

A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York.

PRESENT:

Mayor Thomas DeVinko; Deputy Mayor Susan Walski; Trustee Donna Jacaruso; Trustee Steve Presser; Trustee Vernon Coleman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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

RESOLUTION – PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walski and adopted to appoint Eddie Cerezo, William Jones and Nancy Comerford to the Planning Board; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

OATH OF OFFICE – PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS:

Village Clerk Christine Shenkman administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Planning Board members Eddie Cerezo, William Jones and Nancy Comerford and expressed congratulations to all.

PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NUMBER 4 – PROHIBITING SMOKING ON VILLAGE-OWNED PROPERTY:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to open the Public Hearing regarding Local Law Number 4 – Prohibiting Smoking on Village-Owned Property.

Mayor Thomas DeVinko stated the primary purpose of this Local Law is to ban all smoking, vaping and cannabis use on Village-owned property, except in specific designated areas.

There being no audience comment:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to close the aforesated Local Law Number 4 as referenced above.

A Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Washingtonville, New York was convened on June 5, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

The following Resolution was duly offered by Trustee Presser and seconded to wit by Trustee Jacaruso:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Washingtonville, New York (“Village Board”) from time to time reviews its laws, rules and regulations to be certain the same are consistent with all current lawful practices as well as best practices to protect the health, safety and welfare of Village residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to adopt a Local Law entitled “Local Law Prohibiting Smoking on Village-Owned Property”; and

WHEREAS, such Introductory Local Law was introduced before the Village Board on June 5, 2023; and

PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NUMBER 4 – PROHIBITING SMOKING ON VILLAGE-OWNED PROPERTY – (CONTINUED):

WHEREAS, upon notice duly published and posted, a Public Hearing was held on said Local Law on June 5, 2023, wherein public discussion was heard concerning the merits of said Local Law and after hearing from all those present wishing to speak and acknowledging that no written comments had been received, the Village Board declared the Public Hearing closed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board as follows:

Section 1. All "WHEREAS" paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full.

Section 2. The Village Board hereby adopts a Local Law, "Local Law Number 4 of 2023 Prohibiting Smoking on Village-Owned Property as attached hereto as Schedule "A".

Section 3. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to enter said Local Law into the minutes of this Meeting and in the Local Law book of the Village of Washingtonville, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law by filing the Local Law in the Office of the Secretary of State in the State of New York.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Mayor Thomas DeVinko	Aye
Deputy Mayor Susan Walski	Aye
Trustee Donna Jacaruso	Aye
Trustee Steve Presser	Aye
Trustee Vernon Coleman	Aye

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Audience member Edie Johnson questioned did the Village of Washingtonville opt out of the cannabis matter because Sunoco is selling gummy cannabis product. Mayor DeVinko indicated the Village did opt out of the sale of cannabis, and he will bring the gummy issue to Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro's attention.

FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE:

Mayor DeVinko reported that last Wednesday the Village Board received a financial status update from Village Treasurer Leslie Tillotson. Information will be posted on Facebook and the Village Website shortly. The Mayor outlined that the Village created the Home Rule Act and are looking to borrow up to 4.5 million dollars to cover outstanding debt and issues with the current Village Budget, and to cover paid expenses in the approximate amount of 1.6 – 1.8 million dollars that was paid by the previous administration within a window of two weeks, between the Village Election and the current administration taking office. This action created a huge gap in the Budget, and the Village Board needed to take separate action in a quick manner in less than two weeks. The Mayor had conversations with State Assembly and Senate Representatives and then put a Bill together, bringing it to the floor.

FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE – (CONTINUED):

The Representatives notified the Village that the Bill was accepted and now the Governor has to sign it.

VILLAGE FIREWORKS DISPLAY:

Mayor DeVinko announced that the Village Firework Display will take place on Friday, July 7 and the rain date is July 8. A Safety Meeting will take place with the Village Police Department, Monell Engine Company and the Blooming Grove Ambulance Corp.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:

On behalf of the Village Board, Mayor DeVinko expressed thanks and gratitude to all who participated in the Memorial Day Parade including the marchers, Fire Department, V.F.W. (Grand Marshalls) and Levonne Inspirations Florist.

EMERSON DRIVE – SEACORD LANE – LINCOLN DRIVE:

Mayor DeVinko reported that the Village has \$408,000 for paving in the New York State C.H.I.P.S. Fund. Piping on Emerson Drive, Seacord Lane and Lincoln Drive has to be replaced before paving can begin. Ahern Boulevard to Washington Boulevard has minor work to be done. Mockingbird Lane and Peacock Circle also need minor paving. The area by Route 208 and the Village parking lot between the laundromat and dance studio will be paved after June 21st.

MARSHALL & STERLING – POLICY UPDATE:

Mayor DeVinko indicated that the limit of insurance on Village employees who handle funds has been increased as follows:

Mayor - \$500,000; Deputy Mayor - \$500,000; Treasurer - \$500,000; Clerk - \$500,000; Court Clerk - \$500,000; Secretary - \$500,000

The endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

Commercial Crime Coverage Form; Commercial Crime Policy; Employee Theft and Forgery Policy; Government Crime Coverage Form; Government Crime Policy; Government Employee Theft and Forgery Policy

The total cost to the Village for the increased limits is \$72.60 per year.

BST AUDITOR FIRM:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize the hiring of BST and Company CPA LLP for the 2021 – 2022 Budget Audit at a cost not to exceed \$15,000; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – CROWN CASTLE:

Deputy Mayor Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to replace data internet through Crown Castle for the Village Police Department, Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) and Village Hall in the amount of \$1,092.00

RESOLUTION – CROWN CASTLE – (CONTINUED):

per month for a term of sixty (60) months; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – RESIGNATION OF VARIOUS VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to accept the resignations of Planning Board Chairman Bob Buchalski, Zoning Board of Appeals member Ryan Osborne, Zoning Board of Appeals member Michelle Rivera, Zoning Board of Appeals member Denni Lozza, Planning Board member Joanne Wiley, and Planning Board member Tom Gildea; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – FACILITY USE PERMIT – WASHINGTONVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Deputy Mayor Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize a Facility Use Permit to Washingtonville Middle School Jazz Band on Wednesday, June 14 at Firemen’s Memorial Park from 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. in honor of September 11; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – LIONS CLUB – PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR MEMORIAL PARK:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to approve a P.O. for two new pieces of playground equipment for the Memorial Park; the Lions Club will be paying for the equipment one-hundred percent with the Village Department of Public Works installing said equipment; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION - PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT – KIWANIS CLUB – FLAGS FOR HEROES:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize approval of a Public Assembly Permit to the Kiwanis Club of Washingtonville at Firemen’s Memorial Park for Flags for Heroes as follows: August 10 Flags will be placed in Park; August 12 the names of the Flags for Heroes will be read; September 9 Flags will be removed from the Park; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – ABSTRACT:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize Budget Transfers and amendments as necessary to effect necessary transfer of funds and to pay Warrants; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walski and adopted to enter into Executive Session regarding personnel matters; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to resume the June 5, 2023 Village Board Regular Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Deputy Mayor Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to adjourn the June 5, 2023 Village Board Regular Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CHRISTINE SHENKMAN

VILLAGE CLERK