

**A Village Board Work Session Meeting took place on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

**Trustee Laurisa Sampson.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

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

**MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO – ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Mayor Joseph Bucco urges residents of the Village of Washingtonville to contact the Village Hall with any questions with regards to the Village.**

**Mayor Bucco added the Village is currently in a mandatory water restriction, and we are asking that you do not water lawns or driveways. Please use a watering can when watering flowers and plants. As soon as the restrictions are lifted we will notify the public.**

**Mayor Bucco stated Ahern Boulevard is still closed, and the Village Board is requesting that Ahern Boulevard be widened. The Mayor has been in contact with New York State, and the project is a Town, not Village project. The road has been raised approximately five (5) feet which made the Welcome to Washingtonville signage in this area lower than it should be.**

**We will be sending out letters to the residents of the Village making the residents aware of what some of the controversial issues are in the development of our Village. "I have the job of overseeing the entire Village. What is meant by that? We have roads to be paved, the upkeep of Parks, contracts, taxes and much more. Please keep in mind that all Boards hear everything that is being asked and being said. Perhaps one day the residents of the Village and the Board can all sit down and discuss our future. To date, we have had FOILS of well over one-hundred eighty (180). It takes time to produce the answers to the FOILS. It starts at Village Hall, then goes to our Attorney. It is costing a large amount of time and money. I am not saying you are not entitled to it but over one-hundred eighty (180) FOILS for the past month or so is excessive."**

**PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT - KIWANIS CHRYSANTHEMUMS AND PUMPKIN SALE:**

**Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Laudato and adopted to authorize the approval of a Public Assembly Permit for the Kiwanis Club Chrysanthemums and Pumpkin Fundraiser sale to be held at Village Municipal Park on Sunday, September 25 from 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.**

**PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT - GIRL SCOUTS BRIDGING CEREMONY:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kolar and adopted to authorize approval of a Public Assembly Permit for Girl Scout Troop Number 294 Bridging Ceremony to be held at L. Vernon Allen Park on Saturday, October 1 and Raindate Sunday, October 2 from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**RESOLUTION – FACILITY USE REQUEST FORM – L. VERNON ALLEN PARK:**

Trustee Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kolar and adopted to authorize the approval of a Facility Use Request Form for a congressional advertisement for the United States Congress (Pat Ryan) at L. Vernon Allen Park on Thursday, September 8 from 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**PRESENTATION REGARDING SECURITY CAMERAS – ANDREA CONNINGTON - REGIONAL SALES DIRECTOR – EPIC IO:**

Andrea Connington of Epic IO came before the Village Board and stated she is a resident of Lark Street in Washingtonville, and approximately two months ago she reached out to Mayor Bucco regarding the vandalism at L. Vernon Allen Park. Ms. Connington indicated she has been in technology for 25 years and currently works with an organization that delivers artificial intelligence over a video screen. This means that wherever you see a video camera that video is ingested and goes to a video management system (VMS). Our cameras provide real time alerts. IOT is also provided which is an Internet program and can do many things such as monitoring water levels, opening and closing of doors and gates. Ms. Connington explained she met with Mayor Bucco and Village Police Chief Zaccaro regarding the Village's need for cameras. The camera can be programmed to keep track of loitering, and traffic in areas where they are placed in addition to security needs. EPIC IO sells the surveillance cameras and hardware, and provide software which is updated on a regular basis. The trail cameras offer a 360 view, and has the ability to have real time video streaming.

Mayor Bucco stated after the recent vandalism at L. Vernon Allen Park cameras need to be put in this and other areas.

Ms. Connington commented her Company's technology can quickly deploy their software trailcams for the safety and security of the community, and in the future different cameras with different methods can be applied.

Ms. Connington indicated she has reviewed the L. Vernon Allen Park and Dog Park sites.

In the event of camera failure there is a five (5) year life span of camera replacement by the Company.

Mayor Bucco indicated wells, the Wastewater Treatment Plant and all Village property has to be monitored, and cameras should be placed in a high setting even though they are enclosed in metal encasement.

Ms. Connington stated she will work on a product demonstration, and determine the number and location of cameras needed in the Village.

**SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS:**

Mayor Bucco reported regular scheduled meetings will still be held at Village Hall, and larger meetings for Village Board, Village Planning Board and Village Zoning Board of Appeals (Z.B.A.) meetings will be held at the Washingtonville High School and Middle School venues. Notification will be sent to the public once the Mayor hears from the School District.

**APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME TREASURER:**

Deputy Mayor Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kolar and adopted to authorize the employment of Part-Time Treasurer Leslie Tillotson at a salary of \$40,000 per year effective September 7; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**UPDATE OF VILLAGE HALL PROGRESSION:**

Mayor Bucco indicated he is waiting for information regarding this matter, and he will meet with a Planner next Tuesday in Saratoga, New York.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Laudato and adopted to authorize the adjournment of the September 6, 2022 Village Board Work Session Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**CHRISTINE SHENKMAN**

**VILLAGE CLERK**