

**A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 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 ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Audience member Michael Graziano questioned if the Village will conduct a traffic study in the downtown Village area of Route 94 and Route 208, and Mayor DeVinko responded this topic will be addressed under Resolution section on the Agenda. Mr. Graziano requested an update regarding his past suggestion that the Village 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 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.). Mayor DeVinko reported he has met with State Assembly Representative Brian Maher regarding this matter.**

**An audience member suggested additional refuse receptacles be added on Brotherhood Plaza Drive and Ahern Boulevard near Firemens Memorial Park.**

**Audience member Sean Hegarty, 4 Belvoir Drive requested a timeline for the completion of the Pickleball Court project. Mr. Hegarty suggested the cracks in the pavement at Woodfield Skateboard Park be fixed in order to save money and not damage equipment. Mayor DeVinko explained the area needs to be flat to ensure safety, and Trustee Presser is working on a proposal regarding updates at the Skateboard Park.**

**An audience member stated the walk signage located at Brotherhood Plaza Drive is facing the wrong direction.**

**A resident from Woodfield Drive expressed concerns over the Bridge that collapsed in the past by Seacord Lane and Emerson Drive, and has since been rebuilt. It was suggested that logs and tree trunks be removed in order to prevent future flooding.**

**A September 11 Ceremony will be held at Village Firemens Memorial Park at 11:00 A.M and 7:00 P.M.**

**The Washingtonville Central School District opens tomorrow, Wednesday, September 5, 2023.**

**LIONS CLUB - BRICK PAVER PROJECT:**

**Mayor DeVinko reported individuals and businesses have donated funds to place names on bricks to create an area by the inclusive playground at Firemens Memorial Park. The Department of Public Works is working on this project and additional drainage was installed to decrease pooling of water. Concrete was installed, and rocks removed to make it more accessible.**

**WATER – SEWER BILLING SYSTEM UPDATE:**

Deputy Mayor Walski stated the last Water – Sewer billing quarter total revenue of \$354,481.00 was split between water, sewer, and facility use charge. To date there are six-hundred ninety-five (695) accounts unpaid, and the facility usage charge is short to repay the Bond payment. The facility use charge will increase from \$37.57 to \$58.00 for three (3) months, and is used to pay Sewer debt.

**LEAD PIPE SURVEY - SEACORD LANE AND EMERSON DRIVE UPDATE:**

Mayor DeVinko commented the Village is waiting on residents to return the survey, and cannot move forward with paving until all statistics are sent back. The Village has sent out a second letter to residents who have not yet responded.

New York State Government has sent specific guidelines to follow for pipe inspections. The approximate cost of the paving project is \$170,000. If The Village moves forward with paving the roads without the survey completed, and one house is found to have lead pipes, then the street will have to be torn up again and the cost would fall back onto the taxpayers. The Village is looking into creation of a Law that would set a penalty charge for when responses to surveys and questionnaires are not sent back to the Village.

**FINANCIAL DEFICIT BOND BORROWING UPDATE:**

Mayor DeVinko reported with regard to the \$4 million dollar deficit loan the Village has obtained a lender and is working on the lending process. By next week the Village should have percentage cost rates and then a letter will be mailed to residents outlining said rate.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION - WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:**

Mayor DeVinko indicated there is still funding available through Environmental Facilities Corp. (E.F.C.) since the previous administration never completed the paperwork to obtain said monies. Once the form is sent to E.F.C., reimbursement in the amount of \$145,000 for six (6) Contractor payments would be sent to the Village. Total reimbursement could possibly reach \$1 million dollars. The Village has many Sewer Plant issues that were not finished or needs to be repaired such as electrical, generator, pumps, dialing systems and roof leak.

**SEWELL PARK UPDATE:**

F.E.M.A. has approved plans for Sewell Park, and the authorization will allow the Village to search for Grant programs.

**COMMUNITY DAY DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES - SEPTEMBER 9:**

Mayor DeVinko announced McLaughlin Square will close down for Community Day on Saturday, September 9. Vendors, a D.J., bounce house and slide will be available, and a movie (Mary Poppins) will be shown at 7:00 P.M. There will also be popcorn and cotton candy. There is no rain date scheduled for this event.

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE – SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10:**

The Village will hold a Community Garage Sale on Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10, 2023.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW TIPS EMAIL ADDRESS:**

Police Chief Brian Zaccaro announced a new email address for residents and business owners to utilize for crime tips as follows: [crimetips@washingtonville-ny.gov](mailto:crimetips@washingtonville-ny.gov).

**POLICE DEPARTMENT INFANT/CHILDREN SAFETY SEAT PROGRAM:**

Police Chief Brian Zaccaro announced the Police Department Infant/Children Safety Seat Program will take place on Saturday, September 23 from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York.

**GENERATOR SEWER PLANT MOVE**

The generator sewer plant move is complete.

**PICKLE BALL COURT QUOTATION UPDATE:**

The Village is working on updating the area for the proposed Pickle Ball Court.

**HIGH GROVE ROAD DEDICATION STATUS:**

The Village is expecting to have the roads dedicated by October 2023. Gang Boxes will be the only mailbox option for this community.

**103 – RESOLUTION – TRAFFIC STUDY FOR INTERSECTIONS - ROUTE 94 AND ROUTE 208, AND ROUTE 94 AND NORTH STREET:**

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize the approval to request a traffic study for the intersections of Route 94 and Route 208, and Route 94 and North Street during the peak travel hours 6:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M., and at 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**104 – RESOLUTION – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STUDY FOR DIRECTIONAL PARKING SIGNS TO VILLAGE PARKING LOTS:**

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to authorize approval of a Department of Transportation study for directional parking signs to the Village public parking lots on Route 208 and Route 94; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**105 – RESOLUTION – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - PLAN AND INSTALL A SIDEWALK – VILLAGE PARKING LOT ON ROUTE 94:**

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize the approval of the request to the New York State - Department of Transportation (N.Y.S. – D.O.T.) to plan and install a sidewalk from the Village parking lot on Route 94 heading west to the existing sidewalk. This sidewalk is necessary for safety concerns as a Park is being developed for Village residents across from the Washingtonville Middle School; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**106 – RESOLUTION – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WARNING LIGHTS:**

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to authorize the New York State - Department of Transportation (N.Y.S. – D.O.T.) to install pedestrian crossing warning lights at the following locations; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

1. Ahern Blvd intersection North Street (Village Road)
2. North Street Intersection Route 94 (Village Road)
3. Route 94 intersection North Street (State Road)
4. Route 94 across from Washingtonville Pharmacy (State Road)
5. Brotherhood Drive intersection Cartwheel Court (Village Road)
6. Route 94 and Nicoll Street

**107 – RESOLUTION – HUDSON VALLEY HAWKS – BASEBALL TEAM FUNDRAISER 5K RUN:**

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to authorize Hudson Valley Hawks under 12 Baseball Team Fundraiser 5K Run from L. Vernon Allen Park to Woodfield Park and back on Saturday, December 9, at 10:00 A.M. based upon receipt of a Certificate of Insurance; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**108 – RESOLUTION – JOE THE PLUMBER – INSTALLATION OF PUMP – FIREMANS MEMORIAL PARK:**

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walski and adopted to authorize Joe the Plumber Plus Inc. to install a new pump for the Firemen's Memorial Park well at a cost not to exceed \$21,700.00; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**109 – RESOLUTION – GRANT FOR \$100,000 MULTIMODAL AGREEMENT GRANT:**

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize Mayor Thomas DeVinko to sign the \$100,000 Multimodal Agreement Grant 8 MA 413.30A Universal Multi Modal Capital Project Agreement for the paving of Emerson Drive and Seacord Lane; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**110 – RESOLUTION – BLACK LAGOON TO WINTERIZE AND SERVICE FOUNTAINS:**

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize Black Lagoon to winterize and service two (2) Village fountains this fall for a price not to exceed 1,300.00; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**111 – RESOLUTION – SPINNAKER CYBER INSURANCE PROPOSAL:**

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walski and adopted to authorize Spinnaker Cyber Insurance Proposal in the amount of \$3,261.00 as submitted to the Village by Insurance Agent Marshall & Sterling; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**112 – RESOLUTION – RESIGNATION - RETIREMENT OF POLICE SERGEANT FRANCIS CIRIGLIANO:**

Trustee Presser made a motion, second by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to accept the Retirement resignation of Police Sergeant Francis Cirigliano effective August 31, 2023; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**113 – RESOLUTION – JOSEPH DESANTOLA - COMPLETION OF PROBATIONARY PERIOD:**

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to approve Joseph J. Desantola completing the probationary period effective August 21, 2023 with a change in salary effective March 1, 2023 to \$74,50,100; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**114 - RESOLUTION – ABSTRACT:**

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize the approval of Budget Transfers and amendments as necessary to affect 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 expressed concerns that 5 Lincoln Drive has uncut grass on their property, and Mayor DeVinko indicated he will complete an Incident Report regarding this matter.

An audience member questioned if there are alternatives offered to obtaining compliance regarding the Lead Pipe Survey for Seacord Lane and Emerson Drive.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Deputy Mayor Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to enter 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 Presser and adopted to adjourn the Executive Session, and resume the Village Board 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 September 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**