

**A Village Board Work Session meeting was held on Monday, May 4, 2020 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, Valerie Laudato and Laurisa Sampson.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE – IN MEMORIAM – DEDICATED TO FIREFIGHTERS:**

**Mayor Joseph Bucco observed a moment of silence in memoriam of all dedicated firefighters who have passed away while serving their communities.**

**MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO – ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Mayor Bucco announced the Village is working closely with the Washingtonville Central School District regarding 2020 High School Senior Graduation. The possibility of a Graduation Parade is being discussed.**

**The Mayor stated the Village of Washingtonville has received a check from Orange County in the amount of \$245,924.50 which represents first quarter (January, February and March) Sales Tax. The Covid 19 pandemic did not affect this quarter. According to the County Executive it is anticipated there may be a thirty (30) – sixty (60) percent reduction in sales and mortgage tax revenue.**

**Mayor Bucco stated the 2020 Village of Washingtonville Memorial Day Parade is canceled due to Covid 19 Pandemic. The Knights of Columbus (K. of C.) also canceled their annual Carnival, and alternate dates are being discussed.**

**The Village Police Department received a call regarding numerous people gathering and not social distancing in Firemens Memorial Park. The Officers responded and the problem was solved peacefully.**

**Mayor Bucco indicated he e-mailed information to the Village Board regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The project is ninety-six (96%) percent complete, and hopefully will be finished in the near future. In 2017, the Village of Washingtonville bonded 13.2 million dollars for the plant project. Currently, the Village is \$750,000 under Budget. As of this date, \$11,489,000 dollars has been expended. General Contractor change orders did occur, and there were three (3) delays enforced on the Village by New York State – Department of Environmental Conservation (N.Y.S. – D.E.C.) due to the SWPPP Report not being completed by the Project Engineering Firm. Factors such as drywell costs, property fencing and relocation of stairs need to be addressed. A punch list and final walk through will be conducted before project is complete.**

**UPDATE – L. VERNON ALLEN - DOG PARK:**

**Trustee Laudato reported dog tags are ordered for the Village Dog Park and each year they will be a different color. Applications with all required documentation must be submitted in order to receive a dog tag. There is no charge for Village residents and a \$75.00 fee for non-residents. Mayor Bucco stated the Dog Park looks beautiful, and one more lamppost will be installed, as well as a Bocci Ball Court at L. Vernon Allen Park. Trustee Laudato stated signage for the Dog Park will be ready on Friday, and the Dog Park Rules and Regulations Forms will be on-line by the end of the week.**

**INSURANCE FOR K-9 OFFICER – “JAX”:**

Discussion took place regarding insurance for Jax, the K-9 Officer Dog for the Village Police Department. Deputy Mayor Lang commented he questioned Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro how does an Insurance Company determine the fair market value of a K-9 dog, and does depreciation occur every year?

Trustee Calore suggested the Village purchase an Insurance Policy for one (1) year, receive full market value of the animal, and then make a determination as to continuation of the Policy.

Further discussion regarding this matter was tabled until a copy of the proposed Insurance Policy is provided to the Village Board.

**UPDATE – VILLAGE HALL RENOVATION:**

Plans regarding Village Hall renovation are temporarily on hold due to the Covid 19 pandemic until the County of Orange determines the County Revenue share for the Village of Washingtonville.

**VILLAGE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:**

Trustee Laudato stated the Village Beautification Committee will be seeking volunteers next week to assist in placing ribbons and flags at Firemens Memorial Park in honor of Memorial Day. The Beautification Committee will honor social distance and all criteria per the New York State Guidelines. Additional information will be on the Community Events page, and the Village Facebook and Website pages.

Trustee Laudato announced that plants are being ordered for the Village Dog Park area at L. Vernon Allen Park, and for Firemens Memorial Park and Veterans Memorial Park (across from Betty's).

**RIEGER HOMES – HIGHGROVE SUBDIVISION:**

Mayor Bucco indicated Rieger Homes has stated they are ready to file the latest Highgrove Subdivision Map which has been approved by the Orange County Department of Health and requires Village Planning Board Chairperson's signature. The Mayor will check with Village Engineer John Petroccione and Village Attorney William Frank regarding approval to move forward with this matter.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lang and adopted to adjourn the May 4, 2020 Village Board Work Session Meeting.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
CHRISTINE SHENKMAN  
VILLAGE CLERK**