

A Village Board Work Session Meeting took place on Tuesday, July 5, 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:

Washingtonville Building Inspector John Terry, Washingtonville Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) Superintendent Christopher Martino and Washingtonville Police Chief Brian Zaccaro.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Bucco led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE – VICTIMS OF TRAGEDY - HIGHLAND PARK ILLINOIS:

Mayor Bucco observed a Moment of Silence in memory of the Victims of the Highland Park Illinois tragedy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR BUCCO:

Mayor Bucco announced that the Bull Road Culvert Replacement Project is nearing completion. Paving should commence on Thursday or Friday, June 7 or June 8. The road is expected to be opened by the end of the week.

Mayor Bucco expressed congratulations to the Events Committee and Deputy Mayor Laudato for an amazing job on the Village fireworks display.

The Mayor stated the Route 94 project is nearing completion, and Ahern Boulevard will be closed for three (3) more weeks.

The Village is asking residents once again please do not place grass, sticks, or other debris in the brown leaf bags. Also please clean up grass clippings from the street when mowing your lawn.

The Village is putting together a second newsletter that will be mailed out with the water bills. Four (4) newsletters per year will be mailed. Mayor Bucco indicated the Village received positive feedback from the first newsletter.

The Mayor commented he received a postcard from a young individual asking for the Mayor and Village Board to support policies that end and prevent violence.

SIGNAGE APPROVAL – WASHINGTONVILLE NAIL SPA:

Deputy Mayor Laudato explained that the Washingtonville Nail Spa signage approval was tabled at the last Village Board Meeting. The Nail Spa did not realize that the sign needed to be approved, and put it up before receiving approval. The sign is royal blue and white.

SIGNAGE APPROVAL – WASHINGTONVILLE NAIL SPA – (CONTINUED):

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kolar and adopted to authorize the approval of the signage plans presented on behalf of Washingtonville Nail Spa; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

SIGNAGE IN WASHINGTONVILLE:

Trustee Kolar suggested all signage and lighting areas in the Village of Washingtonville should be reviewed by the Village Board in a future meeting. Mayor Bucco mentioned there were discussions regarding tax breaks for businesses in Washingtonville and this would be an incentive to repair signage.

RESOLUTION – SIGNAGE APPROVAL – 32 WEST MAIN STREET:

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to authorize the approval of a signage plan for 32 West Main Street including the Signs of "Orange County Bagels", "Washingtonville Pharmacy" & "Hudson Valley Playtime" which includes brown background with orange lettering; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

UPDATES – ZONING & PLANNING BOARD:

Trustee Sampson announced the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 7 at 7:00 P.M. is cancelled. The Next Planning Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00 P.M.

UPDATES – EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING DATE & WATER SLIDE REQUEST:

Trustee Sampson announced that the Events Committee Meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall. The Committee are looking for volunteers. The Next Event is the Farmers Market on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and the Rain Date is Sunday, July 17, 2022.

Deputy Mayor Laudato stated the Events Committee is requesting a water slide on grass area at L. Vernon Allen Park during the July and August Farmers Market. A water valve will be needed to hook to the slide which will be rented and placed near the concession stand.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING UPDATES:

Trustee Sampson reported all employees have received access to their emails for the mandated Hudson Valley IT and N.Y.M.I.R. State training.

TRAINING CLASSES – OFFICER EDWIN RAMOS:

Deputy Mayor Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kolar and adopted to authorize approval for Police Officer Edwin Ramos to attend the Red Dot Site

TRAINING CLASSES – OFFICER EDWIN RAMOS – (CONTINUED):

Training in Rotterdam, New York on August 24 through August 26 and provide a Police Car and Hotel Room for the time provided; 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.

UPDATE – PLANS FOR VILLAGE HALL:

Mayor Bucco indicated he is waiting to hear from the Designers but would like to set up a meeting to be held on August 1 at 7:00 P.M.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER DWELLINGS – BUILDING INSPECTOR JOHN TERRY:

Building Inspector John Terry discussed that a large portion of Village properties fall under the Single-Family Homes category.

Over the course of years, some single family homes have been modified into a term used to describe them as mother-daughter homes, which were created in order to have a second kitchen which generally qualifies them as two family because they have separate cooking and food preparation facilities. They cannot be sold as two family homes which qualifies for having two dwelling units in a single family home which is defined under the Village Code as one or more rooms with provision for cooking, living, sanitary and sleeping facilities arranged for the use of one family. This falls under the definition of DWELLING, TWO FAMILY, defined under Village definitions. In such cases, the second kitchen would have to be removed if the dwelling is to be recategorized as a single family home which generally means one complete living unit with separate cooking and food preparation areas. Then the removal of the second kitchen allows the building to be sold or transferred to another individual. This will keep the dwelling in compliance with zoning requirements.

Recently, a new request came to re-establish a mother-daughter which the designation had been changed back to a single-family home for the purpose of selling the property to a new buyer and the cooking device had been removed, in consideration of turning the kitchen into a pantry.

The question is do we continue allowing mother-daughter houses even though there is nothing in the code to quantify this or should the village have a type of consideration to allow them to stay by adding to the code such designation and the procedures for doing so.

The Village Board decided they would leave the current Code in place, and Building Inspector John Terry will continue to enforce the rule of not having two food preparation areas, and cooking devices in separate locations in a single family home.

UPDATE – FEMA LOTS ON CARDINAL DRIVE – BUILDING INSPECTOR JOHN TERRY:

Building Inspector John Terry commented that John Dillon of Orange County Transmissions has submitted a request to utilize one or more Village owned lots on Cardinal Drive to mitigate extra land fill needed for his project at 22 Hallock Drive (installation of two pole buildings which needs land to be raised). These lots cannot be sold or built upon per F.E.M.A. restrictions. The Village previously passed a Resolution authorizing utilization of the Village owned Lots on the Moodna Creek

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side of Cardinal Drive at a fee of \$20,000 per lot. Inspector Terry will inform Mr. Dillon of the Village Board's decision.

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 July 5, 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