

Village of Washingtonville

Meeting Minutes- August 4, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Present- Mayor Tom DeVinko, Deputy Mayor Steve Presser, Trustee Vernon Coleman, Trustee Donna Jacaruso

Absent -Susan Walski

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Resolution 25-0127 – Appointment to Code of Ethics Board

- **Appointee:** Regina Cieslak
- **Term:** April 3, 2025 – April 7, 2028
- **Motion:** Vernon
- **Second:** Donna
- **Vote:** 4-1 in favor
- **Oath of Office:** Regina Cieslak swore to support the Constitutions of the United States and New York State and to faithfully discharge her duties as a member of the Code of Ethics Board.

3. Public Hearing – Storm Water Management (MS4)

- **Presenter:** David Fritz, Engineer (Hower & Pzel)
- Provided an overview of the **MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System)** designation and the village's responsibilities under the **NYS DEC annual permit**.
- The village must maintain a **Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP)** and submit an **annual report by April 1st** each year.
- The plan and reports are available for public viewing at the **Village Clerk's Office** and on the **village website**.

Key Points:

- The plan currently complies with all DEC requirements and is updated regularly.
- Catch basins must be cleaned **once every three years**, and storm drains are cleaned periodically.
- Street sweeping is performed annually.
- Outfalls discharge primarily to wetland areas.

- The **DEC program** is expected to shift more responsibilities to municipalities by **2028**, including discharge testing.

Retention Pond Maintenance:

- Awaiting DEC confirmation on mowing and maintenance obligations.
- The pond collects and feeds water into the inlet. Some tree clearing may be done to improve visibility, pending permit requirements.

4. Building Inspector

- Jim Farr, Building Inspector appointment through April 2026 at **\$120/hour**.
- The village plans to continue its **IMA (Intermunicipal Agreement)** with the town.

5. Historic Preservation

- The **Corner Candle Shop** submitted an application for local historic designation of **One Depot**.
- The **Historic Preservation Board** will review the application.

6. Summer Employment

- Seasonal help typically ends in August.
- One employee was retained longer due to coverage needs.

7. Department and Project Updates

Wells: Water levels remain steady at **23 feet**.

DMV Mobile Unit: Scheduled for **August 29**, 10 AM–12 PM and 1 PM–3:30 PM at Village Hall (no written exams).

DPW Training:

- Employees enrolled in **Dutch's School of Driving** for automatic transmission training (\$375 each).
- Future truck purchases will also be automatic.
- Estimated total training cost: **\$9,000**.

Budget:

- \$9,000 allocated under the DPW budget.

Telephone System Conversion:

- Frontier analog lines replaced with **Voice over IP** (VoIP).
- Monthly costs reduced from **\$4,000+** to approximately **\$800**.
- Remaining conversions: sewer and well dialers (emergency).

8. Financial and Grant Updates

- **Local Sales Tax:** NYS reported \$11.9B collected in the first half of 2025 (↑3.7%). Inquiry made to the County Executive regarding village allocation.
- **Donations:**
 - Knights of Columbus donated **\$2,500** each for **Woodfield basketball and pickleball courts** (to receive plaques).
- **MS4 Mapping Grant:**
 - Grant application submitted for **\$80,500**.

9. Infrastructure and Street Projects

North Street:

- Drainage contracts in review by attorneys.
- Street closure and detour planned during construction.

Upcoming Paving:

- **Potomac, Plymouth Rock, Baton and Bristol Court** scheduled for testing and evaluation.
- **Advanced Testing** conducting core sampling.

10. Village Historian

- **Jeannie Versavel** received a **William G. Pomeroy Foundation grant (\$2,050)** for a historical plaque at **Sewell Park**.

11. Building Department

- Revenue: ~\$5,000 in late July; **\$192,000 YTD.**
- Applications received for:
 - Conversion of **TD Bank** into a dental office.
 - New business at **32 West Main Street** (event/catering venue).
 - **Firehouse Roofing** ribbon-cutting at 17A & B (renovated offices).

12. Events

- **Music in the Park:** Scheduled for July through September (Saturday evenings).
- Test phase this fall, expanding next summer.

13. Resolutions

#	Description	Result
25-128	Appoint Jim Farr as Building Inspector (through 4/30/26, IMA support)	Passed 4-0-1
25-129	Accept retirement of Police Officer Charles Martin (28 yrs)	Passed 4-0-1
25-130	Designate Village Board as Historic Preservation Board	Passed 4-0-1
25-131	Approve Public Assembly Permit – Football Chair Camp (Aug 4–5, 9 AM–12 PM)	Passed 4-0-1
25-132	Approve Facilities Permit – Congressman Ryan Caravan (Nov 5, 11 AM–1 PM)	Passed 4-0-1
25-133	Approve Gary R. Rich, LLS for Su Park survey (\$4,500 max)	Passed 4-0-1
25-134	Approve Reliable Pump & Well for 54–60 GPM Franklin Pump (\$11,741.25)	Passed 4-0-1
25-135	Submit NYS CFA #152090 – MS4 Mapping Grant (\$82,500)	Passed 4-0-1
25-136	Schedule Public Hearing – One Depot Historic Application (Aug 18, 7 PM)	Passed 4-0-1
25-137	Hire Christopher H. Schroeder – DPW Summer Help (\$16.50/hr)	Passed 4-0-1
25-138	Approve Facilities Permit – Overdose Awareness Day (Aug 31, 5–9 PM)	Passed 4-0-1
25-139	Approve Budget Transfers and Warrants (\$135,740.32)	Passed 4-0-1

14. Public Comments

Water Emergency:

- Concern over ongoing water trucking and potential overdevelopment impacting supply.

Food Truck Signage:

- Complaint regarding six signs violating village code.
- Board to investigate compliance and aesthetics.

North Street Property:

- Permit reinstated after code compliance. Fence remains for safety.

Weeds and Fencing:

- Weeds near school property to be addressed.
- Chain-link fence at **Emerson & Tolman** poses blind spot concern.

15. Adjournment