

**A Village Board Regular Zoom Meeting took place on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York.**

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor Joseph Bucco; Deputy Mayor Valerie Laudato; Trustees Richard Calore; Laurisa Sampson; James Kolar.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE – LINDA STANDISH – VILLAGE HISTORIAN:**

**Mayor Bucco observed a Moment of Silence in memory of Village Historian Linda Standish.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO:**

**Mayor Bucco announced that the Village Board is seeking applications regarding Full Time Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) positions. The proposed hourly rate is \$24.79.**

**Mayor Bucco expressed thanks to the Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) for doing an outstanding job in clearing the roads from the recent snowstorm. The Mayor also thanked the Town of Blooming Grove for their assistance in clearing Village streets.**

**The Mayor stated since the last Village Board Meeting several Local Laws (Open Burning Law; Long Term and Short Term Rentals; Fire Hydrants) were adopted by the Village Board and sent to New York State. The Cannabis Local Law will be sent early next week due to a mandatory thirty (30) day stay. "For those residents who are unaware, the Village Board unanimously passed a Local Law prohibiting the sale of cannabis within the Village of Washingtonville limits."**

**POP-UP COVID TESTING SITE:**

**Mayor Bucco announced that the Village of Washingtonville, New York State Assemblyman Colin Schmitt and Horizon Family Medical have set up a drive through PCR testing site on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday through February 18. The hours will be from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The Mayor is gathering the names of all Senior Citizens that reside in Stone Hill, Rocky Point and Rocky Knoll and all areas of the Village of Washingtonville. Mayor Bucco is researching usage of Town of Blooming Grove buses to transport Seniors to the site.**

**PUBLIC HEARING – “AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 297 REGULATING WATER AND CHAPTER 245 REGULATING SEWER” – DELAWARE ENGINEERING:**

Mayor Bucco introduced Engineer Tracey Ledder of Delaware Engineering to the Village Board and indicated that the Engineering Company conducted an infrastructure Water and Sewer Budget Master Plan for the Village of Washingtonville. “The Village will restructure the Water and Sewer rates which is in the best interest of the public, health, safety, general wellness and capital improvements as it promotes sustainable growth and financial stability in vital community resources.”

Ms. Ledder indicated the Water, Sewer and Sewer Facility Fees will become separate accounts in the Village Budget. “The Water Rentals were last amended in 1996. The rate in 2021 was \$3.50 per thousand gallons of water rentals, and \$5.25 per thousand gallons for Sewer rentals”.

“Sewer Rents were last amended in 1998. Sewer Rate percentage (one-hundred fifty percent) is based upon water usage. Facility rates are charged according to the number of units assigned to each property multiplied by the Facility Charge (\$15.00 per quarter).”

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to close the Public Hearing regarding the above entitled Introductory Local Law; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Deputy Laudato and adopted to authorize the restructuring of the Village Water, Sewer and Sewer Facility rates; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**RESIGNATION OF VILLAGE POLICE OFFICER - CHARLES MITCHELL:**

Mayor Bucco indicated Village Police Officer Charles Mitchell will be resigning his position effective January 18, 2022. The Village Board wished Officer Mitchell best of luck in his future endeavors.

**RETIREMENT OF WILLIAM MANN – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – (D.P.W.) WORK LEADER:**

Mayor Bucco stated Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) Work Leader William Mann will be retiring in the near future. William, also known as Horace, has been working with the Village D.P.W. for more than twenty (20) years, and will be missed. On behalf of the Village Board, Mayor Bucco wished good luck to Mr. Mann and his family.

**RECIPIENT OF \$100,000.00 GRANT - “REDEFINING OUR DOWNTOWNS”:**

Mayor Bucco announced the Village is the recipient of a \$100,000 Grant entitled “Redefining our Downtowns” through Senator James Skoufis’s office. The Mayor expressed thanks to Trustee Laurisa Sampson and Village resident Corinne Courtney for filling out the Grant application.

**PRESENTATION OF 2022-2023 PRELIMINARY VILLAGE BUDGET:**

**Mayor Bucco presented the 2022 – 2023 Village of Washingtonville Preliminary Budget.**

**The Mayor reviewed General Fund Budget Account Codes including Village Police Department, Building Department, Department of Public Works (D.P.W.), Planning and Zoning Departments, Recreation and Village Hall.**

**Mayor Bucco stated at this point in time there is an overall 1.28 percent change from the 2021 – 2022 Budget to the current proposed Budget.**

**A further Budget Zoom Meeting will be scheduled for January 24.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Mayor Bucco stated the Village Board will now entertain audience comment.**

**There being no public comment:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calore and adopted to adjourn the January 18, 2022 Village Board Regular Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**CHRISTINE SHENKMAN**

**VILLAGE CLERK**