

**A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York.**

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor Thomas DeVinko; Trustee Susan Walski and Trustee Donna Jacaruso.**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Village Clerk Christine Shenkman, Village Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) Superintendent Christopher Martino and Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro.**

**PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

**Mayor Thomas DeVinko led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**OATH OF OFFICE – MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:**

**Village Clerk Christine Shenkman administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Thomas DeVinko and Trustees Susan Walski and Donna Jacaruso, and expressed congratulations to all.**

**APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE ATTORNEY:**

**Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Walski and adopted to authorize the following Resolution:**

**WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Washingtonville desires to retain the legal services Feerick, Nugent, MacCartney, PLLC (“Firm”) to act as Legal Counsel to the Village Board pursuant to contract; and**

**WHEREAS, the Firm will undertake said representation upon the same terms of compensation as noted in the annexed Legal Agreement with regard to all matters which the Village Board determines such representation to be necessary for Legal Counsel to handle; and**

**WHEREAS, the Village Board consents to the Mayor’s selection of Feerick Nugent MacCartney (Brian D. Nugent, Esq. as primary counsel) to act as Legal Counsel upon the enactment of this Resolution and approves such Firm to represent the Village in all necessary legal matters.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:**

**Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference.**

**Section 2. Upon recommendation of the Mayor, the Village Board hereby authorizes Frederick Nugent MacCartney to undertake all Village legal matters, litigation or other legal services as directed by the Village Board.**

**Section 3. The Firm shall provide such legal representation to the Village at the rate set forth in the Municipal Legal Agreement presented to the Village Board.**

**Section 4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with the respective provider of legal services accordingly as referenced herein.**

**APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE ATTORNEY – (CONTINUED):**

**Section 5. The Village Clerk and any other Village officer, employee or consultant is as directed by the Mayor shall take any and all actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.**

**Section 6. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.**

**Said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.**

**RESOLUTION – ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – WATER AND SEWER BILLING CLERK:**

**Trustee Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to accept the resignation of Donna Foley as Water and Sewer Billing Clerk effective Friday, March 31, 2023; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.**

**RESOLUTION – ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – VILLAGE TRUSTEES:**

**Trustee Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to accept the resignation of Laurisa Sampson, and Valerie Laudato as Village Trustees effective Monday, April 3, 2023; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.**

**RESOLUTION – ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (Z.B.A.) CHAIRPERSON:**

**Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Walski and adopted to accept the resignation of Maureen DeVinko as Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals (Z.B.A.) effective Monday, April 3, 2023; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.**

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

**Mayor DeVinko stated he has checked with the Attorneys and he will be able to hold two seats simultaneously (both as Mayor and Ward representative for the Town of Blooming Grove) until the Ward seat is filled.**

**The Mayor reported that the Village of Washingtonville Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) and Town of Blooming Grove Highway Departments are working together to remove dead trees from Bull Road and have other projects planned for the future.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Cathy Acevedo stated will the Village Board be requesting Letters of Interest from residents regarding volunteer Board positions and Mayor DeVinko indicated yes.**

**Blooming Grove Ward representative Chuck Quick stated the Town of Blooming Grove is willing to support and work together with the Village of Washingtonville in all their endeavors.**

**William Palmer suggested the Volunteer Board members should receive a stipend from the Village of Washingtonville in appreciation for their service.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Trustee Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to adjourn the April 3, 2023 Village Board Regular Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**CHRISTINE SHENKMAN**

**VILLAGE CLERK**