

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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

PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT PLAQUE – WILLIAM PENTZ:

Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) Superintendent Christopher Martino thanked newly retired D.P.W. employee William Pentz on his years of service to the Village of Washingtonville, and on behalf of the Village Board, Mayor DeVinko presented a plaque to William Pentz in recognition and appreciation for his dedication to the Village of Washingtonville.

PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NUMBER 8 - REVISION AND EXTENSION OF VILLAGE LAND USE MORATORIUM:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to open the Public Hearing regarding Local Law Number 8 – Revision and Extension of Village Land Use Moratorium; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

Mayor Thomas DeVinko stated the primary purpose of this Local Law is to extend a six-month moratorium prohibiting the review and approval of certain land development applications in the Village of Washingtonville.

Mayor DeVinko indicated he would receive comments from the Village Board:

Trustee Jacaruso responded in June the Village will be reaching the one (1) year mark since the inception of the Village of Washingtonville Moratorium. The Village Board hired Planner Bonnie Franson and her Assistant Sam from the firm Nelson, Pope and Voorhis. The Comprehensive Plan Committee meet once a month, and discuss demographics, zoning, vision and goals for the Village of Washingtonville. A mini survey was sent out to Village residents and feedback will be utilized to create a larger survey. The Village will host a workshop for residents to provide thoughts and ideas, and a draft Comprehensive Plan will eventually be provided. A Public Hearing will be held, and Zoning and Village Codes will be rewritten with the possibility of future rezoning occurring depending on results from the resident's surveys. New York State will also determine if the draft Comprehensive Plan is feasible.

Mayor DeVinko stated audience comments will now be accepted: There being no comment:

PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NUMBER 8 - REVISION AND EXTENSION OF VILLAGE LAND USE MORATORIUM – (CONTINUED):

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to close the abovestated Public Hearing; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Sean Hegarty of 4 Belvoir Drive questioned when will the Skateboard Park be put back together, and Mayor DeVinko explained that certain equipment needs to be repaired. Mr. Hegarty asked why the Pickle Ball area was not paved completely, and the Mayor indicated the Board is watching the Village Budget carefully. Fencing, painting and netting is still needed and the Board can plan for the completion of paving in next year's Village Budget. Mr. Hegarty responded people are tripping due to noncompletion, and the Village could face a lawsuit. Mayor DeVinko commented the goal is to accomplish one project at a time.

An audience member questioned are the retention ponds in Newcastle Development checked by the Village, and Mayor DeVinko indicated the Village is responsible for repair work. The ponds have been inspected and once the grounds are dry if repair work is necessary then it will be completed. At that point in time, fishing could possibly be returned to the pond.

An audience member asked if the Pickleball Court will become part of a league and cost the Village money, and Mayor DeVinko responded currently that is not part of the plan. The area is there for the residents to use, and the Village is looking into lighting and wiring to potentially be replaced. The audience member continued the Village should be under financial restraint due to lack of funds in the Recreation Account and Village funds should not be spent on recreation projects. Mayor DeVinko explained the Recreation Fund was at zero when this new Board took office, and monies from Rieger Homes will be deposited into the Recreation Fund, and spent on recreation.

An audience member stated with regard to the Village Hockey Rink, it was funded by the Hockey organization and was not supposed to cost Village residents any money. The Mayor responded during the 1990's, the Village provided and paved green area space for the rink, and the Hockey organization paid for everything else. The rink was a tremendous success.

EMERSON DRIVE AND SEACORD LANE – LEAD PIPE SURVEY:

Mayor DeVinko reported the Emerson Drive and Seacord Lane lead pipe survey is complete, and there are no signs of lead piping in this area.

DOWNTOWN AREA - NORTH STREET AND BULL ROAD – LEAD PIPE SURVEY:

The Mayor stated the downtown Village area, North Street and Bull Road will be the next location to receive the lead pipe survey. Letters regarding this matter will be mailed possibly after the Holidays.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (D.P.W.) BACKHOE – VANDALIZED:

Mayor DeVinko commented Superintendent Martino had reported to the Village Board that the Department of Public Works Backhoe equipment was recently

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (D.P.W.) BACKHOE – VANDALIZED –
(CONTINUED):**

vandalized at L. Vernon Allen Park. Rocks were thrown and broke all the windows, and the cost for repairs is \$7,500.00.

Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) Superintendent Christopher Martino clarified it was the Village Excavator that was vandalized, not the Village backhoe.

PAVING OF AHERN BOULEVARD, SEACORD LANE AND EMERSON DRIVE:

The Mayor reported that ADA handicap mats have been installed on Village roads and paving of Ahern Boulevard, Seacord Lane and Emerson Drive is complete. Painting of lines down the center of the roads will be done depending on weather conditions. Mockingbird Lane, Peacock Circle and the driveway next to the parking lot located by Route 208 is next on the paving list. The Village Department of Public Works is working in conjunction with the Town of Blooming Grove to do the paving. During winter months, the Village will evaluate all roads, sidewalks and curbing for future projects.

**BLOOMING GROVE/WASHINGTONVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - EVENTS
COMMITTEE - CHRISTMAS FIRE TRUCK PARADE:**

Mayor DeVinko reported the annual Blooming Grove/Washingtonville Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 2 at 6:00 P.M. The Events Committee will host Whoville in Veterans Memorial Park, 29 West Main Street (across from Washingtonville Pharmacy) from 12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. There will be many vendors, food and gifts. Please join the Community in celebrating this day.

VILLAGE BOARD – REVIEW OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:

Trustee Jacaruso and Trustee Coleman have begun review of the Employee Handbook regarding updates to policies and procedures.

**COMPLETION OF AUDITING ORANGE & ROCKLAND METER BILLING ACCOUNTS -
UPDATING METER LOCATIONS:**

Trustee Presser reported the Village found several discrepancies with regard to several Orange and Rockland Utility meter billing accounts with regard to meter locations. Trustee Presser met with a representative of Orange and Rockland and made necessary corrections and relabeling of accounts, and is waiting for confirmation that all changes have been finalized.

AUDITING OF TELEPHONE AND INTERNET ACCOUNTS:

Trustee Presser indicated he will be reviewing all Frontier telephone land line, cell phone and internet billing accounts to check for accuracy, and to insure there are no duplicate accounts.

VILLAGE BOARD – F.E.M.A. ICS ONLINE CLASSES 100, 200 AND 700:

The Village Board and certain Village employees will be responsible to take online classes regarding natural disaster F.E.M.A. response training. Mayor DeVinko,

**VILLAGE BOARD – F.E.M.A. ICS ONLINE CLASSES 100, 200 AND 700 –
(CONTINUED):**

Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) Superintendent Martino, Deputy Mayor Walski and Village Clerk Christine Shenkman will take the 400 class regarding the environment.

ORANGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE - MONTHLY UPDATE FOR VILLAGES, TOWNS AND CITIES:

Mayor DeVinko attended an update meeting regarding changes taking place within Orange County, Towns and Villages. Subjects discussed were ambulance matters, Core Districts, Fire Departments and Sales Tax. The meeting will take place on a monthly basis.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (A.R.B.) DECISION – SUNOCO SIGNAGE COLOR DESIGN CHANGE:

Trustee Jacaruso explained the members of the Village Architectural Review Board (A.R.B.) is a new Board that recently joined the Village. The last time the Village had an A.R.B. was years ago. The Village Board makes signage decisions when an A.R.B. is not in existence. The current A.R.B. will be taking over the Sunoco applications, and once Permits are issued Sunoco will move forward with their changes. The Village has a new color palette for signage which are historical colors.

UPDATE - SIXTH ANNUAL HERO WALK – HONORING OFFICER AARON CUADRADO:

Deputy Mayor Walski reported she was in attendance at the Girl Scouts Sixth Annual Hero Walk which took place on Saturday, November 18 at 11:00 A.M. The walk began at Firemen's Memorial Park and ended at L. Vernon Allen Park. This year's Honoree was Village of Washingtonville Police Officer Aaron Cuadrado who also served in three (3) separate branches of the Military.

156 – RESOLUTION – ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NUMBER 8 - REVISION AND EXTENSION OF VILLAGE LAND USE MORATORIUM:

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

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Washingtonville, New York ("Village Board") previously adopted Local Law 1 of 2022 establishing a six-month moratorium prohibiting the review and approval of certain land development applications in the Village of Washingtonville; and

WHEREAS, the newly established Village Board then retained a new Village Planner to assist the Village Comprehensive Plan Zoning amendments, and has also retained new legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has continued to make progress on the Comprehensive Plan and desires to extend the moratorium for an additional six months in order to work toward completion of the Comprehensive Plan and any related Zoning amendments.

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.

156 – RESOLUTION – ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NUMBER 8 – REVISION AND EXTENSION OF VILLAGE LAND USE MORATORIUM – (CONTINUED):

Section 2. The Village Board hereby adopts Local Law Number 8 of 2023, “A Local Law Revising and Extending A Six-Month Moratorium Prohibiting the Review and Approval of Certain Land Development Applications 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 said 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. The Mayor and any officer, employee or consultant as directed by the Mayor is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 5. 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:

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor Thomas DeVinko	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Deputy Mayor Susan Walski	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Donna Jacaruso	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Steve Presser	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Vernon Coleman	[X]	[]	[]	[]

Said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board, and was thereupon duly adopted; 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Abstentions.

157 – RESOLUTION - SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING - LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE EXPANSION OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VILLAGE EMPLOYEE/OFFICER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS IN THE VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE:

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

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Washingtonville (“Village Board”) hereby desires to set a public Hearing for the adoption of a Local Law to establish the expansion of residency requirements for the Village Employee/Officer Member of the Board of Ethics in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Home Rule Law authorizes the Village to adopt Local Laws concerning Village affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to solicit public comment prior to the adoption of such Local Law that would provide for the expansion of resident requirements for the Village Employee/Officer Member of the Board of Ethics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of the Village of Washingtonville as follows:

157 – RESOLUTION - SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING - LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE EXPANSION OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VILLAGE EMPLOYEE/OFFICER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS IN THE VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE – (CONTINUED):

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

Section 2. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish a Notice of Public Hearing for the proposed adoption of a Local Law Establishing the Expansion of Residency Requirements for the Village Employee/Officer Member of the Board of Ethics. The Village Clerk is authorized to publish notification for the Public Hearing to be held on December 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. and, the Village Clerk is directed to proceed with all appropriate notifications and required publications of the Notice of Public Hearing and proposed Local Law as required by Law and as recommended by Special Counsel for the Village.

Section 3. 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:

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor Thomas DeVinko	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Deputy Mayor Susan Walski	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Donna Jacaruso	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Steve Presser	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Vernon Coleman	[X]	[]	[]	[]

Said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board, and was thereupon duly adopted; 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Abstentions.

158 – RESOLUTION – ACCEPTING OFFERS OF DEDICATION RELATED TO THE HIGHGROVE SUBDIVISION:

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

WHEREAS, Moffat Road Associates, Inc./Rieger Homes, Inc. (the “Developer”) is the Developer of a phased residential development known as the Highgrove Subdivision (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project is now complete and the Developer desires to dedicate the remaining public improvements that had not been previously dedicated during the prior phases of the Project; and

WHEREAS, such remaining dedications include a Road in Section 4 of the Project (S/B/L: 129-1-4.2), and a Road in Section 4 of the Project (S/B/L: 129-1-2); and

WHEREAS, the dedications also include a lot known as “Parcel A” which is a utility lot containing a stormwater pond and two wells to be part of the Village’s water system (S/B/L: 128-1-1); and

WHEREAS, the dedicated roads and Parcel A are collectively referred to as the “Dedication Parcels”; and

158 – RESOLUTION – ACCEPTING OFFERS OF DEDICATION RELATED TO THE HIGHGROVE SUBDIVISION – (CONTINUED):

WHEREAS, as part of the finalization of the Development, the Developer is required to submit payment to the Village of \$35,000 as a final traffic migration payment, and \$50,000 as a final payment toward Recreation Fees; and

WHEREAS, the Developer is also required to submit a Maintenance Bond to the Village and Developer desires to convert an existing Performance Bond to the Maintenance Bond by amending existing Letters of Credit for such purposes which has been authorized by the Village; and

WHEREAS, Developer has submitted metes and bounds descriptions for the Dedication Parcels; and

WHEREAS, the Village’s Engineer and Legal Counsel have reviewed the various dedication documents and submissions from the Developer and determined that, subject to review of the final form, the documents are satisfactory in the form submitted to the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to accept the Dedicated Parcels and finalize the transfer of such parcels to the Village and accept the required Maintenance Bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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

Section 2. The Village Board hereby accepts the Offers of Dedication for the Dedication Parcels (S/B/Ls: 129-1-4.2, 129-1-2 and 128-1-1), which include two road dedications and a Parcel A utility lot to be dedicated to the Village of Washingtonville.

Section 3. The Village Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the acceptance of the Dedication Parcels in a final form approved by the Village’s Legal Counsel.

Section 4. The acceptance of the Dedications Parcels is subject to the submission of all required fees by form of valid payment, including the traffic mitigation payment of \$35,000, and the final recreation payment of \$50,000 as well as submission of a final and valid Maintenance Bond in the form of the amended Letters of Credit for maintenance of the two (2) road parcels.

Section 5. The acceptance of the Dedication Parcels is subject to the Developer, or its designated agent, providing all necessary documents for signature to the Village, and filing all required documents with the Office of the Orange County Clerk, and, after execution of such documents by all parties, by providing the Village with copies of the filed documents reflecting proof of filing with the Orange County Clerk’s Office.

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:

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor Thomas DeVinko	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Deputy Mayor Susan Walski	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Donna Jacaruso	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Steve Presser	[X]	[]	[]	[]

158 – RESOLUTION – ACCEPTING OFFERS OF DEDICATION RELATED TO THE HIGHGROVE SUBDIVISION – (CONTINUED):

Trustee Vernon Coleman ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board, and was thereupon duly adopted; 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Abstentions.

159 – RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT - JEANNE VERSWEYVELD - VILLAGE HISTORIAN:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walski and adopted to appoint Jeanne Versweyveld as Village of Washingtonville Historian effective this date, Monday, November 20, 2023; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

160 – RESOLUTION - PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT - HOLIDAY MARKET (WHOVILLE):

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize a Public Assembly Permit for the Washingtonville Events Committee to hold a Holiday Market (Whoville) at Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday, December 2 between 12:00 P.M to 5:00 P.M; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

161 – RESOLUTION - PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT - 13TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE:

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize a Public Assembly Permit for the 13th annual Christmas parade from L. Vernon Allen Park to E.J. McLaughlin Square on December 2, 2023 between 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

162 – RESOLUTION - VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT P.B.A. – UTILIZATION OF VILLAGE HALL:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize the Village Police Department P.B.A. to use the Village Hall on Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 P.M. for a Childrens Christmas party; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

163 – RESOLUTION - ACQUISITION OF DUMP TRUCK - \$135,000:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walski and adopted to authorize an acquisition of a dump truck for the Department of Public Works (D.P.W.), stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$135,000, appropriating said amount for such purpose, and authorizing the issuance of Bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$135,000 to finance said appropriation; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

164 – ABSTRACT RESOLUTION - BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walski 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.

165 – RESOLUTION - PERMIT FOR GARDINER LIQUID MERCANTILE – WHOVILLE EVENT:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to authorize a Permit for Gardiner Liquid Mercantile of Pine Bush, New York to participate in the Whoville event on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. at Veterans Memorial Park; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

166 – RESOLUTION - TO ABOLISH A CIVIL SERVICE POSITION PART TIME FIRE INSPECTOR:

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

WHEREAS, for reasons of economy and efficiency, the Village Board has determined that it is in the Village of Washingtonville’s best interest to eliminate the position of Part-Time Fire Inspector; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to abolish such Civil Service Title in the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby incorporated by Reference as though set forth in full herein.

Section 2. The Village Board hereby abolishes the position of Part-Time Fire Inspector, Position Number 08118.

Section 3. The abolishment of the above position shall be deemed effective November 29, 2023 and any employee currently occupying such position shall be paid through such date.

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:

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
<u>Mayor</u> Thomas DeVinko	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Deputy Mayor Susan Walski	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Donna Jacaruso	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Steve Presser	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Trustee Vernon Coleman	[X]	[]	[]	[]

Said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board, and was thereupon duly adopted; 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. 0 Abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Sean Hegarty of 4 Belvoir Drive questioned the three (3) payments that Deputy Mayor Walski indicated the prior Village Administration previously received from Reiger Homes in the amounts of \$15,000, \$18,000 and \$50,000. The Village Board is working on determining what fund these checks were deposited in.

Mr. Hegarty asked what are the costs of Robo calls, and garbage cans in the Village, and expressed concern regarding taxes increasing. If the Village is in a bad financial situation then why is money being spent on these items? Deputy Mayor Walski stated the funds for paving of the Pickle Ball Court concrete pad came from Grants, and this Village Board is an economically frugal Board.

Resident Hegarty questioned where are the funds for the Street sweeper, and Mayor DeVinko explained the Village is completing reimbursement paperwork for the \$250,000 to be returned. The Mayor indicated prior years Budgets were not accurate, and there is paperwork that was never filled out in the past to obtain a \$100,000 New York State – Department of Transportation (N.Y.S. – D.O.T.) Grant, as well as New York State – Department of Environmental Conservation (N.Y.S. – D.E.C.) funding that was available to the Village. Mayor DeVinko is diligently working on reimbursement documentation in order to obtain said funds. The Mayor commented that the SRO (School Resource Officer) monies the Village receives from the Washingtonville Central School District is going into an Account in order for the Chief to purchase a future new Police vehicle.

The Mayor provided a breakdown of Village Accounts, Budget, Expenses, Grants, Bonds and stated the Village is without a current Accounting System.

Trustee Jacaruso commented the Village Audit is still ongoing.

Deputy Mayor Walski indicated the Village Board is working on obtaining a new Edmunds Software Accounting Program where previously QuickBooks was being utilized by the prior Administration. Many Accounts were comingled into one Account, and it was difficult to determine how much it cost to run a Department. This Village Board is reviewing the financial situation, and are removing the Part Time Inspector in the Building Department since that Department is not generating enough funds to cover the position.

Mayor DeVinko commented it is not cost effective to have individuals taking meter readings manually, and Deputy Mayor Walski entering the data manually as well. There was a water system meeting today and there are meters that are not accurate. The life span of a water meter is fifteen (15) to twenty (20) years old, and yet current meters in the Village are over thirty (30) years old.

The Water - Sewer Company that the Village met with in 2014 has submitted current pricing to the Board regarding a new system. The Village is requesting residents cooperation in allowing the Village to change their meters. The new system will read the Smart water meter four (4) times per day, and notify you if a leak has occurred. A huge savings will occur since the Village will no longer be required to physically go and check the meters.

The Village recently purchased the Edmunds Financial Software System package. The Village will be converting to Edmunds Utility Software for Water and Sewer billing in the near future. Deputy Mayor Walski added the Village presently has a five (5) year Contract with H2O Innovation.

Deputy Mayor Walski noted the Edmunds Software Program has the option to pay Taxes and Water – Sewer bills through the Village website. The Edmunds system offers check scanners which read, and deposit checks daily. This will save money regarding the time it takes to enter data manually.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
CHRISTINE SHENKMAN
VILLAGE CLERK**