

A Village Board Work Session Meeting was held on Monday, June 20, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There being no public comment:

UPDATE REGARDING MS-4 REPORTS:

Mayor DeVinko reported the Village of Washingtonville was fined by the New York State – Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) due to the previous administration not filing four years of MS-4 Reports. The initial fine was \$4,000 but the Village negotiated it down to \$2,600. The MS-4 Report for the year 2021 was submitted, and projected 2022 Report completion date is June 30, 2023.

PKF O’CONNOR – DAVIES AUDITORS:

The Mayor announced that the 2019 – 2020 Audit is due to be completed by June 30. The 2021 – 2022 fiscal year will be audited after completion of 2022 – 2023 which will begin next week. Upon completion of the Audits, the AUD will be prepared by the Treasurer and sent to New York State for filing bringing the Village up to date on Audits. The Village has also employed an additional Auditing firm mentioned at the last Village Board Meeting to assist with the 2022 – 2023 Audit. It appears the past four unaudited Budget years have been in a deficit between \$400,000 - \$500,000. Once the Audits are complete the Village will have actual numbers. New York State will be conducting an Audit in the near future, and the State absorbs the cost of said Audit.

DEFICIT BOND – APPROVAL FROM NEW YORK STATE:

Mayor DeVinko reported a Bill was recently passed in the New York State Assembly and New York State Senate through Assembly Representative Brian Maher and Senator James Skoufis’s Office authorizing the Village of Washingtonville to borrow up to 4.5 million dollars in funding, and the Bill is waiting for signature by Governor Hochul. Updates will be provided in the near future.

NEW YORK STATE - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – (D.O.T.) GRANT – SEACORD LANE AND EMERSON DRIVE - \$100,000:

Mayor DeVinko indicated the Village of Washingtonville was looking to obtain a Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for Seacord Lane and Emerson Drive from New York State Department of Transportation – (D.O.T.), however the Grant became

NEW YORK STATE - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION -- (D.O.T.) GRANT -- SEACORD LANE AND EMERSON DRIVE - \$100,000 -- (CONTINUED):

invalid because the work the previous administration had the Village conduct last year on this project should not have been done until D.O.T. approved and had signed Contracts from the Village. Drainage work is being conducted on the aforementioned streets by the Village, and price quotations will be obtained regarding future paving of roads.

NEW YORK STATE -- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION -- (D.O.T.) GRANT -- PATRICIA LANE AND BEVERLY LANE - \$100,000:

The Mayor commented plans are in the beginning stage to conduct infrastructure drainage work on Patricia Lane and Beverly Lane, and the Village will provide updates when available.

U.T.V. AND TRAILER GRANT:

Paperwork has been completed regarding the U.T.V. and Trailer Grant and the Village is waiting for a response from New York State so that the purchase can be complete.

RECEIVED ORANGE COUNTY MORTGAGE TAX - \$87,000:

Mayor DeVinko announced the Village has received \$87,000 in Mortgage Tax from the County of Orange.

WATER CONSERVATION:

The Mayor stated the Village wells and water levels are dropping due to lack of rain. The Village is prepared with backup wells in the event additional water needs to be utilized. The well at Fireman's Memorial Park is waiting to go online once a part is received.

VILLAGE FIREWORKS DISPLAY:

The Village Fireworks Display will be held on Friday, July 7 at 9:15 P.M. with a rain date of Saturday, July 8. The Events Committee has set up a live band and food vendors for this event. A meeting will take place on Wednesday with the Village and the Fire Department to conduct a safety tour.

DEPUTY MAYOR WALSKI -- UPDATE REGARDING PART TIME POLICE CONTRACT NEGOTIATION:

Deputy Mayor Walski reported that a first negotiation meeting took place regarding the Part Time Police Contract and a second meeting is scheduled for July.

UPDATE -- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING:

Trustee Jacaruso stated the first Village Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting will take place on Thursday and Planner Bonnie Franson, her assistant, and 8 members (7 were previous committee members and one individual is new) will be in

UPDATE – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING – (CONTINUED):

attendance at the meeting. The meetings are recorded and posted, and members of the public are welcome to attend and submit written comments.

DEPUTY MAYOR WALSKI – UPDATE REGARDING WATER – SEWER BILLING:

Deputy Mayor Walski reported notices are being sent if meters are not working correctly, so the Village can obtain accurate readings. The billing is now being separated for the Village Treasurer, by water, sewer and sewer facility use.

MOBILE D.M.V. UNIT:

The mobile unit of the department of Motor Vehicles will be at the Village Hall parking lot at 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville on Tuesday, July 25 from 10:00 – 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 – 3:30 P.M. for all your motor vehicle needs except for written examinations.

INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE – CENTRAL GARAGE VEHICLE REPAIRS AND PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES:

Discussion regarding the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Village of Washingtonville and Town of Blooming Grove for Central Garage Vehicle Repairs and Preventative Maintenance Services was tabled.

RESOLUTION – CAR WASH – WASHINGTONVILLE GIRLS VARSITY SWIM AND DIVE TEAM:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize the Washingtonville Girls Varsity Swim and Dive Team to hold a car wash on Sunday, August 20 from 8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Village Veterans Park located at 29 West Main Street; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – CODE OF ETHICS 2023 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE:

Deputy Mayor Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to authorize the use of the Code of Ethics 2023 Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure for the Village of Washingtonville; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – UPDATE OF VILLAGE PROCUREMENT POLICY:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to update and adopt the Procurement Policy for the Village of Washingtonville based upon recommendation of the Village Attorney; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – ORANGE COUNTY URBAN COUNTY QUALIFICATION COOPERATION AGREEMENT:

Trustee Presser made a motion, second by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to authorize Mayor Thomas DeVinko to sign the Urban County Qualification Cooperation Agreement between the County of Orange and the Village of Washingtonville also known as the Community Development Block Grant Program; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – POLICE DEPARTMENT BODY CAMERAS:

Deputy Mayor Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize the purchase of Body Cameras for the Village Police Department from ASIX at a cost not to exceed \$24,000; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – RESIGNATION OF FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER:

Deputy Mayor Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to accept the resignation of Village Police Officer Dominic Mandile effective Wednesday, June 14, 2023; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL PERMIT FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION:

A meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Washingtonville, New York was convened on June 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm. The following Resolution was duly offered by Deputy Mayor Walski and seconded to wit by Trustee Coleman:

WHEREAS, the Village of Washingtonville is conducting an Independence Day celebration on July 7, 2023 (“Event”); and

and
WHEREAS, during the Event, two vendors will be selling alcoholic beverages;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 45 of the Village of Washingtonville Village Code, a Special Permit is required from the Board of Trustees in order to permit consumption of alcoholic beverages in certain public places; and

WHEREAS, Marissa Prozzillo (Parked Prosecco) (“Vendors”) and Monell Engine Company Fire Department have requested a Special Permit from the Village for the purposes of selling alcoholic beverages during the Event; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to issue Special Permits to the two Vendors during the time of the Event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. Pursuant to Section 45-3 of the Village Code, the Village Board hereby authorizes the issuance of a Special Permit to Marissa Prozzillo (Parked Prosecco), and Monell Engine Company Fire Department identified as Department of State ID 5375096 for July 7, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the sale of alcoholic beverages in a public place.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL PERMIT FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION – (CONTINUED):

- Section 3. The Special Permit is subject to the following conditions:
1. The distribution of alcoholic beverages shall be at a location designated by the Village.
 2. The Vendor shall be required to have any necessary permit from the New York State Liquor Authority for the activity.
 3. Vendors shall comply with any and all restrictions and requirements imposed by the State Liquor Authority in conjunction with the issuance of the permit.
 4. The area where service and consumption of any alcoholic beverages occurs shall be clearly defined and marked off and access to such area shall be limited to persons aged 21 or older.
 5. Vendors shall comply with any and all directives of the Mayor of the Village and/or members of the Washingtonville Police Department.
 6. Vendors shall be subject to any and all requirements of the Village Code and Village Special Permit requirements.

Section 4. Pursuant to the Special Permit, the Vendors shall be authorized to conduct, set-up and break down activities before and after the Independence Day Event.

Section 5. The Mayor and any other Village officer, employee or consultant 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.

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

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Mayor Thomas DeVinko	X		
Deputy Mayor Susan Walski	X		
Trustee Donna Jacaruso	X		
Trustee Steve Presser	X		
Trustee Vernon Coleman	X		

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

RESOLUTION – VILLAGE ABSTRACTS:

Trustee Coleman 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.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS -- (D.P.W.):

On behalf of the Village Board Deputy Mayor Walski expressed thanks to the Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) for their work in addressing several Incident Reports that were submitted to the Village.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Audience member Michael Graziano of 3 Lark Street suggested the Village should have a schedule of upcoming events on social media, and Trustee Jacaruso explained the Village Facebook Page and the calendar located on the Village Website lists all upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

RESUMPTION OF MEETING:

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to adjourn the Executive Session, and resume the Village Board of Trustees Work Session Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walski and adopted to adjourn the June 20, 2023 Village Board Work Session Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CHRISTINE SHENKMAN

VILLAGE CLERK