

A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York.

PRESENT:

Mayor Thomas DeVinko, Trustee Donna Jacaruso, Trustee Steve Presser and Trustee Vernon Coleman.

ABSENT:

Deputy Mayor Susan Walski.

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Clerk Christine Shenkman, and Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor DeVinko led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Residents expressed concerns about water pressure being low at different times of the day and night, and Mayor DeVinko will check with Water Operator Manager Christopher Finnegan regarding this matter.

Michael Graziano of 3 Lark Street requested that Mayor DeVinko explain certain Resolutions in more depth.

SEWER PLANT – RECEIPT OF RESIDENTS CAMPER WASTE:

The Village has contacted the New York State – Department of Environmental Conservation (N.Y.S. – D.E.C.) regarding the idea of recreational camper waste being received at the Village Sewer Plant. To date, there has been no response from the D.E.C.

VETERAN INFORMATION CONFERENCE:

Mayor DeVinko announced a Veteran Information Conference will be held on Thursday, April 25 from 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. at Thomas bull Memorial Park Golf Building. Flyers are available at Village Hall for all those interested in attending.

EDMUNDS FINANCIAL SOFTWARE PACKAGE:

Edmunds Financial Software Package has been live since February 26. In May of 2023 the Village purchased the Edmunds Financial Software Package which has been installed. Department Heads will receive training on how to utilize scanners to enter invoices, billing statements and vouchers into the system.

TREES FOR TRIBS APPLICATION FOR PLANTINGS OF SHRUBS AND TREES AT FUTURE SEWELL PARK:

Mayor DeVinko explained this Program has been in place for several years. The last planting was done in 2017. The idea is to plant trees and different species of plants along wetlands area. The Mayor met Representatives from Trees for Tribs today, and is hoping to conduct a fall planting at Sewell Park. The Village is working on getting approval from FEMA.

\$250,000 SWEEPER GRANT RECEIVED:

Mayor DeVinko explained the Village is currently speaking with Bond Council regarding utilizing funds in a high yield short term C.D. in order to take advantage of interest rates and earn income. The D.P.W. Sweeper payment is due in the fall of 2024, and the Attorneys are reviewing if one bulk payment is acceptable to pay the Sweeper in full, or if not, to roll over the funds into a long term C.D.

BULK GARBAGE PICK-UP BEGINS APRIL 1, 2024:

Mayor DeVinko indicated bulk garbage pick-up begins Monday, April 1 however several residents have prematurely put out large items. If the bulk items need to be removed before April 1 please bring them to the Orange County Transfer Station in Newburgh, New York.

FLYERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TREE PLANTING DONATIONS ON AHERN BOULEVARD:

Flyers will be available at the Village Hall and on the Village Website regarding tree planting donations on Ahern Boulevard. The plan proposed is to plant trees in the Spring that do not grow over thirty (30) feet, and are different colors. A Fall planting can also be scheduled. The Mayor will follow up regarding tree species and colors, and will present an update when available.

WASHINGTONVILLE BEAUTIFICATION COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY:

Washingtonville Beautification Community Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, April 20; Rain Date is Sunday, April 21. All groups and individuals interested in cleaning up debris on the side of Village roads should meet at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive at 8:00 A.M. The Village will supply bags and gloves.

VILLAGE TAXES:

The 2024 – 2025 Village of Washingtonville taxes were mailed to the residents and Mortgage Companies last week.

NEW YORK STATE BROADBAND CHALLENGE PORTAL:

Mayor DeVinko explained there is a way for residents to test their Internet broadband speed. If there are issues, such as speed is not comparable the Internet provider can be challenged through a link which will be posted on the Village Website.

NEW YORK STATE – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION - (N.Y.S. - D.E.C.) - PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING REGARDING CLOVEWOOD PROJECT:

The New York State – Department of Environmental Conservation (N.Y.S. – D.E.C.) is holding a Zoom Public Comment Hearing on Wednesday, April 3 at 1:00 P.M. regarding Clovewood Project located at 505 Clove Road. Confirmation of time of meeting has not yet been confirmed. The D.E.C. is seeking feedback from the community concerning the following: The applicant has applied for a Water Withdrawal, SPDES Wastewater and Incidental Take Permits, associated with the construction of a six-hundred (600) unit residential housing subdivision, including driveways, internal roadways and utilities, stormwater features, community facilities, a Wastewater Treatment facility and water supply infrastructure located at 505 Clove Road in the Village of South Blooming Grove. All comments including subjects such as water withdrawal, endangered and threatened species and State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) may be made at this Hearing. Anyone interested in participating please utilize the link provided on the Village Website.

MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES PROJECT AGREEMENT:

Mayor DeVinko explained Millennium Strategies Company is utilized for Grant writing purposes for the Village of Washingtonville. The proposed Grant is a Record Management Improvement Fund Grant, and the Village Board wants to take action to submit this Grant Application for the Village. Millennium will provide a service at \$150.00 Per Hour, not to exceed \$750.00.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Mayor DeVinko provided a financial update regarding the Village. The installation of the Edmunds Financial Software Program has now occurred.

The external Auditors are working on the 2021 Audit. The New York State Auditors will review all Reports.

The Village Treasurer is working on filing Quarterly Reports for the New York State Comptroller's Office.

A new Bill is being drafted in the New York State Assembly and New York State Senate to provide an extension of deficit financing until June 2025.

RESOLUTIONS:

199 – RESOLUTION – PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT FOR WASHINGTONVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to approve a Public Assembly Permit for Washingtonville Little League Season Opening Day Parade to be held on Saturday, April 13 from 9:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

200 – RESOLUTION - FACILITY USE REQUEST FORM FOR WASHINGTONVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE INSTRUCTIONAL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL AND T-BALL PRACTICE/GAMES:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to approve a Facility Use Request Form for Washingtonville Little League Instructional Baseball/Softball and T-Ball Practice/Games at L. Vernon Allen Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 9 - June 20 from 4:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

201 – RESOLUTION - FACILITY USE REQUEST FORM FOR WASHINGTONVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL/BASEBALL PRACTICE/GAMES AT WOODFIELD PARK:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to approve a Facility Use Request Form for Washingtonville Little League Softball/Baseball Practice/Games at Woodfield Park on Monday through Friday, April 1 – July 20 from 4:00 P.M. until dusk, and Saturday from 8:00 A.M. until dusk; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

202 – RESOLUTION - FACILITY USE REQUEST FORM FOR WASHINGTONVILLE KIWANIS CLUB:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to approve a Facility Use Request Form for Washingtonville Kiwanis Club Clean-Up Day to be held on Saturday, April 27 at L. Vernon Allen Park between 8:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.; the Club will clean up along the roads of Stone Ridge and Newcastle Developments; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

203 – RESOLUTION - FACILITY USE REQUEST FORM FOR WASHINGTONVILLE YOUTH LACROSSE:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to approve a Facility Use Request Form for Washingtonville Youth Lacrosse practice on March 4 - May 25 at L. Vernon Allen Park from 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

204 – RESOLUTION - PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CARNIVAL:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jacaruso and adopted to approve the Public Assembly Permit for the Knights of Columbus Annual Carnival to be held on Thursday, May 23 - Monday, May 27 from 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. at L. Vernon Allen Park; on Saturday, May 25 the Knights will host a quiet day for children with sensory and noise sensitivities; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

205 – RESOLUTION - AID INCENTIVES FOR MUNICIPALITIES (AIM) TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to approve and authorize Aid Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) to the Governor's Office; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

206 – RESOLUTION - JOIN THE NEW YORK STATE PLANNING FEDERATION:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to approve the Village of Washingtonville to join the New York State Planning Federation at a cost not to exceed \$195.00 Annual Dues; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

207 – RESOLUTION – ACCEPTANCE OF 2024 – 2025 PROPERTY INSURANCE PROPOSAL FROM VILLAGE INSURANCE AGENT MARSHALL AND STERLING:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to accept the 2024 – 2025 Village Property Insurance Proposal from Village Insurance Agent Marshall and Sterling at a total cost of \$208,051.45; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

208 – RESOLUTION - GENERAL VILLAGE ELECTION:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to approve the General Village Election which shall be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the single Village-Wide Election District polling place located at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York; the Polls will be open from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 P.M; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

209 – RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION INSPECTORS:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to appoint the following individuals as Election Inspectors for the March 19, 2024 Village of Washingtonville Election; Linda Amato; Sylvia Stukes; John Donaldson; Diego Santiago and Maria Lazo; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

210 – RESOLUTION - EMPLOYMENT OF LISA MURRAY AS PART TIME VILLAGE CROSSING GUARD PENDING ORANGE COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE REVIEW:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize the employment of Lisa Murray as a Part Time Village of Washingtonville Crossing Guard pending Orange County Civil Service review at an hourly rate of \$18.00; work hours are as follows per Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro: Three (3) hours per day (7:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.), and (2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.) during Washingtonville Central School District days only; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

211 – RESOLUTION - 2024 STOP D.W.I. (REGULAR) ENFORCEMENT PATROL INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize Mayor Thomas DeVinko to sign the 2024 Stop D.W.I. (Regular) Enforcement Patrol Year Funding Inter-Municipal Agreement beginning on March 10, 2024, and ending on January 1, 2025 and not to exceed the amount of \$4,690.00 for the First Period beginning on March 10, 2024 and ending on June 1,

211 – RESOLUTION - 2024 STOP D.W.I. (REGULAR) ENFORCEMENT PATROL INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – (CONTINUED):

2024; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

212 – RESOLUTION - MAYOR THOMAS DEVINKO TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES AND THE VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE REGARDING PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize Mayor Thomas DeVinko to sign the Agreement between Millennium Strategies and the Village of Washingtonville regarding preparation and submittal of a Grant application on behalf of the Village through the New York State – Archives - Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant Program at a rate of \$150.00 per hour for an amount not to exceed \$3,750.00; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

213 – RESOLUTION - BAGPIPES AND BONNETS CELEBRATION:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to approve and authorize the Bagpipes and Bonnets Celebration (Easter Egg Hunt, Parade, Bonnet Contest, Bagpipes, Vendors, Crafts, Food, Games and more) Public Assembly Permit submitted by Washingtonville Events Committee to be held on Saturday, March 23 from 12:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. at L. Vernon Allen Park; Rain Date is set for Sunday, March 24; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

214 – RESOLUTION – 61 E MAIN STREET – HARDSHIP APPLICATION:

Mayor DeVinko presented the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2024, 61 East Main Street Associates submitted a hardship application pertaining to 2023 Local Law Number 8 which extended the Washingtonville Moratorium.

WHEREAS, Section 7 – D requires the Board to schedule a Public Hearing for the hardship application within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the application.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Village Board schedule the Public Hearing for 61 East Main Street Associates LLC hardship application for April 15, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive.

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to approve the abovestated Resolution.

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

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

**214 – RESOLUTION – 61 E MAIN STREET – HARDSHIP APPLICATION –
(CONTINUED):**

Mayor DeVinko declared said Resolution adopted.

Audience member Nancy Donaldson questioned what does this mean, and the Mayor explained the applicant is asking the Village Board for a decision to allow them to move forward with their project even though the Village is in a Moratorium.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eddie Jones of 153 Roundhill Roud announced Washingtonville Events Committee is in the five finalist category for the Hudson Valley Best Events Competition. Events Committee members Patrick and Justine will post a QR Code to be utilized to vote and support the local events that are in the Village of Washingtonville. Mayor DeVinko stated the events committee works very hard to host and put events on in the Washingtonville community. There was a great turn out for the Easter Egg stuffing of candy, and the Washingtonville High School J.R.O.T.C. did an unbelievable job, and came out in full force to assist the Village with this event. The final count was 10,000 eggs were assembled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING:

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser 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. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to adjourn the March 4, 2024 Village Board Work Session Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Absent.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
CHRISTINE SHENKMAN
VILLAGE CLERK**

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