

**VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING:**

**APRIL 20, 2021**

**A Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting took place on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York, 10992.**

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor Bucco, Deputy Mayor Laudato, Trustees Calore, Sampson & Kolar.**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Building Inspector John Terry, Attorney Stephanie Tunic, Washingtonville Police Chief Brian Zaccaro.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MAYOR BUCCO:**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE – VICTIMS OF SHOOTING IN LONG ISLAND – MAYOR BUCCO:**

**Mayor Bucco held a Moment of Silence for the Victims of the Shooting in Long Island.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR BUCCO:**

**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Farmer's Market at Vern Allen Park.**

**September 11, 2021, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Coin will be on sale; 100% of proceeds are going to New Memorial remembering those who lost their lives as result from 9-11 illnesses.**

**School Budget Vote; May 18 at Washingtonville Senior High School, 54 East Main Street. Polls open at 6:00 A.M. & close at 9:00 P.M.**

**Water Bills will be printed & mailed out Friday or Saturday of this week. Due Date is May 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Comprehensive Planning Survey sent out. Responses positive. Please take time as Village residents to respond. We welcome input; deadline for survey is April 30. Adding more dates for comprehensive mtg, Mtgs are to gather info.; set dates for Public Hearings, Comprehensive Planning & Zoning Master Plan throughout Village of Washingtonville.**

**I want to thank Sophia Galgano on wanting to work on Gold Award for Girl Scout Award at Village Dog Park. Scheduled benches, more plants throughout area.**

**PRESENTATION – M & R ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION – MICHELLE REESE:**

**4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> bid; consultants for Orange County; agreement expiring; current agreement is expiring over summer & Indian Point closing on April 30<sup>th</sup>; concern about green initiatives & expense going forward; lowest bid could go up to 5.8 cents for 24 months. Natural gas supplier; approved in pipeline & in NYS; residential programs cannot get onto agreement w/price.**

**Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson for the approval of the contract with M & R Energy Resources Corporation. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.**

**DISCUSSION – LOCAL LAW – OPEN-FIRE PIT – ATTORNEY STEPHANIE TUNIC:**

**Local Law Regulating Open Burning; The Legislative's Intent was to regulate open burning; not regulating such is a detriment of the healthy & general welfare of the village residents. This Local Law would establish prohibited acts that would not allow any person to burn or cause, suffer allowed to permit the burning of any materials in an open fire within the territorial jurisdiction of the village subject to a long list of exceptions any burning or fire, campfire, bonfire or any other fire or fire material is prohibited in any village park, open space, nature preserve, state or country park land forest preserve nature preserve, this prohibits open burning in all village parks, all village land which I think is goal of village board & it makes it so exceptions must be all okay such as campfires, cooking fire, barbeque, so residents can still benefit during summertime months so as long as fire is controlled; there is also special consideration for agricultural exempted properties w/in village; ranges from a fine of \$100-\$1500; imprisonment does not exceed 15 days. Village would have enforcement powers over burning that would occur even in town-owned there are considerations of whether a bill is a law; does not include fire pits if it is controlled. I will have this for Board on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

#### **DISCUSSION – SHORT- & LONG-TERM RENTALS – ATTORNEY STEPHANIE TUNIC:**

**Local Law Regarding Short- & Long-Term Rentals; The Legislative's intent is the protection of the character and visibility of residential areas; correction & prevention of housing conditions that adversely affect or elected to adversely affect the life safety and general welfare and health; enforcement of minimum standards for the maintenance of existing residential buildings and preservative preservation of the value of land and buildings throughout the village. Law creates a permitting & enforcement system for all residential properties w/in village, Long-term & Short-term. If adopted, it would be unlawful or any owner to permit occupancy of any residential rental unit unless that unit has a current & valid rental occupancy permit which is established by law; application for rental occupancy permit would be made w/bldg. dept. Name, address of owner, street address & tax map description that standard, a floor plan showing # of rooms & each proposed dwelling unit therein dimensions of rooms, info of insurance companies, property survey.**

**Mayor Bucco went over the Rental Registry Project.**

**ST: This was step 1; an amendable project; when I create local laws I look at comparable municipalities in the area and our region and take what I think is best and try to come up with something that I see that is feasible for the village to actually go through with enforcement so this is like my presentation to the board; the safety aspect is most important; I work with John a lot in the municipal code prosecution and making sure that we have record of the actual person that we can reach when there is an issue and something needs to get done; issuing a notice of violation making sure we are not chasing property addresses that are not within the village making sure we have multiple contacts for fines that have properties within the village of course but to make sure that we can reach them appropriately and not have to expend our resources as much. There are two 2-year terms that we could be speaking about; the first one is when it is the initial application so this law has taken into effect; the all residential dwelling units that are for rental units would be subject to this permitting system so they would have to apply and after being granted a permit you are still subject to a reapplication such that the building inspector can perform at its inspection before getting the permit which is every 2 years; the board can have it diff years if they wanted to discuss. There is a holder of the permit it that has been revoked and may not reapply for a permit for the premises until two years after the revocations; when he comes in for reapplication, he is not going to renew the permit. The village would not have the ability to because of supremacy we would not have the ability to override any NYS Laws with regards to eviction so tenants are not afforded certain rights in NY under state law**

with minimum notice period so I do not think that there is anything we could do to rush that along but I would assume that if you do not have a permit to rent there is a fine. All short-term rentals under 29 consecutive nights would become unpermitted in the village. You would no longer be able to rent out a dwelling for 3 a night anything under 29 consecutive nights.

JB: We will keep this public hearing open on both open burning local law as well as regulating rental properties in the Village of Washingtonville until Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

**RESOLUTION – PROCEEDING W/ PC SURGEON FOR I.T. IN COURTS:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Laudato for approval of the proposal that Judge Steve Smith brought to us for PC Surgeon to oversee I.T. in the courts, looking at a 40-hour block or \$4000 for 100 hours. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF PERMIT – CARNIVAL – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson for approval of the Permit from the Knights of Columbus for the Carnival to be held on May 27, 2021 – May 31, 2021, Thursday & Friday 3:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. Saturday, Sunday & Monday 1:00 P.M. at Vern Allen Park pending meeting with Building inspector John Terry. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**PRESENTATION – TILTED SKILLET – FOOD TRUCK:**

Food Truck; Waiting on Health Inspection; Open to Delivery Services; Looking at Vern Allen.

ST: Tilted Skillet for use of a Public Park, suggest entering into Licensing Agreement for scheduling at park. Longer term than Facility Request Permit.

**DISCUSSION – TO PROCEED WITH THE LAND TRANSFER:**

ST: Village land; spoke to Mr. Congesti; drainage ditch in back; surplus property by village & selling of land would be subject to referendum, permissive. Storm drains or Sewer drains. DPW & Delaware Engineering will check.

**RESOLUTION – PURCHASE OF 2021 POLICE INTERCEPTOR SUV:**

\$45,692; Fully Equipped; Shultz Ford Lincoln in Nanuet; Financing? 3 Year Payment \$1634.96.

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lang for the approval of the purchase of the 2021 Police Interceptor SUV in the amount of \$45,692.00 for the Washingtonville Police Department. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**RELOCATION OF SPEED SIGNS – TRUSTEE KOLAR:**

**Motor/radar signs on Weathervane a couple of times I saw a State/Town one on North Street.**

**BZ: A few years ago, we presented idea of getting a trail/speed trail; worked w/ Trustee Calore. 2 portable solar powered speed signs not only display speed they also give us computer data # of vehicles, speeding vehicles, average speed. Put them based on complaints.**

**FACILITY USE REQUEST – LION’S CLUB BINGO – TRUSTEE LAUDATO:**

**Greater Washingtonville Lion’s Club would like to host a pocketbook bingo at Vern Allen Park on August 25<sup>th</sup> w/rain date of August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, from 3:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. At Vern Allen Park. Has insurance info.**

**FACILITY USE REQUEST – PILATES CLASSES – VERN ALLEN PARK – TRUSTEE LAUDATO:**

**Thursday Nights through end of September this year from 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Thursday nights are free. Has insurance info.**

**FACILITY USE REQUEST – HUDSON VALLEY HOT RIDES – CAR SHOW MEET – MUNICIPAL LOT – TRUSTEE LAUDATO:**

**Renew request for car show meet at municipal lot across from where Betty’s was starting April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, this Friday through October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Has insurance info.**

**FACILITY USE REQUEST – RAVE BERLINGURI – YOGA & MEDITATION – VERN ALLEN PARK – TRUSTEE LAUDATO:**

**Saturdays starting May 8<sup>th</sup>, May 22<sup>nd</sup> & then every other Saturday through October 9:45 A.M. – 11:15 A.M. Has insurance info.**

**RESEOLUTIONS – FACILITY USE REQUESTS – ALL TOGETHER:**

**Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson to adopt the Lion’s Club Bingo, Hudson Valley Hot Rides, Pilates and Yoga and Rave’s Yoga and Meditation Facility Use Request Forms submitted to the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.**

**RESOLUTION – TO HIRE 3 PART-TIME DPW LABORERS – MAYOR BUCCO:**

**Deputy Mayor Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson for approval of the Hiring of Three Part-Time Department of Public Works Laborers for a pay of \$15.00 an hour for 1040 hours per year. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.**

**UPDATE ON MANDATORY PERSONNEL TRAINING – TRUSTEE SAMPSON:**

**New York State has mandatory training. Offered through NYMIR; we can sign up staff & board members.**

**DISCUSSION – COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ADDITIONAL DATES – TRUSTEE LAUDATO:**

We made the survey last Thursday, April 15; started working on zoning; would like to resume that while survey is going on; 216 responses; survey ends April 30; dates are Tuesday, April 27, Thursday, April 29, Monday, May 3, Tuesday, May 4, all at 10:00 A.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – ADGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

Susan Walski – 24 South Street

In regard to discussion on short- & long-term rental, I would suggest Board take time to define room usage; NYS Building Code is vague; bedroom 110 sq ft; place of egress; does not say it has to have heat source; allows 2 bodies; additional bodies only required to have additional sq ft; nothing says it needs closet; up to municipality to create stronger code than what state code exists; kitchen described as room where you can cook & prepare food. I recommend landlords must within 30 days notify village that tenant has moved out; floor plans done by photographers; do them on regular basis. Lion's Club: bingo requires a licensing from NYS.

JB: Town has paperwork.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-ADGENDA ITEMS:**

Susan Walski – 24 South Street

A lot of speed throughs; North St onto Main St; maybe an officer can foot patrol there again to slow that down.

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT MARTINO – COMPLETION LIST – MAYOR BUCCO:**

DPW completed in April/end of March. John Pettroccinne was told by DEC to plant seed; moved signs nailed to telephone poles; open bathrooms at Vern Allen Park.

**RESOLUTION – SILVERADO 2010 REPAIRMENTS:**

Deputy Mayor Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kolar for approval of the Silverado 2010 to be repaired for a total of \$3000.00 not to exceed \$3100.00. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

No further questions/concerns.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson to adjourn the Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting. All in favor. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**SOPHIA FOLEY  
ASSISTANT CLERK**