

A Village Board Work Session Meeting was held on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York.

PRESENT:

Mayor Joseph Bucco; Deputy Mayor Valerie Laudato; Trustees Laurisa Sampson, Richard Calore; James Kolar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE – HURRICANE IAN:

Mayor Bucco stated that a moment of silence will be observed in memory of the victims of Hurricane Ian.

MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO – ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Bucco announced that the Village is urging all residents of the Village to contact Village Hall with any questions you may have with regard to what is going on in the Village of Washingtonville.

The Village is currently in water restrictions and the Board is asking that you do not water lawns, driveways and please use a watering can when watering flowers and plants.

The Mayor stated he has been asked by several residents regarding the Ahern Boulevard and Route 94 project why the road is still closed. The Village Board has made it clear to the Town of Blooming Grove that Ahern Boulevard needs to be widened. Please email Ward Members Thomas DeVinko and Cathy Acevedo at the Town if you have questions or comments.

Mayor Bucco indicated the meeting scheduled for tomorrow night regarding the proposed Orange County Transit project at 23 South Street which is also known as Route 208 has been postponed due to the observance of Yom Kippur. It is the Mayor's understanding that the Town of Blooming Grove meeting scheduled for 7:00 P.M. tomorrow evening is still taking place.

Coffee with the Mayor will begin on Saturday, October 22 from 9:00 A.M. – to 12:00 P.M. Please bring whatever questions you may have so we can have a true and open discussion.

Mayor Bucco reported there is one position open on the Village Planning Board and one position open on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and now is the time to become involved in your community. Please email letters of interest to Christine Shenkman at Christine@washingtonville-ny.gov.

The Mayor stated he has met with Bayham Planning and Design from Saratoga, New York regarding the Village Comprehensive Master Plan.

UPDATE ON WITCHINGTONVILLE:

Deputy Mayor Laudato explained the Events Committee met with emergency personnel on Monday, September 26 to discuss Witchingtonville's day event and after dark event that is new this year. Witchingtonville after dark has many

UPDATE ON WITCHINGTONVILLE – (CONTINUED):

activities going on. The day event will be from 12:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. at L. Vernon Allen Park. There will be food, vendors, games, activities, hayride, headless horse person and trunk or treat. The day event is geared towards younger children but all are welcome. We did discuss there will be no parking along the right side of Revere Circle heading from Ahern Boulevard towards Capital Drive in order to keep the roads clear for emergency vehicles. Witchingtonville after Dark is new this year. Its from 6:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M, and is at various locations throughout the Village with all the events running simultaneously.

Patrick and Justine Maiorino of Guilty Pleasure Cheesecakes will sponsor a scary carnival, and all ages are welcome but it is geared more to the older crowd. There will be a stilt walker, carnival games, ticket sales, and food vendors. The businesses will remain open but the area will be closed off to parking at 12:00 P.M. in order to prepare for the event. The owners of Guilty Pleasures Cheesecake have notified the businesses and residents in this area. Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) will set up barricades to help prevent cars parking in this location. The Chief has assigned a Police Officer to help cross pedestrians on Route 94 and Route 208, and Crossing Guard Linda Steinberger will be at North Street and Route 94. A huge crowd is expected. Across the street at Amada's, the lot next to the restaurant is going to be used for a haunted house, and a dance floor. People can cross to Mays Field via the foot bridge and continue to the Basketball Courts where a game is scheduled which has nothing to do with Witchingtonville after dark. Attendees can go over to Fulton Square by Mamba's and LoVilla and there will be a drive-in movie that starts at 8:00 P.M.

REVIEW OF DESIGN PLANS:

Mayor Bucco and the Village Board reviewed design plan options for the first and second floor of the Village Hall. The Mayor explained that only half of this building is presently being utilized and the Village Board felt it was best to move the Washingtonville Police Station to the Village Hall location. The current Police Station at its present location is too small. The Mayor is working with CL Studio Design Associates in Goshen, New York who provided different layout proposals. The cost of renovations to Village Hall will be paid for by the sale of the current Police Station. Chief Zaccaro and myself have met with CL Design several times. The plans include separate entrances for the Police Department and Village Hall. The Village Hall staff will be upstairs and the Police Department will be downstairs. The Chief, Sergeants and Detectives will have their offices upstairs.

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN TERRY – FULL TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR:

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Laudato and adopted that:

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the Village of Washingtonville for a Full Time Building Inspector in the office of the Village Building Department;

and WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Village Board of Trustees, John Terry has been serving in said capacity on a provisional basis and fulfills said requirements of knowledge, skill and experience for the position;

and WHEREAS, there is a need to appoint a Full Time Building Inspector in the Village Building Department in order to provide for the efficient operation of the said Department;

and NOW THEREFORE, BE It HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Washingtonville hereby appoints John Terry to the

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(CONTINUED):**

position of Building Inspector III in the Village of Washingtonville Building Department effective immediately at a salary of \$56,804.80 provided that appropriate documentation is submitted and accepted by the Orange County Department of Human Resources and Civil Service.

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

COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN:

Mayor Bucco stated he has met with Planner John Bayham from Saratoga, New York regarding the Village Comprehensive Master Plan. The Mayor requested the Village Board review documentation regarding this matter that is in the Village Board's packets.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT:

Mayor Bucco announced that tomorrow evening's meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Washingtonville Middle School with the owners of Orange County Transit has been postponed in observance of Yom Kippur. The rescheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 P.M. at the Middle School. The Mayor explained that Orange County Transit is looking to obtain 10 acres of property behind the Spear Brothers building. Orange County Transit is a private bus company that transports students in various School Districts, including Washingtonville. The company is looking to put up two (2) buildings for storage of buses in this location.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Laudato 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 Sampson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kolar 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 Deputy Mayor Laudato and adopted to adjourn the October 3, 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