

VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING

November 15, 2022

A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 15, 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 and Brian Zaccaro, Chris Martino

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Joseph Bucco led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO - ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Special Village Board Meeting Monday, November 21st at 7 PM. for a Village Board to introduce Local Law allowing us to enter into a 6 month building moratorium. My understanding is it will then be sent to O.C. Planning for their review and comment.
2. I will be meeting with Orange County Planner Kate Schmidt this Thursday to discuss their role in our Comprehensive Plan.
3. I have reached out to the WCSD for their role in our Comprehensive Plan. I am waiting to hear back from them.
4. Would like to have it with several groups business, school, residents and clergy.
5. November 1st there is no overnight parking on any streets within the Village from 1 AM – 5 AM.

PRESENTATION

A presentation was held by Randy Doran, representative from 64 Seconds a Water Point Network explaining a software program offered to help locate water access, storm systems, waste water, electrical lines, gas lines and hydrants. It would also record sounds showing severity of cracks, leaks, etc. making them easier to find. Find and create assets. Also, locates shut off valves, meters, service lines.

Information would be accessed from an I-pad or I-phone and uses GPS.

Questions were asked by attendees and answered by Randy.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS:

- Question: Is there a security on it. Yes, email and password protected. And it is a cloud product. It is only Apple compatible.
- Question was asked if he was selling just the software to product? Answer was yes.
- Question: Mr. DeVinko asked how much software would cost and does Village purchase the I-pads. Answer: Software would cost \$6,911 and guaranteed for 5 years. And the Village would be responsible for purchasing I-pads for use. No licensing required and no limit to amount hooked up to it.

- Question: Mayor Bucco asked how long it would take to input the Village into the system? Answer: It takes some time and a lot of effort on everyone's part. Could take a few months and accumulate information as it goes on.
- Question: Mrs. Sampson asked how long we have to decide on making purchase for quoted price? 1 year.
- Question: (unknown) Does the software measure existing pipe? Answer: yes, information would have to be input.
- Mayor Bucco asked about the customer service. They have available.
- Question: (no name) Will it show a gas burner pipe put in? Answer: yes and will also show abandoned lines in system if put in system.
- Question: Mr. Graziano asked about the update again on the Comprehensive Plan as mentioned in announcements. What is the update? Mayor Bucco reported that they are trying to get committee together they have some volunteers. It is strictly for the moratorium. They would try and have the meetings day, night and Saturdays to accommodate everyone's schedule and open to everyone.
- Question: (no name) Can we get info out to the public regarding Comprehensive Plan? Mayor Bucco responded that a mailing was put in with the water bills sent out.
- Question: Ms. Jacaruso asked if there is still a Public Hearing for Local Law scheduled for 11/21? Mayor Bucco said there is a meeting on 11/21 for the moratorium.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NON AGENDA ITEMS:

- Question: Mr. Haggerty asked if anything back from our representatives regarding our taxes. Mayor Bucco responded no. Mr. DeVinko mentioned he sent an email to the Village Board but had no response to date. It was suggested to have them discuss this with the Comptroller.
- Mr. Haggerty asked why information can't be brought back to us.
- Mr. DeVinko said a question can be given and we can get an answer directly in a face to face meeting. Cut out the middle man. Instead of asking a question and bringing back an answer one by one and going back and forth.
- Mr. Calore questioned what do we get for dollar for dollar tax dollars? He wants dollars and numbers.
- Mr. DeVinko answered goes toward senior programs, senior bussing, building for seniors, recreation, etc. Town taxes will go up \$10 a year per \$1,000 of assessment that goes towards these programs.
- Question was asked what does Village get for us? What % goes where? Would like it broken down.
- Ms. Walski questioned the 2 Air B&B in the Village on South Street.
(One being the old vet office and other next to Quick Insurance) Also had a concern about cars parking at 19 South Street with lights shining in her living room late and night and early morning. She had a concern about a drug meeting place at a house on 17 South Street. By time she calls police they are gone.

- A question was asked by a guest a meeting regarding 2 Decker Drive being an Air B&B as well. Different people there all the time. Mayor Bucco asked Officer Zaccaro if that was the same house a party was held at last year on decker which was a concern.
- Valerie Laudato suggested a call be made to John Terry in the building department to give him a heads up when happening instead of waiting for a meeting to be held. Mr. Kolar suggested they can get on it immediately if called building department. She said she called, and it goes no where.
- Ms. Jacaruso thanked Board for letting them speak at meetings since they were no longer able to comment at a planning board meeting. She emailed attorney and chair and received no answer. Mayor Bucco said he would look into the concern it was the first he was hearing this.
- Ms. Jacaruso asked what the Selection Process was for the new chairs for Boards? Why weren't Chairs of each Board on the interview process. Mayor Bucco stated that is not the procedure that each Board picks their own.
- Ms. Jacaruso asked a question on why comments on Village FaceBook posted on a public forum were deleted and that they should not be deleted from a public forum? NY Civil Liberties Union states comments should not be deleted. Mayor Bucco replied he does not know who would have deleted them. Ms. Jacaruso asked who the Administrator of the FaceBook page was. Mayor Bucco replied it was him but he did not delete anything and he would have to re-do the FaceBook page if happens. Also, stated by Mayor Bucco that if someone reports a post to FaceBook , FaceBook can take it down.
- A question was asked (unknown) if anyone saw the apartments put up by NAPA in Monroe that they are an eyesore?
- A question was also asked by Mr. Palmer if that is what they are looking to do at the old Dr. Knipp's office?
- Mr. DeVinko asked if there was any resolution accepting resignation at a meeting of previous members Celina Rofer and Steve Presser leaving and appointment of the new officers?
- Ms. Jackie Budakowski stated her posts were deleted from FaceBook as well and the NYS Civil Liberties Union allows free speech. She reached out to them regarding it. Valerie Laudato doesn't know who deleted post.
- Mayor Bucco asked if they had contact information for NYS Civil Liberties Union? Ms. Jacaruso provided this information to Mayor Bucco.

ADJOURNMENT:

Deputy Mayor Valerie Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to adjourn the November 15, 2022 Village Board Regular meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board.