

VILLAGE BOARD WORK SESSION:

NOVEMBER 2, 2020

A Village Board Work Session took place on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7:00 P.M., held at the Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York 10992.

PRESENT:

Mayor Bucco, Deputy Mayor Lang, Trustees Laudato, Calore & Sampson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – MAYOR BUCCO:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR BUCCO:

Thank you WPD for outstanding job October 30th & 31st; thank you DPW for placing tower lights through areas of village; thank you Village of Curious Joel, Town of Palm, for lending us additional 3 tower lights, practice has been going on for years;

Friday, November 6th, Hudson Valley Hot Rides & Paul Neiman; holding Trunk or Treat at Vern Allen Park; 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.;

Some phone calls coming into Village, as well as, on Facebook regarding Water/Sewer Bills, we are addressing them & we will be getting back to owners as soon as possible; I have asked for & received usage for residents & have charted out in some cases over past 2 or 3 years learning residents are using same, if not a little bit higher, but reason its hard as more people are living in house during these times, other post was accusing village board of “fudging numbers”, Mr. Mulvey, I assure you this has not nor it will never happen, those days are over, another post I quoted, “I thought we were supposed to be saving money hiring the new water company”, Mrs. De Vinko, our Water/Sewer Rates haven’t gone up in our term year, despite your requesting they do. We will be addressing these rates very soon, as far as WWTP, DEC gave us no option, we needed to expand past administration, ignored issues/concerns this action Board has taken will remove consent order that was placed on DEC years ago, we will be having a ribbon cutting at WWTP on Saturday, November 14, 2020, at 10:00 A.M., Letters have gone out to Zoning Board Members, asking if they wish to continue serving on board, we will hold interviews for all those that are still interested, all previous members terms have expired;

DPW; installing signs at EJ McLaughlin at 3rd Common, as well as, Veteran Square, thank you Trustee Laudato for designing & following through w/signs. I want to thank Angela Asserno for donation of bench at Vern Allen Park; bench is in memory of angel, Alexis J Lewis, located at entrance to Woofingtonville Dog Park;

Tomorrow is Election Day; residents ask where to vote; call ward person, Kathy Gregg Acevito, 917—797—1097 or Thomas De Vinko, 849—4523.

No parking on Village Streets during 1:00 A.M. – 5:00 A.M.; anytime there is snowfall that has an accumulation of 2 or more inches;

PL: Water Bills, 1800/1839, 35 complaints called in; high water usage, right off bat when I started checking them; a few of them, I adjusted & resent bills, they were not drastically different, some of them & again this was October reading & when you look at houses, many of houses I looked at 1 area had sprinkler systems in ground, lawns were lush & grass was green & water was used, I am doing ones have biggest complaint as far as money, most of folks that have complained about water usage & we aren't going to do bucket tests on every residents that complain, their water bill is too high, we don't have time & I do not think it is necessary, we have gone out & did a couple of bucket tests, it's been spot on & you know when your water bill goes up \$12 from last quarter to this quarter, not a big leap things fluctuate I can give you stats on how much water you lose in leakage, I have gone out myself & have done a # of readings; we are just getting them if you got called up, we are going to get back it is also based on days used, it is not 10 days, 5 days. I have got a few complaints, when I pull up their records, water bill was very high, 1 that was high b/c they ended up w/0 usage rating last quarter. I don't know why they got a zero usage greeting whether it wasn't read or misread it was overlooked, but it shows 0 usage for last quarter, naturally water that goes through meter, but you didn't call me up when 0 usage showed up on your bill, so if you are going to call me up & say my water goes too high & you see something wrong w/bill same way you would want to deal w/your electric bill said you didn't use any electricity & it's still charging your money you want to straighten something like that out you show 0 usage on your bill, you know you can give me a call in same way you call up & say my mortgage went up \$12, aggravating after a while.

OLD BUSINESS – RESOLUTION – APPROVING REPIPING – LOCUST STREET – JOE THE PLUMBER – DEPUTY MAYOR LANG:

JCO went back to Joe the Plumber; specific requirements to properly install this as per specs for meter right now; meter is brand new; not reading properly; piping is not correct; not been correct since place was built, wasn't installed correctly when we did meter in 2018 & when we did meter 2 years ago, 2016, not installed correctly that year, we did not install it, JCO did not install it correctly then, it has been installed correctly since get-go. We should do it b/c if we ever want to allow somebody to use that not as a business b/c we do not own it we are just going to have access to it but if we are going to allow somebody to pump water out of there we should get an accurate reading & if they want to use it for a commercial purpose where they're going to resell it, we should have accurate reading to charge them properly, meter moved but it is not going to be an accurate read, JCO went back, originally estimated at 2750, what required is a screen & additional pipes, plumber

was going to do as per specs on pump same price, 2750, get him to pipe 3 inch water meter properly to meter specs so I have to be specs, he has them & I sent to him already & he has them, he can do proper installation, right there this thing comes in box; I can't be saving installed properly, wasn't installed properly since day one, 1st meeting when we got it.

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Laudato to approve the

Repiping on Locust Street in Washingtonville by Joe the Plumber. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTION – INCREASING WATER RATES – LOCUST STREET LOCATION – \$50 PER THOUSAND GALLONS – MAYOR BUCCO:

As soon as this went on our website; 3 people private message me yesterday throughout village; bulk watering, it's not affecting residential rates at all, food delivery, water delivery business, 2 Locust Street, retired & no longer in business, for years they were paying \$6 per 1000, 1 of those big tanker trucks you saw going down street would be \$36 for filling truck, you get down to math of it; price equaled well; didn't pay sewer on water, what facility came down to was same price a resident would pay for a little bit more than basic uses; resident uses basic uses 76.25, 7,000 gallons, \$6 per 1000, a little bit more than basic usage, for what they sell for water, no more business, going forward back to item 3 when we repipe it if we do allow somebody to use it we should be paid appropriately, as far back as I can see, no issues w/change in water rate, specific water rate it was done I don't know when I think records were in basement of village hall of west main street & got flooded out & destroyed, I do not know who or how they came up w/\$6, it would be more appropriate to raise it, for anyone in future to use it & make it effective immediately w/quarter & going forward & they had been put on a restriction. 20 loads per week & anything more than they need to contact JCO, static levels, rain we had past couple of days helped us tremendously.

PL: This would come out to \$300 a truck, a 6,000 gallons up, hundreds & thousands of gallons, pump out of it, for water pumping & not pay a whole lot, w/dollar figure if you look at water bills dollar figure you saw \$8,000, a lot of water.

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson to approve the Water

Rate of \$50 per Thousand Gallons at the Locust Street Location. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

QUOTE – ROBERT GREEN – CHEVY 6500 SERIES 4-WHEEL DRIVE DUMP TRUCK:

Should drive well in winter snow & ice, what I am reading from is Robert Green's Email to myself & Chris Martino; he will be working on quoting on a 2021 KINO L7 rear wheel drive dump truck also, truck is not equipped properly to handle snow plow, he will be working on that, talking w/Chris, several times, going to be suitable

for what we need, we have a couple of trucks; constantly being worked on, they are in shop; we keep throwing \$, been that way for years, he is not looking for whole fleet, but this here would work, placed a call to dealer also on NYS bid in Maine, Bangor, regarding Hinos, whatever we could buy it for, Barbara Green, we could also buy it for same price, difference is timing, they could have a truck for us by Thursday, I want to plow on it well you may have to wait until Tuesday night really here it's a 5/6 month delivery charge, problem w/truck right here; its way to robbery, red, paint it white; sweeper is white, new mason dump is white, this is white, pickups are gray, blue truck, bug grey truck, not been delivered to Robert Green yet we still have couple of days to look over, on state bid, best interest is to have DPW look at trucks rather than saying this is what you are getting & what is going to be. Leased w/option of \$1 at end of release to purchase it, not on lot yet, I will call him tomorrow, to say to give us to end of week. This came from both Chris & me. He is 1 that said that he's ok w/this b/c it's full wheel drive. Start to use it this winter.

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Laudato to approve the Robert Green Chevy 6500 Series 4-Wheel Drive Dump Truck. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

LS: I got paperwork from everyone in Village Hall for NYCOM Training; Christine sent to me, I am sending info for Chris Martino & DPW, we will send all over.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Paul Lang to adjourn.

END OF MTG: S.F.