hegarty, 4 Belvoir Drive questioned has Blooming Grove Washingtonville Chamber of Commerce taken over Woodfield Skateboard Park from the Village of Washingtonville. Mayor Bucco responded he will contact Charles Quick of the Chamber of Commerce to obtain an update.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – (CONTINUED):**

Mr. Hegarty suggested the Village of Washingtonville should utilize millings for the extension of L. Vernon Allen Park parking lot located on Ahern Boulevard, the creation of pathways at Sewell Park and to level areas of Village roads that are sinking.

Mr. Hegarty questioned why has the Village Road projects not been completed since the New York State Bidders List has been available since April of 2018. Mayor Bucco indicated a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, July 18 at 10:00 A.M. with the Village Engineer to discuss this project. The Mayor explained that the Village Board has received price quotations for milling of Ahern Boulevard and Decker Drive, as well as paving pricing. It is now a matter of the Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) to prepare catch basins and manhole work, and the Village Board to decide which streets will be part of the project.

Mr. Hegarty questioned did the Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) determine if there is a salt washer in place at the D.P.W. building, and Superintendent Martino responded there is a drain located in the driveway area that comes from the Separator.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Deputy Mayor Lang made a motion, seconded by Trustee Laudato and adopted to adjourn the July 17, 2018 Village Board Regular Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**CHRISTINE SHENKMAN**

**VILLAGE CLERK**