

Village of Washingtonville

Regular Village Board Work Session

September 15, 2025 – Village Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Tom DeVinko called the meeting to order at **7:00 pm** and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Tom DeVinko, Deputy Mayor Steve Presser, Trustee Susan Walski, Trustee Vernon Coleman

Absent: Trustee Donna Jacaruso

A quorum was established.

3. Announcements and Updates

- Quarterly budget review (A Fund and Water/Sewer) postponed to **October 6 at 7:00 PM**.

Taft Elementary School

- Installation of new solar crosswalk lights at Taft School funded by County grants.
 - Appreciation extended to PD, DPW, and Legislator Kathy Stegenga.
 - Anticipated cost savings: under \$10/month.
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4. Public Works & Infrastructure Reports

North Street Drainage and Pavement

- Week two completed; drainage extended near Brotherhood Winery.
- Curbs/sidewalk installation underway; minor removals required.
- Contractor HEC: ~4 weeks remaining
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Other Roadway Projects

- Bristol Court & Potomac Court: curb, driveway entrance, and paving.
- Puritan Lane: driveway apron replacements.
- DPW performing 10–15 additional driveway repairs village-wide.

DPW Facility

- Fence and gate replaced at no village expense after contractor damage.
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5. Community Events

Music at Vern Allen Park

- Pilot series successful: 80–100 attendees.
 - Bands held August 13, 20 & 27 (including Pink Floyd cover band).
 - Considering expansion for Summer 2026 programming.
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6. Village Hall Facilities

Structural engineer review:

- Plans do not match what was actually built.
 - 1/3 structurally sound; 2/3 questionable for public occupancy.
 - Grant application submitted for sidewalks
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7. Downtown Initiatives

- Light music/events envisioned to support restaurants and businesses.
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8. Staffing

- Deputy Clerk hired (full-time, reallocation from DPW Budget).
 - Full-time Water/Sewer Billing Clerk hired from two PT roles (no benefits).
 - Part-time Accounting Clerk hired to assist Treasurer budgeted
 - Treasurer continues managing audits, payroll, capital projects.
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9. Water System

- DOH recommendations completed; formal inspection report pending.
- No major issues identified during inspection.

10. Greenlight Networks

- Fiber installation underway: pole attachment + conduit.
 - Flyers distributed; residents directed to call Village Hall with issues.
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11. Public Safety Recognition

- Life-saving response on August 26 — CPR/defibrillator successful.
 - Officers recognized:
Detective Gershner · Officer Brian Williams · Sgt. Ramos · Officer Sinclair · Chief Zaccaro
 - Formal recognition at Department Awards Ceremony.
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12. Department Reports

Building Department

- Revenue (Aug 16–31): \$1,175
 - Fire Safety: \$125
 - Municipal searches: \$700
 - Permits: \$900
- Next fire safety cycle begins next month.

Water Department

- Quarterly billing revenue: ~\$360,000
 - 350+ new meters installed; 3 irrigation meters active
 - Well levels: 25.5 ft
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13. Resolutions

All motions **passed 4-0-1** unless otherwise noted.

Resolution #	Action
25-143	Public hearing 10/6/25 @ 7 PM re: sewage & facility rent code amendment
25-144	Authorization: DPW training conference (Oct 4–6, Lake George)
25-145	Public assembly permit: Prayer Vigil (Sept 17, Fireman’s Memorial Park)
25-146	Approve FT Deputy Clerk (Michelle Reif) – \$55,000
25-147	Approve PT Account Clerk (Mark Spinozza) – \$25/hr
25-148	Approve FT Deputy Treasurer/Water Clerk (Cheryl Myers) – \$50,000
25-149	Approve UniFirst DPW uniform contract (~\$145/wk ↓ from \$270)
25-150	Washingtonville After Dark – Oct 11, 2025 · 4–10 PM
25-151	Washingtonville Before Dark – Oct 12, 2025 · 9 AM–5 PM
25-152	Whoville Holiday Market – Dec 6, 2025 · 9 AM–6 PM
25-153	Whoville Christmas Celebration – Dec 6, 2025 · 2–8 PM
25-154	Facility use: Washington Little League (Sept 6–Nov 15)
25-155	Approve revised Planning/ZBA application & fee schedule
25-156	Authorize budget transfers/amendments to pay warrants

14. Public Comment

Water Billing / Minimum Charges

- Concern about billing exceeding actual usage.
- Board reviewing senior rate relief and reduced minimum usage charge.

Audit of Previous Administration

- ~\$300,000 spent to correct records; incomplete documentation issues.
- Any criminal findings will be routed to enforcement authorities.

North Street Fence

- Fence with green mesh to be set back.

Roads & Funding

- Limited state funding (\$86,000/yr) relative to 10–13 miles of roads.
- CHIPS reimbursement requires upfront local spending.
- Road priority tiers: Primary, Secondary, Tertiary.
- Micro-seal use for moderate roads (adds ~15 years life)

Infrastructure Concerns

- 1990s-era metal piping may require replacement during paving.
 - Emphasis on balancing immediate repair with long-term planning.
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15. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session made and seconded.
All in favor. **No action reported.**

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made and seconded.