

A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 21, 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.

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 Replacement Project is about 90% complete and will be paved so the road can be reopened.

The Washingtonville Annual Fireworks Display is scheduled for Friday, July 1.

The Washingtonville Middle School Moving Up Ceremony is scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, June 22 at 9:00 A.M.

The Washingtonville High School Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, June 23 at 7:00 P.M. Please expect delays at that hour and plan your routes accordingly.

Mayor Bucco requested that residents please do not place any grass, sticks or other debris in the brown leaf bags because the Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) will not pick them up. The bags are delivered to a farm and pesticides can be harmful to the cows.

Pride in the Park Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 25 with Rain Date of June 26 between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. at L. Vernon Allen Park.

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, the Village Board July 4 Work Session Meeting will be rescheduled until Tuesday, July 5 at 7:00 P.M.

SIGNAGE – WASHINGTONVILLE NAIL SPA:

Discussion regarding signage for Washingtonville Nail Spa is tabled until the July 5 Village Board Work Session Meeting.

L. VERNON ALLEN PARK:

Deputy Mayor Laudato stated she received a phone call from a non-resident requesting use of L. Vernon Allen Park for a large one-hundred fifty (150) people family event. Discussion was tabled until further information is obtained regarding this matter.

GIRL SCOUTS – PLANTING AT SEWELL PARK:

Mayor Bucco announced the Girl Scouts are planting bushes and placing two (2) benches at Sewell Park on Saturday, July 2.

FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS:

Deputy Mayor Laudato reported she has received the Signed Indemnification Paperwork from "July-4-Ever Fireworks" for the Village Fireworks Event.

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calore and adopted to authorize approval of the company, "July-4-Ever Fireworks" to hold the Fireworks Display on July 1 at L. Vernon Allen Park; said Resolution was passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND PLANNING BOARD:

Trustee Sampson announced during the month of May the Village Building Department issued forty (40) Building Permits and Non-Violations, fifteen (15) Municipal Searches and one (1) fire and safety inspection. The Village Planning Board Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28 at 7:00 P.M.

NEW YORK ELECTRICAL INSPECTION AND CONSULTING:

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Laudato and adopted to authorize the approval to add John Real Electrical Inspector to the Village Inspection list; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – POLICE OFFICER VINCENT BIELE:

Deputy Mayor Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to accept the resignation of Village Police Officer Vincent Biele; 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:

Susan Walski of 24 South Street suggested the Village Board obtain an audio system so that audience members can hear when the Board is speaking. Ms. Walski indicated there was a large turnout at the last Village Planning Board Meeting and requested that the Village Board make changes to the Village Code. "The Code defines usage as Single Family Detached Dwelling, Multiple Dwelling, Professional Office, Combination Office and Dwelling. Under Word Definitions, Multiple Dwelling is defined as a building arranged, intended or designed to be occupied by no more than two families living independent of each other as separate housekeeping units. In the real estate world multi-families are broken down as two commercial entities so clarification of the Code is necessary. In addition, the O-R zoning says no building shall exceed thirty (30) feet except as provided in Section 175-83 which deals with Church towers, spires and religious buildings. I implore the Village Board to change and remove that language so no building can be larger than thirty (30) feet."

Audience member Donna Jacaruso, 39 Woodfield Drive also stated there are inconsistencies in the Village Code which should be rectified. "If there are vague descriptions you have to look at what the intent was. Many of the Codes were

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

created years ago, and with regard to 61 East Main Street the proposal is definitely not consistent with the property now. For the most part Main Street consists of Office – Residential homes. The second concern is the location of parking for this proposal. Parking spaces should be situated in the rear yard or behind the main building with screening but it appears to be parallel to the two structures, and each unit should have their own entrance.”

Mayor Bucco commented the Village has independent Planning, Zoning Board of Appeals and Village Boards. The last Planning Board Meeting was set up to gather information from residents and forward the concerns to the Village Attorney.

Trustee Calore indicated these meetings started over two (2) years ago.

Donna Jacaruso commented years past there were meetings regarding a different parcel of land in the Village and things were being done incorrectly.

Deputy Mayor Laudato indicated there are many misconceptions online.

Trustee Sampson explained the meeting dates have been posted on the website every month.

Audience member Sean Hegarty questioned if the Village is selling Fishing Licenses and Mayor Bucco responded possibly in the future. Mr. Hegarty asked if the Village K-9 dog helped in the missing child search recently, and Mayor Bucco stated JAX did participate in the search group, as well as the State Police dog, helicopters, Sheriff’s Department, and drones. The New Jersey Transit stopped the trains in case the missing individual was walking on the tracks.

Mr. Hegarty questioned is Rieger Homes supposed to be maintaining the spillways and catch basins, and Mayor Bucco responded he will speak to Building Inspector John Terry regarding this matter.

Ms. Jacaruso questioned are there plans for paving Woodfield Drive and the Mayor explained the Village will be paving areas affected by flood and sewer issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to adjourn the June 21, 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**