

A Village Board Work Session Zoom Meeting was held on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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

MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO – ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Joseph Bucco expressed congratulations to the Washingtonville Senior High School Class of 2020 and indicated the Graduation Website Ceremony and Car Parade was a huge success.

Mayor Bucco stated flowers have been planted at E.J. McLaughlin Square in the center of the Village, and the Police Booth is in the process of being painted. The fountain located in the pond at Firemen's Memorial Park recently malfunctioned, and the Company will be onsite at the end of this week to conduct repair work.

The Village Farmer's Market will be held on Sunday, July 19 at L. Vernon Allen Park between the hours of 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Orange and Rockland Utilities Inc. will be installing new Smart Meters during the month of July in the Village of Washingtonville. Residents may visit the Village of Washingtonville Facebook and Website Page to view a list of streets that will receive said meters.

Mayor Bucco reported Phase Four (4) is scheduled to open tomorrow, Tuesday, July 7 in the Hudson Valley Region.

The Mayor reminded residents to please contact Village Hall at (845) 496 – 3221 or the Mayor's direct line at (845) 496 – 2555 regarding pothole, sidewalk repair and other concerns in the Village of Washingtonville.

Mayor Bucco expressed sincere thanks to Village residents, Village employees and the Village Board for their dedicated hard work during this time of uncertainty due to Covid 19.

RESOLUTION – FACILITY USE REQUEST FORM – FOREVER FIT WITH GAMI INC.:

Trustee Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to authorize the approval of a Facility Use Request Form for Forever Fit with Gami Inc.

to be held at L. Vernon Allen Park for additional days of Zumba Classes on Sundays between 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. throughout the months of July and August. If inclement weather occurs, classes will be cancelled; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – FACILITY USE REQUEST FORM – YOGARAYZ CLASSES:

Trustee Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to authorize the approval of a Facility Use Request Form to Rachel O'Reilly to hold Yogarayz Classes at L. Vernon Allen Park on Sundays at 9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M., and the following Wednesdays: July 8, July 22, August 5 and August 19 between 7:00 P.M. through 8:00 P.M.; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION - UPDATE FACILITY USE REQUEST FORM:

Deputy Mayor Lang made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to authorize the approval of Facility Use Request Form revisions as submitted by Trustee Laudato; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION - HUDSON VALLEY HAWKS:

Mayor received a telephone call from Chris Wilker who manages a Baseball Team Ten (10) Years of Age, and under, the Hudson Valley Hawks. Looking 2 play games at wf. Jb said talked to dm; v gave permit to ll; no pitchers mound; they bring portable ones in. he been in touch w/dm; work out; or they go possibly May's Field. Send Insurance to jb for program. Has to fill out Facility Use Request Form. Form coming from bg steps they need to take to keep everybody safe. Rob – send form to jb. Jb forward to ll. Follow protocol eone needs to follow. PENDING INSURANCE CERTIFICATE.

Trustee Laudato made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lang and adopted to authorize the approval of a Public Assembly Permit to Dave Moreno – Travel Baseball Team

At Woodfield Skateboard Park

For five (5) games as follows:

July 24, July 29, August 5, August 7 and August 12.

Has to fill out Facility Use Request Form

Need to follow protocol. No use of bathrooms & concession stand.

Said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

WATER - SEWER AND FACILITY FEES BILLING – DELAWARE ENGINEERING:
Mike Aiello and Tracy – Delaware Engineering

Mike: Report - March; summary - analysis & eval water of Village's water & sewer utilities w/rate structuring, considerations of recommendations from Delaware Engineering; Everyone had chance to review, does board have anything want to address, questions/clarific.?

VILLAGE BOARD – QUESTIONS FROM REPORT:

Deputy Mayor Lang: Pg. 21 Tbl 6; Projected Revenue, Operating Maintnce Cost; Preliminary Budget 2021; didn't see #s on there;

Tracy: Budgets from 2019-20; used billing from 2 quarters; issue w/billing quarters was fitting into fiscal yr; aren't going to show exactly what you came up w/as we were doing model based on info. we had; Budget & revenue from prev already known.

Mayor Bucco: I gave Delaware 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th quarter & models & #s, it was educated guess; rev based off assumption your quarters were consistent we had 2 quarters of revenue X2 to get full yr, not off by too much. MIKE – ESTIMATED.

YOU ARE SAYING WE R CHGING TO MUCH:

Deputy Mayor Lang: Bottom pg. 21, facility charge 15X # assignability chart & pg. 22 is put in water & sewer debt, facility fees go into own fund, directly earmarked for water & sewer debt.

Tracy: Facility charge wasn't meeting bdgt for debt & water use charge was overcharging for water & sewer use, 2 big take away on rate is village law & gen munic law specify water & sewer bdgts are separate; funds sep & sewer can't be charged related to water. In current struct. you're charging sewer use based on built water amount based on water consump to have them be sep bdgts, if you move your water bdgt, your sewer bdgt moves too which is how you got into this.

Deputy Mayor Lang: On sewer, based on actual consumpt.;

Tracy: Facility charge is for debt & is a flat 15 per quarter for your usage fees. Your sewer is 1.5X water bill & that is not allowed under current gen munic law, for usage amount of water to meet my bdgt my water fee & if my sewer bdgt is this, divide by sewer use then my sewer bill is calc separately based on how much water was used that's fine but not as a multiple of what your water bill was.

Mike: Right now Sewer Rate is arbitrarily set at water rate as opposed to independent analysis of what village needs to meet sewer expenses, operation & maintenance operational expenses it's set at 1.5X water rate based on usage but instead of taking 2 independently & saying on table 6.1 on pg. 23, water rate is \$3.50 per 1000 gall & sewer rate is 1.5X % X which is \$5.25 per 1000 gall. When you look at revenue both bring in & compare to your expenses or budget, the sewer rate could be as low as \$4.35 cents per 1000 gall when you independently look at what your budget is; assuming water rate could drop to 2.68 cents per 1000 gall. The difference between 2 isn't 150, sewer more than water, however, it's not arbitrarily set as a pre-determined figure, 150% charge.

Deputy Mayor Lang: The sewer rate can change each quarter?

Mike: Not exactly every quarter, but every yr it may change.

Tracy: Look at every 2 yrs and say are we still meeting budget based on the rate we set. Keep IN MIND Facility Charge falls short for debt & consider for future debt for wwtp improvements; could be charging more in future for debt while lowering operation & maintenance charges for each user & customer will see a little bit of lowering but still cover future debt for wwtp, you aren't in a horrid sit, you could do balancing; take a little off operation & maintenance to make it tighter into your budget & your actual water use for water sep from sewer & several options for increasing facility charge or other options for raising debt to cover capital improvement costs.

Deputy Mayor Lang: Estimations not included on pg. 25 what facility would be.

Tracy: Pg. 23. Facility charge; amount budgeted for cap debt for water & sewer totaled; 181 & a little bit, to get to a better current debt; you could divide budgeted amount by current # of total assigned units; units for billing; come up w/64. 28 Fper unit per year. \$16.07 charge per unit per quarter versus 15 now. In future, depending on how you will be financing wwtp, that would be raised; point make if you're lowering operation & maintenance costs to better meet current budget w/out exceed it tremendously, you would be lowering operation & maintenance side & raising debt side & customer would see & avg customer would see us lowering in overall bill, you would actually be raising funds for cap improvement;

Deputy Mayor Lang: By only \$1.00 per quarter?

Tracy: This is current debt, would better meet current budget, b/c debt budget fell a little short but then further, I got to find future debt there's a future debt at appendix D as well there's a table looking at future debt possibilities for pay, charge, on pg. 25 at bottom, annual future calculated cost per single family home for water at 2.68 cents per 1000 gall & sewer at 4.35 per 1000 gall oper & maintenance plus facility charges including ww expansion could be for avg single-fam home, \$714.35 whereas current total charge annual for family is \$777, so if you raise debt, to meet future

debt, you are lowering operation & maintnce to tight budget & revenue so overall singl-fam avg home would see slight decrease in bill & you would be making budget.

Deputy Mayor Lang: On Pay back on pg. 25, annual current calc cost & future calc; what usage are you basing that on?

Tracy: \$2.68 per 1000 gall is same usage, when we do model, we make a mathmatic calc, usage you have, what you're charging now, reven, we put in a diff math equation for this water usage rate at \$2.68, I calc overall budget divided by how much water used & how much you would get per 1000 gall; not sure how 3.5 came up that wasn't part of what you're looking at but under estimation based on budget & # of gallons used in same 2 billing cycles \$2.68 would cover current budget; budget you have for sewer system, divided by # of gall used comes up to \$4.35, water & sewer calc seprtly based on total usage dividing into total bdgt you come up with that base rate now indepdntly of each other but they're both based on consmptn of water which makes sense; Appendix D, it is way in back, future debt is meaning how would we cover your wwtp imprvmnt costs.

Mayor Bucco: We are figuring cost to pay back our loan will be \$450,000; Rich & I came up w/\$65 a quarter w/more or less a quarter.

Tracy: How much were you planning on borrowing & if you had a grant what we did was based this on future capital of \$7,653,000 for future sewer & we added current annual budget for debt of water & sewer to future & that's what we're calling future annual, as bi-annual paymnt if that is a 30-yr term, this is on page 131 of 137, if any of you are digital we just chose an approxmtm of a 30 yr loan at 2% interest & in that case your biannual paymnt would be 170,000 & you know 2X a year, would be \$340,489 total for your debt in future instance, added to current that's \$522,000 annually you divide that by your facility charge & \$180 for avg singl-fam home per yr, based on unit charge & your quarterly facility charge to cover this future debt would be \$45, would be raising your facility charge to cover your debt but you'd also lowering your operation maintnce so avg fam would see a yrly water sewer bill of \$50 less;

Mayor Bucco: 10 mill, 5 low intrst, 5 no intrst, 3.2 mill in grant. Hopefully it's going to be a lot less, which we will know by end of month b/c it should be complete by end of month; have to make payment of 22,734 for short term loan, interest payment, Aug 1, 168,000 payment in Nov but we're not going not be paying back 450000 until next Oct, going to be 1st payment for portion of loan & that's all for wwtp;

Tracy: How about your current water and ww debt, when is that going to be met?

Mayor Bucco: Yes, ww debt we're talking about is this;

Tracy: You had in bldgt a current annual debt for both sewer & water.

Mayor Bucco: Water is another question, 1 more yr, 2 pymnts to make.

Tracy: 0 intrst for 30 yrs;

Mayor Bucco: 5 mill is 2%, 5 mill at 0%;

Tracy: I can recalc & send back to idea is same, you're going to be raising if you continue to want to use a facility charge to cover debt your annual facility charges is going to go up but if you're tightening bldgt on water & usage your sewer use budget tighter than that operation & maintnce cost goes down so you're in good spot b/c customer will not see that much diff & we'll see a little bit less of a charge; JB - thought process was for nxt 5 yrs our operation & maintnce is going to be monthly charges for sewer for operators & chemicals & O&R, O&R bills gone up; that's our Electric Supplier. Raising it to 65, Rich & I discussed \$65 per quarter will bring us to 450 a yr based on 1800 meters but not that much b/c we can take some from sewer b/c operation maintnce is going to be significantly lower. I can help w/that with more detail, but idea is there, if you tighten bldgts & rev for operation ad maintenance then avg person sees lower charge there, be a bit lower;

Mayor Bucco: Here's a question Mike & I spoke about before, facility fee, that's for sewer, what about water?

Mike: There should be 2 facility fees 1 - water, 1 - sewer.

Tracy: Village of Washingtonville codes don't reflect current situation of how Village is charging & need to be updated. If you are changing method, you can I believe, overrevenue your bldgt for water & use that whereas you can't for ww bldgt you need to keep that 1 tight you can't send over to gen fund but you can have a fund for future maintnce & future, if operation & maintnce bldgt is over what expenses are for a yr you can estblsh funds for water & sewer you could use for emrgncy opration & maintnce; E.G. — Fix Water Main Break etc.

Mike: Excess rev from water income can be spent on other than water, if there is water main break. Fire Memorial Prk; sampling has to be updt'd & hlth dept has to come for inspctn; finding results in water quality lab results to see if lvls gone up or need to be mitigated, helpful for water sit, it will give you redundancy;

Tracy: Rates modeled on past budget, budget divided by water use from previous segment of billing a method can be used, wouldn't take #s, ex. of how you can change water & sewer rates to better meet bldgt & a future debt & I can redo Appendix D Tbl w/future debt 5 mill at 0, 5 mill at 2 & see what could get exact #s which aren't going to be much diff by end of month, well what we're looking at is annual so what you're going to have to meet for next 30 yrs., calc on if you have

info. in gen I can run it quick w/5 mill at 0% & 5 mill at 2 & see what comes to see how tbl chngs;

Deputy Mayor Lang: Public hearing dates?

Mayor Bucco: In next mtg, zoom, unless we somehow change would be July 21st, is that enough time, Tracy?

Tracy: In next couple of days, I can get you updated #s for future debt to see what happened to facility charge, I can send separate pgs. do we could make it as an addendum or something to this.

Mike: Divide interest by #s of units, annual facility charge of \$155/4 is quarterly charge of under \$39.

Mayor Bucco: Do we want to look at commercial rates differently than residential?

Tracy: A lot of Municipalities do, can be done b/c benefit of user is greater than resident, restaurants produce food, clean dishes & selling a product relies on benefit of water & sewer, other commercial items same thing, lately municipalities charge 1.25X charge for water, have to look at budget, what properties actually are & how you need to meet your budget, in line w/making sure bill reflects benefit receiver gets;

Mayor Bucco: We have 1 bldg has commercial underneath & residential on top;

Mike: Lot of times there is rate for 1st 700 gall is 1 rate; more use & revenue;

Tracy: If you have large complex, lot of times it's charged as commercial.

Mayor Bucco: We'll talk this week; I'll send info. I will get from financial. Thank you. We didn't win Home Town Takeover, we made feature promo, I will post info. tmrw.

Richard Calore: Any Idea when Planning Board will start meeting?

Mayor Bucco: Want to meet this week, intro. each other to them, reach out by Wed.

Trustee Sampson: Stacy – NYMR join wrk sess in Aug; diff options; 4 zooms pick from or live wrkshp; all village employees.

END OF THE MTG.

