

A Village Board Work Session Meeting was held on Monday, March 7, 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 and James Kolar.

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Attorney Stephanie Tunic, Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro, Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) Superintendent Christopher Martino.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE – UKRAINE:

Mayor Bucco stated that a Moment of Silence will be observed in memory of the victims of the war in Ukraine, their families and all the people of Ukraine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO:

Mayor Bucco announced that Election Day will be held on Tuesday, March 15, from 12:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York.

The Mayor thanked the Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) for the excellent job they did regarding the last snow and ice storm. Due to the fact the D.P.W. were short two workers, the Mayor had asked Town of Blooming Grove Highway Superintendent Wayne Kirkpatrick to assist the Village which was greatly appreciated.

Mayor Bucco stated that residents, along with Businesses in the Village, have paid in excess of 1.3 million dollars to the Town of Blooming Grove in taxes every year. "The Village Board would like to invite our two Ward representatives, Cathy Acevedo and Thomas DeVinko, (who represent the Village at the Town level), to attend our Regular Meeting on April 19 and explain the Town of Blooming Grove's Budget to the Village Board. The invitation will be on the Village Website and Facebook pages. I also will be inviting Assemblyman Colin Schmidt as well as State Senator James Skoufis to a Village Board Meeting at a later date."

Mayor Bucco indicated it was mentioned to him by a number of residents that this Village Board is the only Board to ever address this matter. "I believe that it is important that every village resident is aware of what our tax dollars represent."

Mayor Bucco commented that he received a letter without a name or address from a concerned citizen that work was being done at Washingtonville Nail Spa without a permit. "I have instructed the Building Department to issue the owner of the building a violation for not obtaining a Permit prior to commencement of work. The new signage request is in front of the Village Board this evening and the previous sign was denied by this Board in an earlier application."

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO – (CONTINUED):

The Mayor indicated in the future he will be requesting that residents put their name and contact information on letters coming into the Village Hall.

Mayor Bucco will be meeting with the New York State Department of Transportation (N.Y.S. – D.O.T.) tomorrow morning regarding Snow removal from the State Highways (Route 208 and Route 94). As of now, the Village Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) has been tasked with removing snow from the roads which is the State's responsibility. It is unfair that the Village is spending money to remove snow that is piled up by the State of New York.

WATER AND SEWER – AMENDING CHAPTER 297 AND CHAPTER 245 – ATTORNEY STEPHANIE TUNIC:

Village Attorney Stephanie Tunic stated that she is introducing a Local Law of the year 2022 to amend Chapter 297 and Chapter 245 regulating Water and Sewer respectively of the Village Code. The proposed Local Law will allow the Village Board to enforce the new rate structure and penalties. Tracy Ledder from Delaware Engineering has reviewed and approved the new version of the Law.

RESOLUTION – RESCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING CHAPTER 297 AND 245 – REGULATING WATER AND SEWER:

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Laudato and adopted for the approval of rescheduling the public hearing regarding Amendment of Chapter 297 and Chapter 245 – Regulating Water and Sewer from Tuesday, March 15 until Monday, March 21 at 7:00 P.M.; said Resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

COMMUNITY EVENTS YARD SALE:

Deputy Mayor Laudato stated that a Community Event Yard Sale will be held on May 21, May 22, September 17 and September 18 from 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. at L. Vernon Allen Park.

RESOLUTION – FACILITY USE REQUEST – FOREVER FIT WITH GAMI:

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to authorize the approval of a Facility use Request for Forever Fit with Gami; classes will be held in April through October on Fridays and Sundays at 9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. at L. Vernon Allen Park court area; said Resolution is based upon receipt of a Certificate of Insurance and passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT – WASHINGTONVILLE FARMERS MARKET:

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to authorize the approval of a Public Assembly Permit for the Washingtonville Farmers Market to be held at L. Vernon Allen Park on the following Saturdays from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.; July 16; August 13; September 10; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – FACILITY USE PERMIT - HUDSON VALLEY HOT RODS:

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to authorize the approval of a Facility Use Permit for Hudson Valley Hot Rods to hold Car Show Meets on Friday, April 22 through October 28 from 5:30 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. at the Village Municipal Lot across from Orange County Bagels; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – COMMUNITY EVENTS DATES:

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted for the approval of the following events:

Wabbitville	April 2	Saturday	1:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.
Rain Date	April 3	Sunday	1:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.
Washingtonville Car Show	May 14	Saturday	10:00 A.M.	2:00 P.M.
Rain Date	May 21	Saturday	10:00 A.M.	2:00 P.M.
Fireworks	July 1	Friday	To Be Announced	
Rain Date	July 8	Friday	To Be Announced	
Witchingtonville	October 15	Saturday	12:00 P.M.	8:00 P.M.
Rain Date	October 16	Sunday	12:00 P.M.	8:00 P.M.
	October 22	Saturday	12:00 P.M.	8:00 P.M.
	October 23	Sunday	12:00 P.M.	8:00 P.M.
Whoville	December 3	Saturday	10:00 A.M.	3:00 P.M.
Rain Date	December 4	Sunday	10:00 A.M.	3:00 P.M.

Said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – VILLAGE FIREWORKS SHOW:

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to authorize the approval of Village Fireworks show on Friday, July 1 at a cost of \$7,500.00; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

HIRING – PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER:

Mayor Bucco and the Village Board conversed regarding the need to employ a Part-Time Bookkeeper in the Village Hall. Further discussion regarding this matter was tabled.

FACILITY USE REQUEST – WASHINGTONVILLE CLASS OF 2022 – CAR WASH:

Deputy Mayor Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to authorize the approval of a Facility Use Request for Washingtonville Class of 2022 car wash to be held on Sunday, May 8 between 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. at Firemen's Memorial Park; Rain date will be Sunday, May 15; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 277 – COOKIE BOOTH:

Mayor Bucco stated Girl Scout Troop 277 will host a Cookie Booth on Friday, March 20 and/or Friday, March 27 from 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. at the Village Municipal Lot.

RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF SIGNAGE PERMIT – WASHINGTONVILLE NAIL SPA:

Deputy Mayor Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calore and adopted to authorize the approval of an eighteen (18) by sixty (60) metal sign Permit for the Washingtonville Nail Spa (the signage will not be lit) based upon the recommendation of Village Building Inspector John Terry; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – STOP DWI – ENFORCEMENT PATROL – 2022 - 2023:

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Laudato and adopted to authorize the approval of the 2022 Stop-D.W.I. (Regular) Enforcement Patrol Year Funding Agreement between the Village of Washingtonville, and the County of Orange beginning March 12, 2022 and ending on January 1, 2023 and designates Mayor Joseph Bucco as the designated official to execute the Stop DWI Inter-Municipal Agreement; said Resolution is based upon recommendation of Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro, and passed by a unanimous Vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

PRAYER VIGIL:

Trustee Sampson announced a Prayer Vigil for the people of Ukraine will be held on Sunday, March 13 at 7:00 P.M. at L. Vernon Allen Park. In addition, St. Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic Church is sponsoring a food stand fundraiser on Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20 from 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Deputy Mayor Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calore and adopted to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING:

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to adjourn the Executive Session, and resume the Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to adjourn the March 7, 2022 Village Board Work Session Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous Vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
CHRISTINE SHENKMAN
VILLAGE CLERK**