

A Village Board Work Session Meeting was held on Monday, January 21, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York.

PRESENT:

Mayor Thomas DeVinko, Deputy Mayor Donna Jacaruso, Trustee Susan Walski and Trustee Steve Presser.

ABSENT:

Trustee Vernon Coleman.

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Clerk Christine Shenkman, Village Attorney Christopher Pavlacka, 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.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE – VILLAGE CLERK – POLICE OFFICER JOSE PUELLO:

Village Clerk Christine Shenkman administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Village Police Officer Jose Puello and expressed congratulations and best of luck to Officer Puello.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS:

Resident Vinny Lang of 9 Plymouth Rock Court stated “the grass has not regrown at L. Vernon Allen Park due to the carnival utilizing this space. Is there a regulation requiring a catch basin to be utilized for the generator to protect fuel leakage?”

Mayor DeVinko responded “moving forward something will be put in place in this location to prevent any further damage and photographs will be taken of the area. The Knights of Columbus are willing to work with the Village to repair all situations that should arise.”

Mr. Lang requested a Budget update and Mayor DeVinko explained “the Village Budget written comment period is still open and no comments have been received to date.”

Village resident Erik Horman from 38 Woodfield Drive questioned “what is the cost for the Village Fireworks Display and all events related to it?”

The Mayor replied “the cost of the Fireworks Display is \$9,500.00 and the Village applies for an Orange County Tourism Grant which usually covers half of the cost.”

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso explained “the Events Committee covers the Band fee.”

Mr. Horman commented “I did not see the Village Police Department Grant of \$175,000 listed in the Village Budget. Is that considered additional funds or will this reduce the Budget?”, and the Mayor responded “this will be additional funds.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DISCUSSION:

Mayor DeVinko announced the Soft Opening for Body by Juli located at Brotherhood Plaza will be held on Friday, January 17 at 4:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, January 18 from 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

ORANGE COUNTY D.M.V. MOBILE UNIT:

The Mobile Unit of the Orange County Department of Motor Vehicles will be at Village Hall Parking Lot on Monday, February 3 from 10:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. through 3:30 p.m. for all your motor vehicle needs except for written examinations.

GREENLIGHT NETWORKS:

Greenlight Networks, a company new to the area is offering fast fiber internet, Wi-Fi and television services to the Village of Washingtonville. Greenlight would install cabling underground and roads previously paved would not be touched. The Village will keep residents updated as plans progress.

UPDATE REGARDING VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LOCAL LAW:

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso provided an update with regard to the Village Comprehensive Plan and Local Law. The draft Comprehensive Plan has been previously presented to the public but the Zoning piece has not been released. The proposed plan was sent to Orange County, and a Public Hearing will be held by the Village Board in the near future.

VILLAGE 2025 – 2026 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:

The Mayor announced the Village proposed 2025 – 2026 Budget Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

EVENTS COMMITTEE – COMMUNITY EVENTS:

The Events Committee upcoming community events will be posted on the Village Website and Village Facebook Page.

EMERGENCY AND AFTER-HOURS CONTACT INFORMATION:

Village emergency and after-hours contact information has been posted on the Village Website and can be located by clicking on the red box under the Home Page menu for assistance.

WASHINGTONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT - SPEED ANALYSIS DATA REVIEW:

The Police Department conducted a speed analysis data review on Capital Drive and Revere Circle. Mayor DeVinko urged all motorists to pay attention and be careful when driving. Information regarding the review is available at the Village Police Department.

WASHINGTONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT – RECEIPT OF \$175,000 NEW YORK STATE GRANT:

The Washingtonville Police Department has received a Grant in the amount of \$175,000 from the State of New York. Chief Zaccaro indicated "the funds will be utilized toward the purchase of cameras and has to be accessed by September 2025."

RESOLUTIONS:**RESOLUTION – 25 – 0006 - AUTHORIZE JULY 4 EVER FIREWORKS DISPLAY:**

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Walski and adopted to authorize July 4 Ever Fireworks Display Inc. to conduct the Village Fireworks Display at L. Vernon Allen Park on Saturday, July 5; Rain Date is Sunday, July 6; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 25 – 0007 – AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF A BEAUTIFICATION GRANT APPLICATION TO GREENE COUNTY BANK:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Walski and adopted to authorize submittal of a Beautification Grant Application to Greene County Bank in the amount of \$9,000 for the beautification of E.J. McLaughlin Square; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 25 – 0008 - TO APPROVE INDEPENDENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (ITC) PRICE QUOTATION - TELEPHONE SYSTEM AT VILLAGE HALL AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Trustee Walski made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jacaruso and adopted to approve the Independent Telecommunications Corporation (ITC) price quotation for the telephone system at Village Hall and the Department of Public Works in an amount not to exceed \$751.00 per month; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 25 – 0009 – APPROVAL - PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – ANNUAL CARNIVAL:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jacaruso and adopted to approve a Public Assembly Permit from Knights of Columbus regarding the Annual Carnival to be held on Thursday, May 22 through Monday, May 26 at L. Vernon Allen Park; Hours are as follows:

Thursday, May 22 and Friday, May 23 - 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25 - 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Monday, May 26 - 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 25 – 0010 – EMPLOYMENT OF JOSE PUELLO - PART TIME POLICE OFFICER:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jacaruso and adopted to authorize employment of Jose Puello as a Part Time Village of Washingtonville Police Officer at an hourly salary of \$28.00; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 25 – 0011 - EMPLOYMENT OF LENKA MCCORMACK - SECRETARY TO PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

Trustee Walski made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jacaruso and adopted to authorize employment of Lenka McCormack as Secretary to the Planning, Zoning and Building Department at an hourly salary of \$22.00 commencing January 29, 2025; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 25 - 0012 - TO ACCEPT THE WASHINGTONVILLE EVENTS COMMITTEE 2025 LIST OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jacaruso and adopted to accept the Washingtonville Events Committee List of Events and Activities for the Year 2025; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 25 – 0013 – TO AMEND RESOLUTION NUMBER 24 – 0158 ENTITLED "ACCEPTING OFFERS OF DEDICATION RELATED TO THE HIGHGROVE SUBDIVISION" TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STREET NAMES – HIGHGROVE DRIVE; HOPKINS COURT; AMBROSE WAY:

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Walski and adopted to amend Resolution Number 24 – 0158 entitled "Accepting Offers of Dedication Related to the Highgrove Subdivision" to include the following Street Names – Highgrove Drive; Hopkins Court; Ambrose Way; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 25 – 0014 – AUTHORIZE UPGRADE - VARIOUS SIDEWALKS AND CURB RAMPS - ADA (AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT) COMPLIANCE:

Trustee Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to authorize the upgrade of various sidewalks and curb ramps to bring them to ADA (American Disabilities Act) Compliance to improve pedestrian safety and mobility; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 25 – 0015 - AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS - PAY VILLAGE WARRANTS:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jacaruso and adopted to authorize Budget Transfers and Amendments as necessary to affect necessary Transfer of Funds and to pay Village Warrants; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

General Fund \$105,954.94

**RESOLUTION – 25 – 0015 - AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS -
PAY VILLAGE WARRANTS – (CONTINUED):**

Water Fund \$ 82,494.04

Sewer Fund \$ 18,978.33

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There being no public audience comment:

RESOLUTION 25 – 0016 - EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Walski and adopted to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, and no decisions will be made; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION 25 – 0017 – RESUMPTION OF MEETING:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Walski 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, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION 25 – 0018 - ADJOURNMENT:

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to adjourn the January 21, 2025 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