

A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York.

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Susan Walski; Trustee Donna Jacaruso and Trustee Vernon Coleman.

ABSENT:

Mayor Thomas DeVinko (who was in attendance at the New York State Conference of Mayors – N.Y.C.O.M.) Conference, and Trustee Steve Presser.

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Clerk Christine Shenkman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Deputy Mayor Walski led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

OATH OF OFFICE – VILLAGE HISTORIAN – JEANNE VERSWEYVELD:

Village Clerk Christine Shenkman administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Village Historian Jeanne Versweyveld and expressed congratulations and best of luck.

OATH OF OFFICE – ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (A.R.B.) MEMBER – MARTHA WOODS ACEVEDO:

Village Clerk Christine Shenkman administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Village Architectural Review Board (A.R.B.) member Martha Woods Acevedo and expressed congratulations and best of luck.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Paul Lang from 10 Patriot Lane questioned who put cuts in the road across Decker Drive, and D.P.W. Superintendent Martino responded Orange and Rockland Utilities Inc. did this work.

ORANGE COUNTY MOBILE D.M.V. UNIT:

The mobile unit of the Department of Motor Vehicles will be at the Village Hall parking lot at 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville on Friday, February 23, 2024 from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. for all your motor vehicle needs except for written examinations.

DISCUSSION:

Deputy Mayor Walski stated a conversation took place with Village Engineer James Farr and Village Water – Sewer Company H2O regarding utilizing extra capacity at the Village Sewer Plant as a revenue stream, and it was determined this is not feasible because the Village would have lack of control over what septic companies

DISCUSSION – (CONTINUED):

would be putting waste into the Village system. If nonallowable materials went into the system this could lead to fines from the New York State – Department of Environmental Conservation (N.Y.S. – D.E.C.) in the amount of \$25,000 per day.

189 – RESOLUTION - AMEND THE VOTE RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION REGARDING AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE AT CHAPTER 280 (TAXATION) TO ADD ARTICLE V GRANTING EXEMPTIONS TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS – LOCAL LAW NUMBER 1 OF THE YEAR 2024:

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

WHEREAS, the Village Board, on January 24, 2024 adopted a Resolution approving Local Law 1 of 2024 which included a vote in favor by Mayor DeVinko; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has since communicated that he prefers to amend his vote to an abstention since, as a member of a Volunteer Fire Department, he would receive a benefit from the enactment; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to approve the requested amendment to the Mayor's vote.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor's vote on the Resolution shall be amended from "Aye" to "Abstain."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to reflect such amendment in any Village records reflecting such vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

RESOLUTION - BAGPIPES AND BONNETS CELEBRATION:

Discussion regarding a Public Assembly Permit for Bagpipes and Bonnets Celebration was tabled.

190 – RESOLUTION- PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT - 2024 VILLAGE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to approve a Public Assembly Permit for the 2024 Village Memorial Day Parade (Refreshments at Firemen's Memorial Park to follow) to be held on Monday, May 27, 2024 from 9:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

191 – RESOLUTION – PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT - FOOD FESTIVAL AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY:

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to approve a Public Assembly Permit for the Village Food Festival and Fireworks Display (Food Trucks, Vendors, Games and Entertainment) submitted by Washingtonville Events Committee for the Village of Washingtonville to be held on Friday, July 5, 2024 from 2:00 P.M. till 9:00 P.M.; Rain Date is set for Saturday, July 6, 2024; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

RESOLUTION – PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT - WITCHINGTONVILLE BEFORE AND AFTER DARK:

Discussion regarding a Public Assembly Permit for Witchingtonville Before and After Dark was tabled.

192 – RESOLUTION - DECLARE SURPLUS - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DRAINAGE PIPES:

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to declare surplus and of no value to the Village of Washingtonville thirty Department of Public Works eight-inch drainage pipes; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

193 – RESOLUTION- ADOPTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY AS REQUIRED BY THE NEW YORK STATE LABOR LAW:

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted that:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the Sexual Harassment Policy as required by the New York State Labor Law in the form presented to the Village Board; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

194 – ABSTRACT RESOLUTION - TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND TO PAY WARRANTS:

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso 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. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Vincent Lang questioned are controls are in place for residents that put things down Village drains, and the Deputy Mayor responded that it can be traced back to the Sewer Plant and to the resident therefore the Village would have permission to levy a fine on the resident.

The Deputy Mayor indicated the Village Board is currently reviewing event fees and will provide an update when information becomes available.

A resident questioned the matter of short-term rentals in the Village of Washingtonville and stated since they are still legal, and Orange County has implemented an occupancy tax of five (5%) percent could this be another stream of revenue for the Village. The Deputy Mayor responded the Board would have to review this question.

An audience member questioned does the Village have a rental registry, and the Deputy Mayor explained the Law was written incorrectly, and was never filed so it has been temporarily tabled until the Village has a Comprehensive Plan in place.

Michael Graziano questioned what does the Village Board think about delivery trucks parking in the downtown Village area, for example, by the Dog Grooming business and the old Spear Printing location. Residents are parking over the bricks,

PUBLIC COMMENT – (CONTINUED):

and they are getting destroyed. Is there a way to create a delivery truck depot lot? Deputy Mayor Walski explained the sidewalks are private property, and belong to property and building owners. Trustee Jacaruso stated the Village Board can bring this issue up to the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to adjourn the February 5, 2024 Village Board Regular Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CHRISTINE SHENKMAN

VILLAGE CLERK