

**VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 17, 2019**

**A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday December 17, 2019 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, Laurisa Sampson.**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Village Clerk Christine Shenkman and Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO – ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Mayor Joseph Bucco stated**

**Next Public Budget Meeting- Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 7:00PM. We were in process of building the 2020-2021 Budget.**

**The third hearing is Monday December 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.**

**REPLACEMENT FENCING – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – (D.P.W.):**

**In folders, there are some photos taken by resident, Joe at 27 Toleman; they called Chris Martino at DPW, after big snowstorm, when blue plow truck came along on Toleman, quite fast, slush & snow pushed bottom of fence out (PVC Fence) Rich took picture of neighbor right after him, has same issue, he hasn't called & complained about it, there is dried ice up against fence. What will the village do to take care of that issue?**

**Mayor Joseph Bucco-**

**If we did damage to his fence, then village would be responsible. I passed this onto John Terry, building inspector, today, to see when fence was put up, if there was a permit for when it was put up, if it is on their property or our property, looking at first picture, heading towards Taft, it looks kind of close to road, about 6ft, sometimes residents extend property, as soon as he gets back to me I will get back to you guys, let them know we are looking into it, if we are responsible then we will take care of it.**

**Trustee Rich Calore-**

**It's not like the plow hit into it right, just the snow hit the fence, so we would still be responsible?**

**Mayor Joseph Bucco-**

**Could be a legal question, I will call Will Frank in morning to check on that.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Audience member Sean Hegerty of 4 Belvoir Drive questioned**

**The gentlemen that has been coming the last 2 meetings from Town they're Ward Representatives, what are they bringing to table for us? Are they bringing funding or repairs, or are they coming here & reporting what you guys say & going to the meeting & recording it there because that's what's coming out on meetings over there but I've never seen them saying I'm looking to get them X Y or Z so I'd be curious as to what we are paying for part of their salary if not all of it, what are we getting out of it except for them being covering board as far as I can see.**

**Mayor Joseph Bucco-**

If that is all they're doing, that can be handled w/letter & a stamp. I think 1 or 2 years ago we ended in a Ward system, Town & Villages, Ward 1 & Ward 2 & each one has their own representatives, they sit at Town Meetings as Councilmen, they report or vote on everything going on in town, that doesn't always happen, I don't know what they do or their purpose, it has only been past few meetings that they have actually been here, while they are here, they're not voting on things down there, that could be a good thing, it's a board of 7 including supervisor, who has shared some concerns w/me that they do show up late there, they are missing some crucial votes, it would be interesting to see if they are missing any votes & hopefully they aren't missing votes on sending money back to village, great question & hopefully we can get answers on it. The one gentleman is representing Washingtonville through town; town can't spend Village Money.

**Resident:**

In intersection between Washington & RT94, there is an obstructing bush, when it is alive, you cannot see RT94. What I've heard is that the guy who lives there actually works for DPW, so I'm not sure why it wasn't taken care of & it's very scary to drive past at night because I don't know if anyone is coming, you have to inch up further & further, almost in the road to see if anyone is coming, it's been a concern of mine for a while but I just thought someone would take care of it.

**Mayor Joseph Bucco-**

A lot of concerns in village come from residents & we welcome that, so thank you & it will be trimmed back. Is there a rule on how far back bushes & trees have to be from road?

**Police Chief Brian Zaccaro-**

I see a lot of trees & shrubbery that is overhanging a stop sign try to have DPW remove that but there was a problem in past w/removing trees on people's properties & things like that; sign should be clear & visible from distance away, obstruction of bush is a good point.

**Mayor Joseph Bucco-**

Not to put any more work on you guys but if officers are patrolling & they see anything like that, they should send us that information, like you would w/yellow lines. painting

#### **RESOLUTION – RATIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER CONTRACT:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lang and adopted to authorize the approval of Ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Village of Washingtonville, and the Washingtonville Police Benevolent Association (P.B.A.) for Full Time Police Officers for the period March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2022.

We started back in July of 2019, discussing the police contract, ran out, myself, Deputy Mayor Paul Lang, represented village along w/Police Chief Brian Zaccaro & we met several times coming up w/a new contract, you all have the original contract, we changed some things around, we added Dental & Vision Plan, which hopefully we can carry through to DPW contract, but we would have to sit down w/union & them to settle contract one of things that I insisted upon was we do take this & run w/it, I don't believe anyone should be working w/that. We came up w/good deal, 2.5% this contract will run March 1, 2019-February 28, 2022. PBA unanimously voted for that 2 weeks ago.

**Police Chief Brian Zaccaro-**

Some important things the Board doesn't know already: Substance Abuse Policy- both sides worked on & we didn't have in the past, it involves random testing for police officers for drugs & alcohol; procedure & the consequences are, it's a huge plus for village, there is also health insurance buy out, which is fair for both sides, it saves village some \$, # of employees take that, there is also training recovery, where if an employee recovers in 3 years, a certain amount of \$ that they have to go financially responsible for back to village. The Village has its own handbook, PBA did not agree to it, random testing is tough, I think this is a huge accomplishment for us, only a few departments have it, that was important for me as a manager & the

guys had no problem w/it, they understood it is fair, it's a procedure for people to be tested.

**RESOLUTION - FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER- MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT:**

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**REPLACEMENT FENCING – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – (D.P.W.):**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to adjourn the December 17, 2019 Village Board Regular Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous Vote of the Village Board.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**CHRISTINE SHENKMAN  
VILLAGE CLERK**