

A Village Board Work Session Meeting was held on Monday, February 6, 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 and Laurisa Sampson.

ABSENT:

Trustee James Kolar.

PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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

The Village Board reopened the meeting due to the fact they previously opened it at 6:15 p.m. for Executive Session.

RESOLUTION – EMPLOYMENT OF VILLAGE FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER:

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to authorize the employment of James Terelle effective this date as a full time Village Police Officer at an annual salary of \$71,808.00.

RESOLUTION – EMPLOYMENT OF VILLAGE PART TIME POLICE OFFICER:

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to authorize the employment of Ronald Jurain, effective this date as a part time Village Police Officer at an hourly rate of \$28.00.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE – VILLAGE POLICE OFFICER:

Village Clerk Christine Shenkman administered the Oath of Office to Village Police Officer James Terelle, and Village Police Officer Ronald Jurain and expressed congratulations and good luck to the Officers.

TAX CAP OVERRIDE – PUBLIC HEARING:

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 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. Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at Washingtonville Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York, 10992.

The Village of Washingtonville will make every effort to assure that the Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Village Clerk.

TAX CAP OVERRIDE – PUBLIC HEARING – (CONTINUED):

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kolar and adopted to open the Public Hearing regarding the Tax Cap Override; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

There being no audience comment:

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kolar and adopted to close the aforesated Public Hearing; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Washingtonville wishes to adopt a Local Law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Village of Washingtonville, County of Orange, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 3-c, and to allow the Village of Washingtonville, County of Orange to adopt a 2023-2024 Village Budget for (a) Village purposes; (b) fire protection districts; and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the Village Board for the fiscal year 2023 – 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law Section 3-c; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on February 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. to assist in the Village’s consideration of the adoption of said Local Law and the Public Hearing was closed on February 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has considered the matters that were discussed at the Public Hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Washingtonville hereby adopts said Local Law Number 1 of 2023, entitled “a Local Law to override the Tax Levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c within the Village of Washingtonville for the 2023 – 2024 Fiscal Year” with respect to the 2023 – 2024 Village Budget, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk be hereby directed to enter said Local Law in the Minutes of this Meeting and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of the State of New York.

Trustee Kolar made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to approve the aforesated Resolution; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE:

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to appoint Celina Rofer as Chairperson to the Village Comprehensive Plan Committee; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT – WASHINGTONVILLE LACROSSE:

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to authorize a Public Assembly Permit to the Washingtonville Youth Lacrosse Club to utilize L. Vernon Allen Park for March through May, 2023 between the hours of 5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Mayor Bucco presented the 2023 – 2024 A Fund (Multi-Fund) Preliminary Budget which included line items such as Village Hall, Municipal Services, Shared Services, Special Items, Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Sanitation, Code Enforcement; Highway/Streets; Parks; Youth Recreation; Culture; Zoning/Planning; Community Environment; Employee Benefits and Debt Service. The Mayor stated the tax rate will be going up approximately 3 percent. It is the first increase in five years. Mayor Bucco expressed thanks to Christine Shenkman, Christopher Martino and Brian Zaccaro for watching over their Budgets. The Mayor stated that the Budget Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 27.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kolar and adopted to adjourn the February 6, 2023 Village Board Work Session meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
CHRISTINE SHENKMAN
VILLAGE CLERK**