

# Village of Washingtonville

## Ceremony & Meeting Highlights

April 6, 2026 – 7:00 PM

**Members:** Mayor Tom DeVinko, Deputy Steve Presser, Trustee Vernon Coleman,  
Trustee Donna Jacaruso & Trustee Susan Walski

**Attorney:** Chris Pavlaka

**Village Deputy Clerk:** Michelle Reif

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### Opening Ceremony

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
  - A moment of silence was observed for:
    - Soldiers overseas
    - Airline pilot rescue efforts
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### Swearing-In Ceremonies

- Vernon Coleman has been sworn in as Deputy Mayor
  - Steve Presser sworn in as Trustee
  - Matthew Reynolds sworn in as Full-Time Police Officer
    - Approved under Resolution (26-0051)
    - Starting salary: \$69,870
    - Replacing Ben Gerstner
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### Reorganizational Appointments

#### Board & Liaison Assignments

- Deputy Mayor: Vernon Coleman
- Police Liaison: Trustee Presser
- Fire Liaison: Mayor DeVinko
- DPW Liaison: Trustee Walski
- Water & Sewer: Trustee Walski

- Recreation & Parks: Trustee Presser
- IT / Policies / Procedures: Deputy Mayor Coleman
- Planning/Zoning/ARB/Ethics Liaison: Trustee Jacaruso
- Personnel & Building Dept.: Trustee Jacaruso

## **Community & Organization Liaisons**

- Libraries & School District: Deputy Mayor Coleman
  - Historical Society: Trustee Jacaruso
  - Senior Citizens & Emergency Management: Mayor DeVinko
  - Chamber of Commerce / Downtown Revitalization: Trustee Walski
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## **Village Board Appointments**

- Village Clerk / Registrar / FOIL: Christine Shenkman
  - Deputy Clerk: Michelle Reif
  - Treasurer: Leslie Tillotson
  - Judges: Stephen Smith, Joseph McKay
  - Police Chief: Brian Zaccaro
  - DPW Lead: Christopher Martino
  - Village Historian: Jeanne Versweyveld
  - Court Clerk: Patricia Nunes
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## **Meeting Schedule**

- Regular Meetings: 1st Monday at 7 PM
  - Work Sessions: 3rd Monday at 7 PM
  - Holiday conflicts: moved to the following day
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## **Key Policies & Resolutions**

### **Administrative & Financial**

Mileage Reimbursement (**26-0014**): IRS rate

- Petty Cash (**26-0016**):
  - Clerk: \$1,000
  - Police/DPW: \$500 each
- Office Hours (**26-0018**):

- o Village Hall: 8 AM – 4 PM
- o DPW/Water: 7 AM – 3 PM

## **Facilities & Operations**

- Facility use requires a 30-day advance application (26-0011)
- Master calendar maintained by Clerk (26-0012)
- Clerk submits facility approvals to Board (26-0013)

## **Employee & Board Policies**

- Department heads must attend meetings when requested
- Volunteer boards must:
  - o Attend meetings regularly
  - o Complete annual training
  - o Submit attendance records

## **Vehicle Policy (26-0015)**

- Strictly for official use
- No family/non-employees permitted

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## **Public Hearing – Local Law #4**

- Hearing opened and adjourned to April 20, 2026

## **Sewer Fund Discussion**

- \$1.16 million deficit identified
- \$25 quarterly fee for 5 years to repay debt
- Annual repayment: ~\$236,000

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## **Budget & Finance Updates**

- 2024 budget to be posted after 2025 completion
  - Court audits underway (2023–2025)
  - Sewer and water revenues reported
  - Interest funds previously used to pay debts
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## **Infrastructure & Utilities**

### **Water System**

- Smart meter system ongoing:
  - 469 installed, 21 pending
- Hydrant flushing begins ~April 21
- Water towers need repair (~\$500,000 each)

### **Lead & Copper Compliance**

- Inventory underway
  - Replacement plan required by 2027
  - Full replacement project: 10-year timeline
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## **Public Safety & Traffic**

- Traffic calming measures under review:
    - Speed bumps (test phase)
    - Stop signs (limited effectiveness)
  - Crosswalk repainting & LED upgrades planned
  - Concerns raised about construction safety (flaggers)
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## **Community Updates**

- Easter event successful
  - Brush pickup underway
  - Pickleball courts reopened
  - Code Red system active (encouraging sign-ups)
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## **Development & Business Activity**

- New businesses:
  - Pena's Juice Bar (South St.)
  - Three Ninjas restaurant
  - Guilty Pleasures Café (upcoming)
- Building projects and inspections ongoing

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## Grants

- Awarded: **\$4,999 Tourism Grant** (fireworks)
  - Submitted: **\$4,999 Legislative Grant** (Sewell Park)
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## Additional Resolutions

- **26-0049:** Hazard Mitigation Plan approved
  - **26-0050:** Walden Savings Bank sign approved (3–2)
  - **26-0052:** Budget transfers approved
  - **26-0053:** Tabled
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## Public Comments Highlights

- Sewer rate concerns
  - Traffic safety issues
  - Green Light Construction Concerns
  - Questions on interest funds and budgets
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## Executive Session

- Board entered executive session to discuss personnel matters
- No decisions made