

A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Monday, November 6, 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.

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Clerk Christine Shenkman, Village Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) Superintendent Christopher Martino, and Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patricia Cooney, resident of Washingtonville questioned the Village Board regarding why the Historian position is being expanded to include Blooming Grove, and Mayor DeVinko stated there were no applicants interested in the position from the Village of Washingtonville. Ms. Cooney expressed concerns over some Village residents not receiving the Comprehensive Plan Survey, and Trustee Jacaruso explained the Village was in contact with the Post Office to obtain a more accurate address listing as the Village is aware certain residents never received the letter. Trustee Jacaruso explained the Village water – sewer billing system was utilized to generate a mailing list. Letters were sent to the owners of the properties, and renters of those addresses were not included on the listing. The Post Office addresses are listed by zone, and will have to be reviewed which will take time, and then a mailing list can be generated. Trustee Jacaruso explained the deadline for the return of the Survey is Thanksgiving. Mayor DeVinko indicated this preliminary Survey will be used in the next more detailed Survey regarding what individuals would like to see in the future.

Mayor DeVinko indicated the Survey post card was inside the resident letter and the Village will send out a C.T.Y. telephone message with a deadline reminder. The response has been medium to low, which is not unexpected as we understand everyone is busy, however it's important for the future of our village to have input. The Village has approximately 6,000 residents, and thus far only seventy-five (75) Surveys have been received. There are hard copies of the Survey at Village Hall and a box to submit them at the reception desk. Moffat Library also has copies of the Survey.

Michael Graziano, 3 Lark Street thanked the Village Board for placing additional trash cylinders in the areas he previously requested, and suggested that the trash receptacle by Stop 'n' Shop should be located on the same side of the street as the store. Mayor DeVinko explained Brotherhood Plaza is private property but the Board will reach out to the owners to obtain permission to relocate the receptacle. Mr. Graziano indicated hopefully next year extra trash cans can be placed throughout the community.

Pat Mitchell, resident of 10 York Place stated she personally does not use the Washingtonville Post Office because they have lost her personal and business mail items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor DeVinko announced tomorrow, Tuesday, November 7 is Election Day.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 A.M. at Veterans Memorial Park, 29 West Main Street followed by coffee and refreshments at the V.F.W. building, 44 East Main Street.

WATER – SEWER BILLING UPDATE AND LOCAL LAW LANGUAGE UPDATE:

Deputy Mayor Walski reported the new Water – Sewer billing cycle has gone out. The Village is looking at possibly replacing all meters. Within the Village there are 1,906 accounts, and approximately four-hundred (400) meters need to be changed. The Village is losing approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of water usage, and is not receiving payment due to inaccurate water meters. The Village cannot force residential and commercial owners to allow their meters to be changed due to a lack of language in the Village Local Law. The Village Board is looking to change verbage in the Local Laws, and it is possible fines may be implemented to owners who do not respond to notification that property access is needed in order to service Village equipment.

William Graber, a Washingtonville resident questioned are the meters visually read, and the Mayor stated presently, five (5) – ten (10) employees read meters on foot and record the information in a meter book. The data is next manually entered into the water – sewer billing program. A demonstration is scheduled for next week regarding a new billing system. Deputy Mayor Walski said if property gates are locked or animals are in the yard then the meters will not be read.

Michael Graziano of 3 Lark Street questioned has the Village Board looked at what water systems adjoining communities utilize, and Mayor DeVinko responded Municipalities are going with cellular programs.

EMERSON DRIVE AND SEACORD LANE – LEAD PIPE SURVEY UPDATE AND PAVING STATUS:

Mayor DeVinko stated to date all lead and copper surveys have been returned to the Village of Washingtonville from Emerson Drive and Seacord Lane homeowners.

FIREMENS MEMORIAL PARK WELL PUMP UPDATE:

The Mayor reported that there is a problem with the control panel for the Firemens Memorial Park well pump, and parts have been ordered to rectify the situation.

WOODFIELD SEWER LIFT STATION UPDATE:

The Mayor stated that the pump at the Woodfield Sewer Lift Station had seized but has since been replaced. There are issues with the control panel but the pump is running.

RIEGER HOMES – HIGHGROVE WELL UPDATE:

Mayor DeVinko indicated Village Engineer James Farr is working with P. & D. Consulting Engineers regarding development of the Highgrove Well and construction of associated water supply improvements.

RIEGER HOMES – HIGHGROVE ROAD DEDICATION UPDATE:

A Resolution regarding Highgrove Road Dedication was tabled and will be on the November 20, 2023 Village Board Work Session Agenda.

UPDATE ON MILLING AND PAVING OF AHERN BOULEVARD FROM NORTH STREET TO WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, EMERSON DRIVE AND SEACORD LANE:

Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) Superintendent Christopher Martino commented Ahern Boulevard was milled today and Seacord Lane and Emerson Drive will also be milled. The goal is to have all roads paved by the end of the week, and then move on to small sections of roads such as Peacock Circle, Mockingbird Lane and the driveway by the Laundromat and Dance Studio.

EVENT COMMITTEE – WITCHINGTONVILLE BEFORE AND AFTER DARK EVENTS UPDATE:

The Mayor reported the Witchingtonville Before and After Dark Events was well attended, and no issues arose. A meeting is scheduled next week with the Events Committee to discuss the event for next year.

SECURED WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) REIMBURSEMENT OF \$24,500 FROM E.F.C. – BOND COUNCIL CLOSING FEES:

Mayor DeVinko commented \$24,500 was received this week from Environmental Facilities Corporation (E.F.C.) as reimbursement from the remaining project funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

FIREMENS MEMORIAL PARK SECURITY CAMERAS UPDATE:

Chief Brian Zaccaro has taken the lead on the project of installing security cameras at Firemens Memorial Park, and the Village is waiting for a plan from the Vendor so the process can begin.

LOCAL LAW INTRODUCTION – DOUBLE UTILITY POLES:

The Mayor reported that many communities are in the process of replacing utility poles, but it is a long time before the Utility Companies remove the old poles. A Local Law can be passed that authorizes the removal of said poles within a certain timeframe or the Companies will be receiving fines.

FIRE DISTRICT TAX EXEMPTION:

Mayor DeVinko is waiting for information from the Village Attorney regarding volunteer Firefighters being able to obtain a maximum of ten percent (10%) tax exemption towards their property tax.

SUNOCO CAR WASH PARKING FOR THE AMBULANCE CORP. SITUATION:

Trustee Jacaruso met with the owner of Sunoco who indicated that Social Media is claiming he is charging the Blooming Grove Ambulance Corp. to park their ambulances on Sunoco's property. Trustee Jacaruso indicated the owner of Sunoco is a Village resident, and he states that this rumor is not true. Sunoco is redoing

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their signage and have been cooperative with making the changes the Villages requires.

VILLAGE HALL CLEANING BIDS:

Deputy Mayor Walski indicated Jenny’s Cleaning Service, Bright Horizons and Doc Cleaning Services all reviewed the Village Hall regarding provision of cleaning services. All price quotations had to be submitted in writing. The Village Board decided on Bright Horizons at a cost of \$125.00 per cleaning per week.

ORANGE AND ROCKLAND – ELECTRICAL WORK – WASHINGTONVILLE MANOR:

Mayor DeVinko reported Orange and Rockland has stated residents on Park Circle, East Avenue and Manor Drive in Washingtonville Manor will experience power outages for no longer than four (4) hours on Monday, November 6 through Thursday, November 9 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. due to electrical work being done in these areas.

141 - RESOLUTION – PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NUMBER 7 OF 2023 ENTITLED ESTABLISHING THE EXPANSION OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSITION OF VILLAGE HISTORIAN IN THE VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walski, and adopted to open the Public Hearing regarding the above referenced Local Law.

Mayor DeVinko stated the Local Law is being adopted due to the fact there are no Washingtonville residents applying for the volunteer position of Village Historian. Therefore, the Village needs to expand its boundaries for said position.

The Mayor stated the Village Board will now receive public comment.

There being no public comment:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso, and adopted to close the Public Hearing regarding adopting Local Law Number 7 of 2023 entitled Establishing the Expansion of Residency Requirements for the Position of Village Historian in the Village of Washingtonville.

The following Resolution was duly offered by Trustee Presser and seconded by Deputy Mayor Walski:

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 Establishing the Expansion of Residence Requirements for the position of Village Historian in the Village of Washingtonville; and

WHEREAS, such Introductory Local Law was introduced before the Village Board on November 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, upon notice duly published and posted, a Public Hearing was held on said Local Law on November 6, 2023 wherein public discussion was heard concerning the merits of said Local Law and after hearing from all those present

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wishing to speak and acknowledging that no written comments has 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 Local Law Number 7 entitled, "A Local Law Establishing the Expansion of Residency Requirements for the Position of Village Historian in the Village of Washingtonville" 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

Mayor DeVinko declared said Resolution thereupon duly adopted.

142 – RESOLUTION – SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW NUMBER 9 OF 2023 ENTITLED ADDING ARTICLE V (UTILITY POLES) TO CHAPTER 260 OF THE VILLAGE CODE REQUIRING UTILITY COMPANIES TO REMOVE INACTIVE, BROKEN OR REPLACED UTILITY POLES:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to schedule a Public Hearing for December 4, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. regarding Local Law Adding Article V (Utility Poles) to Chapter 260 of the Village of Washingtonville Code Requiring Utility Companies to Remove Inactive, Broken or Replaced Utility Poles within the Village Boundaries.

WHEREAS, the Village Board for the Village of Washingtonville ("Village Board") desires to amend Chapter 260 of its Village Code for the purposes of adding a new Article; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Washingtonville is authorized to enact and amend its Code pursuant to New York Municipal Home Rule Law and the Village of Washingtonville Code; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board is the sole agency involved with authority to approve and enact the proposed Local Law; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to assume Lead Agency status and conduct a review to determine the significance of the proposed Local Law in

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accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, and the regulations promulgated thereunder at 6 NYCRR 617.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

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

Section 2. The Village Board determined that the proposed action will require review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), and the governing regulations promulgated thereunder and that such action is an Unlisted action under SEQRA.

Section 3. The Village Board hereby declares itself as Lead Agency in connection with the SEQRA review of this Local Law and will determine if the proposed Local Law will have a significant adverse environmental impact.

Section 4. The Village Board hereby adopts the Part 1 and Part 2 Full Environmental Assessment Forms (FEAF) prepared and presented to the Village Board.

Section 5. The Village Board directs the Village Clerk and any other Officer or employee, as directed by the Mayor, to take any action 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:

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

Mayor DeVinko declared said Resolution thereupon duly adopted.

143 – RESOLUTION – ADVERTISE – FULL TIME CLERICAL CLERK POSITION:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize the Village of Washingtonville to advertise for a Full Time Clerk (clerical) position per the Orange County Civil Service list; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

144 – RESOLUTION – ADVERTISE – PART TIME CLERICAL CLERK POSITION:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize the Village of Washingtonville to advertise for a Part Time Clerk (clerical) position; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

145 – RESOLUTION – RENEWAL OF POLICE DEPARTMENT DENTAL PLAN:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to renew the Dental Plan for the Village Police Department (CDPHP Dental) at the same rate as last year; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

146 – RESOLUTION – SURPLUS VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walski and adopted to declare the following Village of Washingtonville Police Department Equipment surplus and of no value to the Village:

Seven (7) Safariland Holsters for firearms that were replaced in 2022. They no longer fit with the new firearms.

Four (4) Magazine Holders.

Handcuff Case.

Six (6) Verizon MIFI Jetpacks – No Longer Activated.

2002 Polaris Sport ATV Vin Number 4XACH50A22C613855 – Not repairable, and will be sold for parts on Govbids.com or another Municipal Website.

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

147 – RESOLUTION – SURPLUS VILLAGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – (D.P.W.) EQUIPMENT:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to declare the following Village of Washingtonville Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) equipment surplus and of no value to the Village:

2016 Scag Giant Vac – Vin Number 4S9G12713GW323171

2006 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup – Vin Number 1GCEK14VX6Z281353

2002 International Dump Truck with Plow and Sander – Vin Number 1HTGEAHR43H560430

1996 Ford 555D Backhoe

Serial Number A437822

STOW Towable Cement Mixer

Serial Number 9510396

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

148 – RESOLUTION – BROOKSHIRE BOARD MEETING:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to allow the Brookshire Board meeting to be held at Village Hall on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:00 P.M.; said Resolution passed by the following vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstentions.

MAYOR DEVINKO

AYE

148 – RESOLUTION – BROOKSHIRE BOARD MEETING – (CONTINUED):

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

149 – RESOLUTION – VILLAGE POLICE CHIEF – SUMMIT MEETING:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro to attend the New York State Intelligence Summit on Thursday, November 16 and Friday, November 17 at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing, New York. The cost of the conference and hotel are free of charge, and the food is paid for by the Federal Homeland Security Department; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

150 – RESOLUTION – TRANSFER OF GREEN AREA PROPERTY:

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize approval to transfer Village green area property located behind 132 East Main Street to the current owner George Wontz; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

151 – RESOLUTION – RESIGNATION OF VILLAGE CROSSING GUARD:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to accept the Resignation letter from Village Crossing Guard Linda Steinberger effective Wednesday, November 8. The Village wishes Linda and her family all the best; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

152 – RESOLUTION – 2023 MIGHTY MITES BOWL – L. VERNON ALLEN PARK OVERFLOW PARKING:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize L. Vernon Allen Park to be utilized for overflow parking for the hosting of the Washingtonville Youth Football League 2023 Mighty Mites Bowl on Saturday November 11 from 7:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

153 – RESOLUTION – VILLAGE HALL CLEANING BIDS:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman, and adopted to authorize Bright Horizons (lowest responsible price quotation) to clean Village Hall (empty trash, dust desktops, wash floors, clean bathrooms) once per week at a cost of \$125.00 per cleaning; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

154 – ABSTRACT RESOLUTION:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser 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.

155 – RESOLUTION – SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW NUMBER 8 – ADOPTING REVISION AND EXTENSION OF VILLAGE LAND USE MORATORIUM:

Deputy Mayor Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to schedule a Public Hearing regarding Local Law Number 8 entitled Adopting Revision and Extension of Village Land Use Moratorium to be held on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Audience member Patrice Gesner of 7 Puritan Lane requested clarification regarding the Website notice to residents for Orange County transit buses for Kiryas Joel. Mayor DeVinko explained the County of Orange is addressing this matter in which Kiryas Joel is in need of additional buses.

Michael Graziano of 3 Lark Street requested an update regarding the New York State – Department of Transportation (N.Y.S. – D.O.T.) Survey for traffic lights and cross walk signage. The Mayor advised that the Village has requested an update from D.O.T., and will contact New York State Senator James Skoufis and New York State Assemblyman Brian Maher regarding this matter.

An audience member requested the storm drain by the former Flower Shop in the Village be raised, and Mayor DeVinko noted the request and will call the New York State – Department of Transportation (N.Y.S. – D.O.T.) tomorrow because it is a State road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Presser 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:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman 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 November 6, 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