

A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 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 and Trustee Vernon Coleman.

PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

PARKING LIMITS – THIRTY (30) MINUTES:

Discussion took place regarding thirty (30) minute parking in the Village in order to enable traffic on Route 94 and Route 208 to flow quicker. Motorists are tending to park in the Village Municipal Lot for long periods of time. The Village Board will research the cost of parking meters, and a survey can be submitted to the business owners to provide feedback.

NORTH STREET AND ROUTE 94 – ROUTE 208 AND VILLAGE MUNICIPAL LOT DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE:

Audience member Michael Graziano suggested the Village can place do not block symbols on the road in front of North Street and Route 94, and Route 208 and the Village Municipal parking lot driveway entrance in order to gain access to these areas. Being these roads are New York State roads, signage needs to be approved by the New York State – Department of Transportation (N.Y.S. – D.O.T.). The Village Board will provide updates as information is received.

C.H.I.P.S. ANNUAL DOLLAR AMOUNT:

The New York State C.H.I.P.S. (Highway Improvement Program) annual dollar amount for the Village of Washingtonville is \$83,163.99.

LEAD PIPE INVENTORY:

Mayor DeVinko reported the Village of Washingtonville has received information from the New York State Department of Health (N.Y.S. – D.O.H.) to inventory all commercial and residential structures for lead water service pipes in the Village of Washingtonville. The inventory project must be completed by October 2024. The Village plans to begin the inventory process next month, and will be sending a letter to residential and commercial owners to set up appointment times to enter your home or building to evaluate the type of water service entering the premises. The homeowner or building owner can also assist the Water Department to determine if

LEAD PIPE INVENTORY – (CONTINUED):

your water service line is lead or copper by looking in the basement near the water meter where water service comes into the building. If the small pipe is gray, it's most likely lead. If brown, it is likely copper. Only the lead service lines will be replaced. The Mayor stated updates will be provided as the survey progresses.

VILLAGE HEALTH INSURANCE – EVALUATING HEALTH CARE COVERAGE EXPENSE:

Mayor DeVinko indicated the Health Care Plan the Village presently has is great but research is being conducted with alternative plans to see if the same coverage is offered but has the possibility of potential savings.

REVIEW – WATER, SEWER AND FACILITY USE RATE:

The Mayor commented after last year's rates increased, a recent conversation took place with the survey company and they may have had incorrect information. The Village will be rerunning the numbers to ensure they are correct.

The Sewer Facility charge is utilized for the repayment of the Sewer Plant expansion Bond payment, and Sewer Plant operations. If the Village falls short of amounts due an increase could occur in the Facility rate.

T.D. BANK – INTEREST ON FUNDS IN BANK:

Mayor DeVinko explained that T.D. Bank is satisfied with the status of Village checking accounts, and since bills are being paid and checks not being returned for insufficient funds the accounts will now receive interest on Village funds.

GNXCOR USA INC. – HELP DESK WORKFLOW MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

Deputy Mayor Walski is reviewing a cost effective help desk work order system which will enable residents and the Village Board to track the status of a work order, and manage workflow on a daily basis. The program may cost approximately \$15,000, and there are three (3) other companies to investigate.

UPDATE REGARDING 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 event will begin at 6:00 P.M. and the 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. Ahern Boulevard will be closed at 3:00 P.M. in the location of Revere Circle and Decker Drive. There will be no parking on the east side of Revere Circle by 12:00 P.M., and no parking on Route 94 from Ahern Boulevard to Bernadette Way later in the day. Ahern Boulevard, Newcastle Drive and Capital Drive will be closed. Trustee Jacaruso has posted this event on the Village Facebook page, Village Website and a CTY (telephone communication message) will be sent.

NEW YORK STATE CONFERENCE OF MAYORS – (N.Y.C.O.M.) – FALL TRAINING SCHOOL:

Mayor DeVinko announced the New York State Conference of Mayors (N.Y.C.O.M) Fall Training School will take place on September 18-22, 2023 at the Conference Center in Lake Placid, New York.

RESOLUTION – SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATION:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, July 17, 2023 at 7:05 P.M. regarding property maintenance violations on the property located at 9 Bernadette Way, and to authorize the Building Inspector to issue notice of such Hearing to the owner and/or property; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – CENTRAL GARAGE VEHICLE REPAIRS AND PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walski and adopted to authorize Mayor Thomas DeVinko to sign the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Village of Washingtonville and the Town of Blooming Grove for Central Garage Vehicle Repairs and Preventative Maintenance Services; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – GRANT WRITING SERVICES:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize approval to adopt Millennium Strategies for Grant Writing services from July 5, 2023, through July 4, 2024 at a cost of \$400.00 per month consulting fee and \$150.00 per hour for project support; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – ELECT CHAIRPERSONS AND SET TERMS FOR PLANNING BOARD, ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD – (A.R.B.) AND CODE OF ETHICS BOARD:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize approval to elect chairpersons and set terms for Planning Board, Architectural Review Board (A.R.B) and Code of Ethics Board; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – ORANGE COUNTY GRANT – TRAFFIC WARNING SIGN:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize Mayor Thomas DeVinko to apply for an Orange County Grant up to \$4,999.00 for the purchase of a traffic warning sign at Taft Elementary School; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – EMPLOYMENT OF MEGAN SCHIFFMACHER – PART TIME VILLAGE DEPUTY CLERK:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize the employment of Megan Schiffmacher as Part Time Village Deputy Clerk with a twenty (20) hour work week beginning July 24, 2023 and an hourly wage of \$21.00; following a three (3) month review the hourly rate will increase to \$23.00; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – SALE OR SERVICES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE VILLAGE FIREWORK DISPLAY:

Deputy Mayor Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize a Special Permit to be issued by the Village of Washingtonville to Roadies Rolling Bars, LLC for the sale or services of alcoholic beverages at the Village Fireworks Display to be held on Friday, July 7 at L. Vernon Allen Park; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING – PROCUREMENT POLICY:

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to schedule a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, August 7 at 7:00 P.M. to consider a Local Law to amend Chapter 26, Article IV, Procurement Policy; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – ABSTRACT:

Deputy Mayor Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize approval of 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:

An audience member questioned has the Village been approved for the loan from New York State, and Mayor DeVinko responded the bills have been approved by the Assembly and Senate and are waiting for Governor Hochul to sign them.

WATER – SEWER METER READINGS:

Deputy Mayor Walski stated that water – sewer meter reading season will be coming in the near future, and requested residents to secure their pets so that the meter readers can gain access into yards to read the meters.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CHRISTINE SHENKMAN

VILLAGE CLERK