

A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Monday, October 2, 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; Treasurer Leslie Tillotson.

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Clerk Christine Shenkman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Audience member Michael Graziano questioned will the interest rate on the \$4.4 million dollar loan change after one (1) year, and Treasurer Tillotson responded when the loan rolls over to a ten (10) year Bond it is hoped that a lower interest rate will be in place.

DISCUSSION:

TREASURER FINANCIAL UPDATE – BOND DEFICIT FINANCING:

Mayor DeVinko stated the Village of Washingtonville will be closing on the \$4.4 million dollar Bond deficit financing on October 5, 2023. Treasurer Tillotson indicated at the time of maturity in October 2024, the Bond will be converted to a ten (10) year Bond. The Village must follow strict guidelines with the New York State Comptroller's Office and submit quarterly budget reports, quarterly trial balances and annual budgets which must be submitted thirty (30) days prior to budget adoption. The interest rate for one (1) year is 7.25%. The interest payment is due October 2024 in the amount of \$308,000. To offset this cost to residents the Village has opened an investment account called New York Class which is a cooperative liquid fund, short-term investment, designed for public sectors and the current interest is 5.25%. All interest earned on this investment will be used to offset the cost to the residents.

Treasurer Tillotson commented the Village is currently working on an audit for fiscal year 2020 and it is almost complete. It will be sent to the external Auditors at the end of this month, and then sent to New York State Comptroller's Office. Once the audit is complete the Village will move on to the following year's audit.

Effective February 1, 2024 the Village of Washingtonville will go live with new Edmunds financial software. In May of 2024, the Village will transition the property tax and water sewer collections into the new software system.

The New York State Comptroller's Office is currently working on a risk assessment analysis of the Village of Washingtonville reviewing multiple years and will provide a report once their findings are complete. A telephone call will take place with the State on Thursday, October 5, 2023.

DISCUSSION – (CONTINUED):

TREASURER FINANCIAL UPDATE – BOND DEFICIT FINANCING – (CONTINUED):

Treasurer Tillotson stated Department Head meetings regarding the budget process for fiscal year ending 2025 will commence soon.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS PARKING SURVEY DRAFT FOR APPROVAL:

Mayor DeVinko indicated Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro is creating a parking survey which will be sent to businesses to determine if parking meters should be implemented on the downtown Village streets, and municipal parking lots. From previous feedback, it appears the businesses are not in favor of parking meters but the Village Board will canvas the surveys when they are returned. Mayor DeVinko commented the Village Board will most likely not install said meters.

HELP DESK SOFTWARE UPGRADE UPDATE – DEPUTY MAYOR WALSKI:

Deputy Mayor Walski stated three (3) price quotations were submitted to the Village Board regarding a new help desk software upgrade program for incident reports, and Gnxcor software application came in the most economical. This system will replace the current incident report software and be more helpful to residents and enable better communication to the residents from the Village. Once reports are complete the resident and department heads will automatically get an update. The cost of Gnxcor is \$100 per month, and a Resolution will be passed later on in the Agenda.

MEMORIAL PARK SURVEILLANCE CAMERA UPDATE:

Chief Zaccaro indicated he has received three (3) proposals regarding camera surveillance for the Village Memorial Park, and is waiting for a financial update before a decision to move forward can be made. Deputy Mayor Walski added the Memorial Park well pump station will also be under surveillance.

GRANT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT UTV AND TRAILER IS APPROVED FOR PURCHASE:

Mayor DeVinko confirmed the Grant for a UTV and trailer has been approved and the Village will be reimbursed for the cost of equipment.

PICKLEBALL COURT QUOTATION UPDATE:

Mayor DeVinko announced the Pickleball courts will be painted weather permitting. Next week the area will be paved and fenced. Residents are currently using the space and have brought their own nets. The Village has obtained price quotations with regard to netting, and is working on the lighting situation at L. Vernon Allen Park.

Audience member Arthur Jefferies suggested the Village Board consider installing LED lighting as an option. Deputy Mayor Walski will review the matter to see if the Village can qualify for New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) credits if using LED lights.

PAVING OF SEACORD LANE AND EMERSON DRIVE UPDATE:

Mayor DeVinko stated the Village is still collecting the Lead and Copper Surveys. The Department of Health (D.O.H.) requires the survey before the roads are paved. Fifty-Four (54) responses were sent and to date, twenty-four (24) have been received. Additional follow-ups will be conducted to obtain the remaining documentation.

PAVING OF AHERN BOULEVARD FROM NORTH STREET TO WASHINGTON BOULEVARD:

Mayor DeVinko announced the Village Board will be passing a Resolution this evening to pave Ahern Boulevard from North Street to Washington Boulevard. Deputy Mayor Walski responded cable lines for the park cameras need to be installed before paving occurs.

VEHICLE COLLISIONS – NORTH STREET AND AHERN BOULEVARD:

Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro reported the following information regarding vehicle collisions on North Street and Ahern Boulevard:

2 accidents	2019
1 accident	2020
2 accidents	2021
2 accidents	2022
2 accidents to date	2023

RIEGER HOMES – TRAFFIC LIGHT:

An audience member questioned does the Village still have funds from Rieger Homes for a traffic light, and Mayor DeVinko responded it appears the \$75,000 funds were spent. The Village can also try to obtain Grant funding for the traffic light.

VILLAGE HALL TELEPHONE SYSTEM:

Mayor DeVinko indicated price quotations will be obtained regarding a new telephone system for the Village Hall since the current system is no longer supported and parts are not available.

\$250,000 NEW YORK STATE GRANT – STREET SWEEPER APPROVAL:

Mayor DeVinko announced the \$250,000 Bond taken to purchase a street sweeper for the Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) will be reimbursed to the Village by the State of New York, and be utilized to pay down said Bond.

WASHINGTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WORK STUDY PROGRAM:

Mayor DeVinko reported that the Village Clerk will contact Washingtonville High School regarding a work study program for students in the Village Hall. The students do not earn a salary but will accrue credit for School.

VILLAGE HISTORIAN:

Mayor DeVinko announced the Village is still currently searching for a Village Historian, and the Board is seeking to expand the territory to the Town of Blooming Grove. The Village Attorney will prepare a Local Law regarding this matter.

ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE AGENDA - OCTOBER 5, 2023 - 3:30 P.M.:

Mayor DeVinko indicated the next Orange County Legislature Meeting is on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 3:30 P.M. Copies of the meeting schedule is available at Village Hall.

Orange County Legislator Kathy Stegenga presented to the Village of Washingtonville a check in the amount of \$4,999 in order to purchase a yellow flashing warning light by Taft Elementary School in the northbound lane on Toleman Road. Legislator Stegenga stated the Grant funds come from the Orange County Legislator Budget, and not from taxpayer funding. Criteria for Schools, Senior Centers, Recreation and Parks have to be met in order to obtain funds.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The mobile unit of the Department of Motor Vehicles will be at the Village Hall parking lot at 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville on Thursday, October 19 from 10:00 – 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 – 3:30 P.M. for all your motor vehicle needs except for written examinations.

Mayor DeVinko indicated the only thing the DMV mobile unit does not do is written exams, and this program has been very helpful within the village, and possibly will be here each month.

115 – RESOLUTION - GNXCOR HELP DESK SOFTWARE APPLICATION:

Deputy Mayor Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize the use of Gnxcor Help Desk Software Application effective October 1, 2023, at a monthly user cost of \$100.00; said Resolution passed by unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

116 - RESOLUTION - RESIGNATION OF CODE OF ETHICS BOARD MEMBER JOELY ZARRA:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to authorize and accept the resignation of Code of Ethics Board member Joely Zarra effective this date, October 2, 2023; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

117 – RESOLUTION - ADVERTISE FOR A VOLUNTEER CODE OF ETHICS BOARD MEMBER:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to advertise for a volunteer Code of Ethics Board Member; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

118 – RESOLUTION - FACILITY USE REQUEST FORM FOR THE HV HAWKS INC:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize approval of a Facility Use Request Form for the HV Hawks Inc. Travel Baseball group for baseball games at Woodfield Park on Sundays, from September 6 through November 1, 2023, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.; Certificate of Insurance has been provided; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

119 – RESOLUTION - PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT FOR THE UNDER TWELVE HUDSON VALLEY HAWKS BASEBALL TEAM FOR A 5-K FUNDRAISER RUN:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize approval of a Public Assembly Permit for the Under Twelve Hudson Valley Hawks Baseball Team for a 5-K Fundraiser Run from L. Vernon Allen Park to Hopkins Court and back to be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.; Certificate of Insurance has been provided; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

120 – RESOLUTION - PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT FOR THE HUDSON-DELAWARE DISTRICT BSA FOR A BOY SCOUT RECRUITMENT EVENT:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize approval of a Public Assembly Permit for the Hudson-Delaware District BSA for a Boy Scout Recruitment event to be held on Sunday, October 22 between 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. at Veterans Memorial Park, 29 West Main Street; Certificate of Insurance will be provided; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

121 – RESOLUTION - INCREASE THE FACILITY CHARGE FEE FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT:

Deputy Mayor Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to authorize an increase in the Facility Charge fee for the Sewer Department from \$37.57 to \$58.00; the increase is necessary to cover the Village annual Bond payment; Said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

122 – RESOLUTION - MAYOR THOMAS DEVINKO SIGN A GRANT FOR \$100,000 MULTIMODAL AGREEMENT GRANT 8 MA 413.30A:

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize Mayor Thomas DeVinko to sign a Grant for \$100,000 Multimodal Agreement Grant 8 MA 413.30A Universal Multi Modal Capital Project Agreement for paving of Emerson Drive and Seacord Lane, and authorizing the implementation and funding in the first instance of the State Multi-Modal Program-aid eligible costs, of a capital project, and appropriating funds, therefor.

WHEREAS a Project for the Reconstruction of Seacord Lane from Bull Rd to Emerson Drive, Emerson Drive from Bull Rd to Toleman Rd, & a Seacord Lane Culvert, P.I.N. 8MA413.30A ("the Project") is eligible for funding under New York State's Multi-Modal Program administered by the NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT); and

WHEREAS the Village of Washingtonville desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs of work for the Project or portions

122 – RESOLUTION - MAYOR THOMAS DEVINKO SIGN A GRANT FOR \$100,000 MULTIMODAL AGREEMENT GRANT 8 MA 413.30A – (CONTINUED):

thereof; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Washingtonville to pay in the first instance 100% of the cost of the design and construction phase(s) of work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$100,000 is hereby appropriated from A5110.0450 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase(s) of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the costs of the phase(s) exceed the amount appropriated above, the Village of Washingtonville shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Village Mayor thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Multi-Modal Program Funding on behalf of the Village of Washingtonville with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and all Project costs that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

Mayor DeVinko declared said Resolution adopted.

123 – RESOLUTION - MAYOR THOMAS DEVINKO TO SIGN THE RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE VILLAGE COURT PHOTOCOPIER MACHINE:

Deputy Mayor Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to authorize Mayor DeVinko to sign the Rental Agreement for the Village Court photocopier machine at a base monthly usage payment of \$111.82, and a onetime documentation fee of \$75.00; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

124 – RESOLUTION - PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT TO THE WASHINGTONVILLE EVENTS COMMITTEE FOR WITCHINGTONVILLE:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize a Public Assembly Permit to the Washingtonville Events Committee for Witchingtonville (October 21 between 11:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.) at L. Vernon Allen Park, and Witchingtonville After Dark (October 21 between 6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.) at Veterans Memorial Park, 29 West Main Street; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

125 – RESOLUTION - SPECIAL PERMIT FOR ROADIES ROLLING BARS LLC AND PARKED PROSECCO:

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to approve a Special Permit for Roadies Rolling Bars LLC and Parked Prosecco regarding serving alcoholic beverages at Witchingtonville After Dark; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

126 – RESOLUTION - TILCON PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT FOR THE RECLAMATION AND PAVING OF AHERN BOULEVARD FROM NORTH STREET TO WASHINGTON BOULEVARD:

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to authorize approval of the Tilcon proposal and contract for the reclamation and paving of Ahern Boulevard from North Street to Washington Boulevard at a price not to exceed \$162,357.00; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

127 – RESOLUTION - TILCON PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT FOR THE RECLAMATION AND PAVING OF EMERSON DRIVE AND SEACORD LANE:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to authorize approval of the Tilcon proposal and contract for the reclamation and paving of Emerson Drive and Seacord Lane at a price not to exceed \$194,485.00; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

128 – RESOLUTION – NYCLASS – OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Washingtonville hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to add NY Class as an official depository, effective immediately; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

Mayor DeVinko put said Resolution to a vote and the results were as follows:

MAYOR DEVINKO	AYE
DEPUTY MAYOR WALSKI	AYE
TRUSTEE JACARUSO	AYE
TRUSTEE PRESSER	AYE
TRUSTEE COLEMAN	AYE

The Mayor declared said Resolution adopted.

129 – RESOLUTION – WOODFIELD WASTEWATER PUMP STATION REPAIR AND EMERGENCY SITUATION:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walski and adopted to authorize and declare the Woodfield Wastewater Pump Station repair an emergency situation and authorize Joe the Plumber to proceed with the installation of the

129 – RESOLUTION – WOODFIELD WASTEWATER PUMP STATION REPAIR AND EMERGENCY SITUATION – (CONTINUED):

pumps and control that the Village has in hand at an estimated cost of \$25,000; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

130 – ABSTRACT RESOLUTION - BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS AS NECESSARY TO AFFECT NECESSARY TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND TO PAY WARRANTS:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize 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 who has been a resident of Washingtonville for thirty-five (35) years questioned the Village Board as to what point do the residents say the taxes are becoming unbearable, and I cannot afford to live here. All residents are in the same position and there needs to be a way to stop the tax increases. At some point we will be forced to move based on the increase in taxes. The resident expressed her concern of continued increases.

Mayor DeVinko indicated this Village Board was elected by the residents and that the Board works tirelessly to make the Village better for all. A \$4.4 million dollar loan had to be taken in order to assist the Village in moving forward. The Mayor asked the resident for suggestions regarding what the Board can do to help.

Trustee Jacaruso stated the entire Village Board resides in the Village and is affected by this as well, and the problems will eventually be solved.

Deputy Mayor Walski indicated the Village is obtaining all possible Grant funding, and the Village Board understands what residents are going through. The Village is doing its best to save money, but are locked into certain Contracts for many years. The Board is trying to resolve all issues.

David Dunn of 1 Lincoln Drive commented he is living on a fixed income and it is difficult to survive.

Town of Blooming Grove Ward member Cathy Acevedo commented this is very difficult to absorb as a resident.

Arthur Jefferies, 149 East Main street questioned what is happening with the projects that were before Planning and Zoning Boards, and Trustee Jacaruso stated every project before the Village Board is subject to the moratorium.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walski 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:

Deputy Mayor Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to adjourn the Executive Session, and resume the Village Board of Trustees Regular

RESUMPTION OF MEETING – (CONTINUED):

Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to adjourn the October 2, 2023 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**