

A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 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.

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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

MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO – ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Bucco announced the next meeting for the Village Comprehensive Plan Committee will be held at Village Hall tomorrow night, January 18 at 7:00 P.M. Our Planner and his Senior Partner will be present. The Mayor is still waiting to hear back from Orange County Planning Department to see if they will be in attendance.

Water bills for quarter number 4 will be mailed out by Monday, January 23.

A Public Hearing has been set for Monday, February 6 to adopt a Local Law authorizing the Village Board to override the two percent (2%) tax cap mandated by general municipal Law Section 3-c for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

RESOLUTION – SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING TAX CAP OVERRIDE LOCAL LAW:

Mayor Bucco stated please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Washingtonville on February 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at Washingtonville Village Hall located at 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York regarding the adoption of a Local Law authorizing the Village Board to override the two percent (2%) tax cap mandated by New York State General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the 2023 - 2024 fiscal year. Any person is entitled to be heard upon said proposed Local Law at such Public Hearing. The Village of Washingtonville will make every effort to assure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Village Clerk.

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Laudato and adopted to authorize the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 3-c requires that all local Municipalities cap their allowable tax levy growth at the lesser of two percent (2%) or the rate of inflation defined as the average monthly national Consumer Price Index calculated by the U.S. Labor Department for the twelve (12) month period ending six (6) months prior to the start of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 3-c(5) permits Municipalities to enact a Local Law overriding the tax cap for a single fiscal year provided that such

RESOLUTION – SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING TAX CAP OVERRIDE LOCAL LAW – (CONTINUED):

Local Law has the approval of at least sixty (60%) percent of the Municipal Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Washingtonville wishes to consider the adoption of a Local Law overriding the State mandated tax cap for the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to schedule a Public Hearing for February 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. to consider the adoption of the foregoing proposed Local Law; and

WHEREAS, said Local Law is a Type II Action under Section 617.5 (c)(26) of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and is not subject to further review under SEQRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be held by the Board of Trustees on February 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. with respect to adopting a Local Law overriding the State mandated tax cap for the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year.

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said Hearing to be given as provided by law.

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

RESOLUTION – VILLAGE ELECTION DAY:

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted that the general Election for the Village of Washingtonville shall be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at the single-Village wide Election District polling site located at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York; the polls will be open from 12: Noon to 9:00 P.M. The positions are as follows:

One Mayor Position – Two Year Term

Two Trustee Positions – Two Year Term for each Position

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

RESOLUTION – VILLAGE ELECTION INSPECTORS:

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to hereby appoint the following Election Inspectors and Machine Operators to work on Village Election Day – March 21, 2023:

Linda Amato; Elizabeth Ferrar; Juanita Schmidt; Sylvia Stukes; Renee Christian

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS:

Susan Walski of 24 South Street questioned why is the camera facing the audience instead of the Village Board. Also, will the public have access to a preliminary

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS – (CONTINUED):

Budget before the Tax Cap Hearing, and Mayor Bucco responded yes it will be posted on the Website. Ms. Walski continued when naming the Election Inspectors it was not stated how much they will be paid for Election Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Sean Hegarty of 4 Belvoir Drive stated the retention pond in Newcastle Development is not able to hold water without spillage because it needs work, and most of the water is draining out of the pond.

Susan Walski questioned why is the camera pointing at the audience members, and not the Village Board. Ms. Walski requested that the Village Board provide zone reports at the Board Meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Laudato and adopted to adjourn the January 3, 2023 Village Board Work Session Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote. 5 Ayes, 5 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CHRISTINE SHENKMAN

VILLAGE CLERK