

**VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING:**

**MARCH 23, 2021**

A Village Board Regular Meeting took place on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. held at Village Hall, 9 Fair Lawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York, 10992.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Bucco, Deputy Mayor Lang, Trustee Laudato, Trustee Sampson, Trustee Calore.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – MAYOR BUCCO:**

Mayor Bucco led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE – IN MEMORIAM – ATLANTA SHOOTING VICTIMS & COLORADO SHOOTING VICTIMS – MAYOR BUCCO:**

Mayor Bucco held a Moment of Silence in Memoriam of the Atlanta Shooting Victims and the Colorado Shooting Victims.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR BUCCO:**

Thanking residents who came out to vote on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Swearing in of Rich Calore, New Trustee Jimmy Kolar & myself will happen Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 P.M.

JCO, our water operators have started to re-read water meters; they will be wearing blue sweatshirts and have a JCO Logo on them as well as carrying ID Cards.

You will see the Town of Blooming Grove cutting down some trees at the corner of Ahern on Rt 94. These trees were marked out by the engineering firm who prepared the plan for the new culvert that is going to be put under route 94. That is a project that was going to be done last year as a part of the New York Rising; I asked Highway Superintendent Wayne Kirkpatrick to leave the wood on the side for residents if they wanted to take it home.

The warm weather has begun it is great to see people out walking through the developments once again you need to remember to get your Dog Tag for the 2021 Season.

Please call the Village Hall on behalf of your dog to obtain one. More signs, "We Support Our Police" available for \$10 each.

Our website is under construction please be patient. If you go on the website, you can have your phone number put on the CTY messages so you could receive the emergency messages if we did; again, we are asking residents to contact Village Hall or myself with any concerns addressing your concerns on Facebook is not the best way.

Starting April 1 there is overnight parking allowed on Village Streets.

A Zoning Comprehensive Plan is well underway a survey will be available and I will refer that to Trustee Laudato next week.

**PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW – OPEN BURNING – MAYOR BUCCO & VILLAGE BOARD:**

In conversation today w/Attorney, it does not say residents cannot use firepits.

**RESOLUTION – KEEP PUBLIC HEARING OPEN UNTIL NXT MTG:**

Trustee Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calore to keep the Public Hearing open until the next meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, for the topic of the Local Law regarding Open Burning. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW – RENTAL REGISTRY – MAYOR BUCCO & VILLAGE BOARD:**

Short- & Long-Term Rentals in the Village; when the tenants move out; giving the fire code official permission to enter the house on behalf of the owner who is not here, to see if the house meets the criteria of fire safety.

**RESOLUTION – KEEP PUBLIC HEARING OPEN UNTIL NXT MTG:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Laudato to open the Public Hearing and leave it open until April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, for the topic of Local Law for the Rental Registry. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**TERMINATION OF EXISTING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ATTORNEY CHRISTOPHER KLEISTLER – MAYOR BUCCO:**

Trustee Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson for approval of the Termination of the existing Zoning Board of Appeals Attorney Christopher Kleistler. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ATTORNEY LAW OFFICE OF ELIZABETH K. CASSIDY, PLLC – MAYOR BUCCO:**

Trustee Sampson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calore for approval of the appointment of the new Zoning Board of Appeals Attorney Law Office of Elizabeth K. Cassidy, PLLC. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT – MAYOR BUCCO – LABORERS INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA LOCAL NUMBER 17 AND VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE – MARCH 1, 2020, THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2023:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson to approve the Department of Public Works Contract "Laborers International Union of North America Local #17" for the dates of March 1, 2020, through February 29, 2023, with the change of the On Call as \$0.00 & #308. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**RESOLUTION – EMPLOYMENT OF HIRING TWO DPW PERSONNEL – JOHN PAGE & THOMAS KNIZAK:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Laudato to approve the Employment of "John Page" and "Thomas Knizak" as Department of Public Works Personnel. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**DISCUSSION – APPROVAL OF FACILITY USE REQUEST FORMS – WOODFIELD SKATEPARK:**

Little League, Hudson Valley Hawks; April 11, 2021 & May 16, 2021; Rapid Fire; Sundays; vote on this matter next work session, April 5, 2021.

**APPROVAL OF FACILITY USE REQUEST – VERN ALLEN PARK – YOUTH LACROSSE:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson for approval of the Facility Use Request of Youth Lacrosse League to use Vern Allen Park from the dates of March 15 – May 28, 2021, 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**APPROVAL OF FACILITY REQUEST – ZUMBA EXERCISE CLASSES – VERN ALLEN PARK – TRUSTEE LAUDATO:**

Trustee Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson for approval of the Facility Use Request of Vern Allen Park for Zumba Exercise Classes from the dates of Tuesday Evenings April 13 – October 12 5:45 P.M. – 7:15 P.M. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**RESOLUTION – DATE NIGHT & FIREWORKS – VERN ALLEN PARK – TRUSTEE LAUDATO:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Laudato for approval of “July 4 Ever” to hold Fireworks for 10-11 minutes on Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, at Vern Allen Park before the movie being held, at a cost of \$5000. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**APPROVAL OF SIGNAGE – 9-11 GOSHEN AVENUE – “GUILTY PLEASURES CHEESECAKE”:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson for approval of the proposed Signage for the location of “9-11 Goshen Avenue” where the business, “Guilty Pleasures Cheesecake” is located. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**RESOLUTION – WPD NEW YORK STATE POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE PLAN – MAYOR BUCCO & POLICE CHIEF BRIAN ZACCARO:**

BZ: We started this process in January, sending out emails and trying to get stakeholders in the community to be part of the committee; 19 people; listed 12 objectives to work on; please email any questions/comments to us.

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson for approval of the Washingtonville Police Department New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**RESOLUTION – ORANGE COUNTY STOP DWI CONTRACT – POLICE CHIEF BRIAN ZACCARO:**

Trustee Laudato made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lang for approval of the Orange County Stop DWI Annual Contract for 2021. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Justice Steve Smith: Vendor – not being paid; proposal; computer tech; contract buy hours for labor, equip., parts \$105 an hour per technician; 20 hrs. \$2100, 30 hrs. \$3150.

Resident: Breaking village ordinance; bush; high grass; code enforcer.

Resident: New Legislation for Long/Short Term Rentals; smoke detectors, everything is in regular zoning code; difference without court order, etc.

JB: We are leaving it open till Nxt. Mtg. we want to know owner, who lives there/rents; inspector will go in to make sure smoke detectors are or where they should be; primary residence; rental registry; email questions.

Tom Devinko: Woodfield, are you planning on extending the baseline 75 ft, so does that mean we are playing hardball there?

JB: I will have to get back to you on that, sounds like that is the plan.

Tom Devinko: If you are doing hardball the right field fence where the concession stand is and along sidelines. With the ZBA Attorney, the replacement, is that person going to do the PBA work?

JB: No. By law you can not have the same attorney. Public Hearing is still open. Looking into lease/title of tenant.

End of comments.

**RESOLUTION – FREE LIBRARY – TRUSTEE SAMPSON:**

Trustee Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson for approval of the Free Library from Senator Skoufis' Office to be installed in Vern Allen Park for no cost required. 4 Ayes, 1 Nays.

**DEPUTY MAYOR LANG – LAST MEETING – MAYOR BUCCO:**

Thanking Deputy Mayor Lang for his service on the Village Board of four years.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Laudato to adjourn the meeting.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**SOPHIA FOLEY  
ASSISTANT CLERK**