

A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 26, 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.

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro, Town of Blooming Grove Supervisor Robert Jeroloman, Town of Blooming Grove Ward Representatives Thomas DeVinko and Kathy Acevedo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR BUCCO:

Mayor Bucco announced that the Bull Road culvert project has been delayed and the projected start date will be Monday, May 2. The project will commence with the relocation of a sewer and gas line.

The culvert project on Route 94 and Ahern Boulevard will begin Monday, May 9. The Mayor will be meeting with Police Chief Zaccaro and Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) Superintendent Martino for advice on road closures and detours.

Mayor Bucco thanked Supervisor Robert Jeroloman, Ward Representatives Thomas DeVinko and Kathy Acevedo for attending tonight's meeting.

TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE 2022 BUDGET:

Mayor Bucco stated Town of Blooming Grove Supervisor Robert Jeroloman, and Ward Representatives Kathy Acevedo and Thomas DeVinko are in attendance to discuss the 2022 adopted Budget for the Town of Blooming Grove and how it affects Village of Washingtonville tax payers.

Supervisor Jeroloman explained the A Fund is utilized for Town services other than Police, Planning Board, Building Inspection, Zoning Board of Appeals (Z.B.A.) and other categories which rely on the B Fund. The A Fund is for Town wide taxes paid by the Village of South Blooming Grove, and the Village of Washingtonville. The D.A. Fund is five months of Town Highway services and is established by New York State Town Law which was amended last in 1932, and the New York State Comptroller oversees and governs Town Budgets.

The D.A. Fund is appropriate for Town-wide overview and provides services such as the Town Senior Center, Nutrition Center, Senior Dining Program, Senior Busing, Senior free Tax Preparation, Senior Trips, Meals on Wheels, Neighbors to Neighbors Program, Senior Exercise and Health Programs.

The Town has Parks such as May's Field, Lasser Park, McDuffie Park and a Recreation Department which handles youth programs such as Latch Key and Summer Camp. The Town of Blooming Grove is also responsible for the Humane Society and Animal Control, and Town Basketball and Softball Leagues.

TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE – 2022 BUDGET – (CONTINUED):

Funding was awarded to the Village of Washingtonville and the Town of Blooming Grove through New York State and under New York Rising and the Governor's Storm Water Management and Community Block Grant Program to manage all the mitigation projects on behalf of the Village of Washingtonville with regards to the mitigation Grants that has been received.

The New York State Governor's Office notified the Town of Blooming Grove that the Town must provide \$100,000 towards the Washingtonville Culvert Project which will be placed under Route 94. If project overages occur the Town of Blooming Grove must provide the costs.

The Town of Blooming Grove Police Department is in B Fund, and the Village of Washingtonville does not pay towards this Fund but the Town does provide assistance when needed.

The Town is responsible for certain emergency services for the Village of Washingtonville which would be Monell Engine Company Pension for Volunteer Firefighters, Town Wide Ambulance District, Refuse and the Town Assessor Office which includes Tax Certiorari Grievance Day.

Supervisor Jeroloman indicated the Village of Washingtonville has asked the Town of Blooming Grove to plow Village roads, and the Town also assisted with Holiday decorations, construction of the Village Dog Park, provided busing transportation in the Village with events such as Witchingtonville, tree trimming, paving projects, sewer repair and Parades where the Highway Department employees and the Town Police Department assisted.

In 2022, the total assessed value is \$75,765,320, and the A Fund rate per thousand is \$11.87. The D Fund rate is \$5.40.

The total amount collected from Village Residents was \$1,308,467.08.

The Monell Fire Company levy in 2022 – Total - \$992,429. Village paid \$483,920.

The Town Wide Ambulance amount for the Village of Washingtonville was \$125,111, and \$345,000 was collected for refuse.

Total Overall Budget for the Town of Blooming Grove for 2022 was \$14,135,418

The B Fund is for Police Services.

Representative DeVinko indicated if the Village has specific questions regarding the Budget please contact the Town of Blooming Grove.

Representative DeVinko stated the Village saved money when they utilized the Town of Blooming Grove services, and Mayor Bucco stated there were over three-hundred (300) open Building Permits going back years in the Village.

Supervisor Jeroloman indicated the Water and Sewer are separate Districts and do not affect the Village.

Mayor Bucco reiterated 1.3 million has been paid to the Town by the Village taxpayers for many years. The Village does not utilize the Town Garage because the Village was charged for this service in the past.

Supervisor Jeroloman commented he will provide information if requested by Village residents.

TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE – 2022 BUDGET – (CONTINUED):

Audience member and Highway Superintendent Wayne Kirkpatrick indicated that the Town has provided many services to the Village including assistance with a water main break at Route 94 and Brotherhood Plaza Drive; the replacement of a sewer main line at May's Field; provided a tree truck on Clinton Drive; utilized Town vehicles and personnel to do milling on Decker Drive; assisted with the Village Dog Park, snowplowed Village streets; helped with Holiday decorations; and work on Bull Road last summer.

Audience member Erik Hormann commented it was a good idea to have a meeting between the Village and Town. Trustee Calore questioned Ward Representative DeVinko if he feels confident with the Village Tax Payers paying the Town 1.3 million dollars. Representative DeVinko indicated he was comfortable with this fact.

Supervisor Jeroloman commented he will provide information if requested by Village residents.

Ward Representative Acevedo commented the Town has no control over what the Village does, and there is no longer a Code Enforcement Officer shared between the Town and Village. "it would be great if the Village and Town Police Departments can work together."

Ward representative DeVinko stated additional meetings between the Town and Village will be scheduled in the near future.

Ward Representative Acevedo commented the Village of Washingtonville is in the State Fiscal Stress Monitoring Category which may affect Grant Programs. Mayor Bucco indicated he will research this matter, and reported that the Village received a \$3,000,000 Grant for the Wastewater Treatment Plant; \$250,000 Grant will be coming soon for the Village Sweeper; \$135,00 Grant for L. Vernon Allen Park; \$125,000 Grant for Inclusive Playground; \$100,000 Grant for Emerson Drive; these Grants take a very long time to come through.

CONTRACT - C.L. STUDIO DESIGN ASSOCIATES – POLICE DEPARTMENT AND VILLAGE HALL:

Deputy Mayor Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kolar and adopted to authorize the approval of C.L. Design Associates to proceed with the design of the new Police Station and Village Hall at an hourly cost of \$165 (initial estimate) and not to exceed \$20,000; initial deposit is \$2,475 which includes fifteen (15) hours of design time; if additional monies are required to complete the approved projects by the Village of Washingtonville Board of Trustees an additional Resolution must be past; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – SIGNAGE – DESIR FITNESS:

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to authorize the approval of signage plans presented to the Village Board for Desir Fitness which consists of a black and white aluminum face sign with vinyl attached; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

DISCUSSION – SIGNAGE – ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT:

Discussion regarding signage for Orange County Transit was tabled.

RESOLUTION – MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – MAY 30 – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM:

Chief Zaccaro stated he is working on Permits for New York State for the Village annual Memorial Day Parade.

Trustee Sampson sent emails to the Washingtonville Central School District Superintendent inviting all of the building personnel, clubs and sports teams to participate in the Parade. The Village Board discussed the serving of hot dogs and Mayor Bucco indicated it would depend on obtaining food permits through Orange County.

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kolar and adopted to authorize the approval of the Village Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 30, 2022 from 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. based upon approval of New York State Permits; said Resolution was passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

SENIOR CLASS CAR WASH – MEMORIAL PARK:

Trustee Sampson stated the Village Board had previously authorized a Car Wash Facility Use Request to the 2022 Washingtonville High School Senior Class to be held on Mother's Day weekend at Firemen's Memorial Park. The Senior Class is requesting to change the date to Saturday, May 15 from 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted for approval of the Washingtonville High School Senior Class of 2022 to sponsor a Car Wash at Firemen's Memorial Park on Saturday, May 15th from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.; said resolution was passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

A representative of the Knights of Columbus (K. of C.) stated the Knights would like to donate funds for the Village Basketball Court located on the roller hockey rink and would like an update from the Village Board. Audience member Arthur Jefferies explained there is drainage pipes underneath the rink because it is always wet.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS – (CONTINUED):

Mayor Bucco stated he will request an update from Delaware Engineering Firm regarding this matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kolar and adopted to adjourn the April 26, 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**