

A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, December 20, 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 last night a devastating fire took place in the Village of Washingtonville and the Pena family lost their home and all its contents. The Village is looking for donations of clothing, gift cards, checks and toys to assist the Pena family. Please refer to the Village Website and Facebook posting for additional information.

The Mayor commented there is a storm coming on Thursday and Friday. As soon as he receives more information from Orange and Rockland it will be posted on the Village Webpage and Facebook.

RESOLUTION – PROMOTION – POLICE DETECTIVE:

Deputy Mayor Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to authorize the promotion of Benjamin Gerstner from Village Police Officer to Village Detective retroactive to December 5, 2022; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION - CONNOR HORTON:

Mayor Bucco reported tonight the Village is recognizing Connor Horton for his following heroic action:

“On Thursday, December 15 Connor, who is a Senior at Washingtonville High School was on his way to School on a normal day. He saw smoke coming out of the Chimney at a house on Fountayne Court, and contacted the Fire Department, and stayed and assisted the Kester family during their time of need.”

“I would like to start by saying how truly blessed we are to have met you Connor and glad you are a resident of the Village of Washingtonville. We as a Village are grateful for your outstanding act of kindness.”

Mayor Bucco presented Connor Horton with a Certificate of Recognition which states the Village of Washingtonville recognizes your act of bravery, selflessness and compassion to the Kester family on December 15, 2022.

A representative from Colin Schmitt’s Office was in attendance and presented the following Certificate of Merit to Connor:

“On behalf of Assemblyman Colin Schmitt, your community and the entire 99th Assembly District, I would like to present to you this Certificate of Merit for your alertness and bravery in the face of danger.”

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS:

There was no public comment on Agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**JOSEPH MENDEZ – PROPERTY DRAINAGE MATTER:**

Village resident Joseph Mendez of 36 Bull Road stated a couple of years ago he spoke with the Mayor regarding drainage issues on his property. Mr. Mendez indicated there is culvert or piping being installed on Emerson Drive and Seacord Lane, and questioned is there a plan to tie in this project with my property, and what is the plan. Mayor Bucco responded the Village will put in the necessary drainage as soon as the current phase is complete. Mr. Mendez questioned what location is involved and the Mayor indicated from the bridge down to where it crosses the road into the wetlands across the street. Mayor Bucco stated the goal as a Board is to make sure people are not getting flooded, and great progress has been made. Mr. Mendez questioned is there an anticipated timeline for his project, and Mayor Bucco responded within the next couple of weeks weather permitting.

WILLIAM PALMER – BLOOMING GROVE MASTER PLAN:

Village resident William Palmer of 10 Decker Drive expressed thanks to the Village Board for all their efforts, and submitted to the Mayor a copy of the Blooming Grove Master Plan section that relates to Villages.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Deputy Mayor Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calore and adopted to adjourn the December 20, 2022 Village Board Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session regarding 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