

**A Village Board Work Session Meeting was held on Monday, December 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; James Kolar.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

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

**MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO – ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Mayor Bucco announced that congratulations go out to everyone involved in the planning of the annual Whoville and Christmas Parade. Once again the events were a huge success.**

**Last Thursday Mayor Bucco hand delivered the Moratorium Local Law to the Secretary of State in Albany, and the Village is now officially in the first six (6) month period of the Moratorium.**

**The Mayor also met with both Orange County Planner Kate Schmidt and Planning Commissioner Allen Sorensen, and a commitment was made to work together with the County to ensure the Comprehensive Plan is completed.**

**Mayor Bucco indicated letters will be sent to all interested Village residents who have sent their names in regarding participation in the Comprehensive Plan. I would like to have a brief meeting either next Wednesday or Thursday, December 14 or 15. The meeting will be an introductory meeting regarding what is a Comprehensive Plan, and what are the goals we are looking to accomplish. Calendars will be handed out at that time with the dates and times of the meetings. There will be meetings held in the day, at night, as well as on Saturdays so if you cannot make one you are welcome to come to the next one.**

**Mayor Bucco stated overnight parking is not allowed on any street in the Village between the hours of 1:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M.**

**ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE – VILLAGE DETECTIVE:**

**Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro commented that Police Officer Benjamin Gerstner has been with the Village of Washingtonville since 2016 and the Village is lucky to have him as part of the Police Department. Officer Gerstner has been a great Police Officer and I expect him to be a great Detective, and I would like to congratulate him on his promotion.**

**Village Clerk Christine Shenkman administered the Oath of Office to Village Police Detective Benjamin Gerstner and expressed congratulations and good luck to Detective Gerstner.**

**RESOLUTION – PURCHASE OF A UTV AND ENCLOSED TRAILER:**

**Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kolar and adopted to authorize the purchase of a law enforcement Polaris UTV in the amount of \$36,800.23 and an enclosed Cargo Trailer in the amount of \$14,236.00; Village Police Chief Brian**

**RESOLUTION – PURCHASE OF A UTV AND ENCLOSED TRAILER – (CONTINUED):**

Zaccaro stated the Village had received \$50,000 in Grant funding from Assemblyman Colin Schmitt's office which will be utilized towards this purchase; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED VILLAGE HALL AND VILLAGE POLICE HEADQUARTERS – CL STUDIO DESIGN ASSOCIATES INC.:**

Mayor Bucco stated the Village is looking to move Police Headquarters from their present location at 38 East Main Street into the Village hall building, 9 Fairlawn Drive. The plans are in the preliminary stage. The cost of the sale of the Police Station will be put toward the renovation cost, and the Village will be asking several realtors for their proposal. The 2.6 million dollar bond for the Village Hall building will be paid off next year.

Catherine Lagoudakis and Theresa Schultz, planners and designers from CL Studio Design Associates came before the Village Board with a presentation regarding the Village Hall and Village Police Department. Ms. Lagoudakis expressed thanks for being allowed to do a presentation, and indicated we were brought onto this project to resolve various issues for both the Village Hall and the Police Department. In the current circumstances only a portion of this building is actually being used today so there is approximately 4,500 square feet of space available in this building which is also not being used but is being heated or cooled. Additionally, the current Police Station has completely outgrown their space, and is unable to expand where needed as you can see. All available space is being used and some rooms are utilized for multi-purposes as the presentation depicts.

The question was posed by the Village Board if the buildings can be combined into one space for both the Village Hall and Police Department, and use up the available square footage. For many reasons in addition to some of the ones provided in Chief Zaccaro's letter to the Village Board, we feel that it makes sense using the available portion of the building which will not only allow for growth of the Police Department but also maximize the functional spaces that are in this building today. The Police Department will be downstairs in the building with certain offices on the second floor with the Village Hall staff. The Court Clerk and Receptionist will be on the first floor. We also would like to see the parking facility available to the Police Department so they have easy access going in and out of the station in case of responses to emergency calls. Through the detailed review of the program requirements we analyzed the needs and the functions of each space and created a solution that is depicted in the presentation. Our space planning design concept maximizes the square footage available.

Mayor Bucco stated trailers may be obtained for the Village Hall staff to utilize during the renovation period, and Village Court can be held at Monell Engine Company Fire Department.

The Village Board expressed thanks to the planners for an excellent presentation.

Mayor Bucco stated the plan presented tonight is only preliminary.

Mayor Bucco announced the next scheduled Village Board Meeting is Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Trustee Kolar 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.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**CHRISTINE SHENKMAN**

**VILLAGE CLERK**