

A Village Board Work Session Meeting was held on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York.

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Donna Jacaruso, Trustee Susan Walski, Trustee Steve Presser and Trustee Vernon Coleman.

ABSENT:

Mayor Thomas DeVinko

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Clerk Christine Shenkman and Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no audience or public comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DISCUSSION:

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso reported the Village well levels are currently twenty-six feet.

UPDATE REGARDING HURRICANE HELENE DONATION DRIVE:

The Hurricane Helene Donation Drive was a great success. A tremendous amount of donations were received. The truck is scheduled to leave the Village on Wednesday and a possible second donation drive may be held in December.

ORANGE COUNTY SCHUNEMUNK TRAIL – SEQRA – (STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT) AND EAF – (ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM) - REVIEW EVALUATION:

The County of Orange has declared themselves Lead Agency with regard to the Schunemunk Trail project. The railroad trail will begin in Cornwall, travel through the Town of Blooming Grove, Village of Washingtonville and end in Chester at Camp LaGuardia. It is about ten (10) miles long and covers approximately over one hundred (100) acres.

STATUS REPORT - COMPREHENSIVE COMMITTEE PLAN:

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso reported that the Comprehensive Plan Committee has ceased their meetings at the end of April in order for the Comprehensive Planner to meet with the Village Board. "The Committee has been working diligently on

STATUS REPORT - COMPREHENSIVE COMMITTEE PLAN – (CONTINUED):

Zoning matters but it is necessary for an additional Moratorium Six (6) month extension to be put in place.”

RESOLUTIONS:**RESOLUTION – 24 – 0182: – CYBER INSURANCE RENEWAL POLICY COST PROPOSAL:**

Trustee Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize the approval of the Cyber Insurance Renewal Policy Cost Proposal at an amount not to exceed \$3,633.00 annually; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 24 – 0183 – PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM CONTRACT WITH SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Walski and adopted to authorize a Preventive Maintenance Program Contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation in the amount of \$250.00 per month for the elevator located at Village Hall; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 24 – 0184 – KUPERUS CUSTOM FENCE INC. TO PROVIDE AND INSTALL FENCING FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE PICKLEBALL COURT:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to authorize Kuperus Custom Fence Inc. to provide and install fencing for the second half of the Pickleball Court area located at L. Vernon Allen Park at a price not to exceed \$15,000.00; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 24 — 0185 - AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS, AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PAY VILLAGE WARRANTS:

Trustee Walski 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. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patricia Mitchell from 10 York Place questioned “what is the Liability insurance limit currently in place for the Village of Washingtonville? One million dollars, two million dollars or more?”

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso indicated “I will obtain the answer to that question.”

Vincent Lang from 10 Plymouth Rock Court stated “what is the increase in Village insurance from last year to this year and what amount is in the Budget for insurance costs?”

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso commented “I will get back to you regarding that matter.”

Mr. Lang asked “what does the \$250.00 elevator cost consist of” and the Deputy Mayor responded “it is for preventative maintenance which includes coverage of

PUBLIC COMMENT – (CONTINUED):

resistors, timers, fuses, overload switches, minor contacts, wiring and door operating devices.”

Vincent Lang continued “does the Village Board have a completion date regarding the Pickleball Lighting project, and the Village Code has to be changed because it states the Parks are closed from dusk to dawn.”

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso stated “the Village is presently revising all E-Codes.”

Paul Lang of 10 Patriot Lane complimented the D.P.W. employee who ran the street sweeper today and stated “they did a good job.”

Mr. Lang commented “on April 3, 2024 the New York State – Department of Environmental Conservation (N.Y.S. – D.E.C.) held a Public Hearing regarding the applications of Keen Equities LLC for the Clovewood. Many residents of Washingtonville were involved in the Public Hearing to voice their concerns and how it will affect our Village. The D.E.C. has now determined the applications have met all of the regular criteria necessary for approval of permits and has included some self-monitoring by the Clovewood Project themselves. I would like to see this Village Board draft a letter to the D.E.C. Commissioner informing them that the Mayor and Village Board are appealing the D.E.C. decision to grant these Permits to Clovewood, and requesting that the State D.E.C. review the project application again. There were hundreds of written comments submitted at the Public Hearing that should be considered, and every Municipality in our area should be on board with an Appeal letter to D.E.C. because this project affects more than just the Village of Washingtonville. I am asking the Village Board to draft a letter that would be approved and sent to them before the next Village Board meeting on Monday, November 4, the day before Election Day. This action will quite appropriately demonstrate your care and concern. The Towns of Blooming Grove and Cornwall should do the same.”

Trustee Presser replied, “You are one-hundred percent (100%) correct but do you really think it is going to help?”

Paul Lang indicated, “If every Municipality gets on board there is strength in numbers, and the Village of Washingtonville can start it off.”

Mr. Vincent Lang asked “is the Village hiring additional Part Time Building Inspectors?”

Village Attorney Pavlacka responded, “It is in progress and I cannot provide a further update. The matter is almost resolved.”

Mr. Lang continued “can the Board discuss the protocol regarding the water delivery?”

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso explained, “The Village Board heard what you said, took your concerns seriously and implemented a protocol that has been operating this way.”

Vinny Lang requested the protocol be stated.

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso referenced “the protocol is when a water hauling company comes in to retrieve water they are now required to take a photo in real time as they are in the physical location. Next, the hauler texts it to the Village Water – Sewer Department, (H2O) and then fills the tanker. After this the hauler takes another photo of the meter and texts it to the Water Department. In addition, H2O is still keeping a pen and paper log as well.”

Trustee Walski replied “haulers are also not allowed to draw before 7:00 a.m. on weekdays.”

PUBLIC COMMENT - (CONTINUED):

Trustee Presser stated, "We have cameras".

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso commented, "We have cameras going in as well."

Paul Lang asked, "who is the Water and Sewer Department?"

Trustee Walski indicated "It is H2O Innovations, the Company that runs the Village Water and Sewer Departments."

Paul Lang responded "is that who gets the photos?"

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso answered "yes. It is the employee who works there and it is one specific person."

Vinny Lang expressed "it is my hope the logbooks are being checked".

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso stated, "I had a conversation with H2O this morning and everything is running smoothly."

Village resident David Dunn of 1 Lincoln Drive questioned "how much water are the haulers taking from the Village"?

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso explained "there are different hauling companies so I cannot answer how much water is taken each day."

Mr. Dunn replied "this Village runs into issues every summer with no water."

Paul Lang followed up "the Mayor did mention at the last Village Board meeting up to one million (1,000,000) gallons per month were being removed."

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso reminded Mr. Lang "the Mayor said he would give an update at the November meeting regarding this matter."

Patricia Mitchell from 10 York Place questioned "do we have a Contract with H2O Innovations", and Trustee Walski stated "please e-mail your questions to me and I will conduct research."

Audience member Vincent Lang asked "is there an update regarding the Village Police Department Contract?", and Trustee Presser replied "the Village is still in negotiations currently, and the Board cannot provide details of the Contract until it is settled."

RESOLUTION 24 – 0186 - ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to adjourn the October 21, 2024 Village Board Work Session Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
CHRISTINE SHENKMAN
VILLAGE CLERK**