

# VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** April 20, 2026

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Village Hall

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

**Attorney:** Chris Pavlaka

**Village Deputy Clerk:** Michelle Reif

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## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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## 2. Board of Ethics Reappointments

- Resolution **26-0065**: Approval of reappointments to the Board of Ethics for:
    - Jamie White
    - Ken Schwartz
    - William Graber
  - Motion carried 5-0.
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## 3. Swearing-In Ceremony

Jamie White, Ken Schwartz, and William Graber were sworn in as members of the Board of Ethics.

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## 4. Sewell Park Update

- Project led by Jean Galli and Alec Galli.
- Coordination underway with New York State, federal agencies, and FEMA.
- A historic marker was installed for Naomi S.E. Richardson.
- Recent unveiling included participation from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

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## 5. Naomi S.E. Richardson Park Foundation

- Established as a not-for-profit under the Community Foundation of Orange, Sullivan, and Rockland Counties.
- Funds go directly to park development.
- Upcoming event: Hudson Valley Gives – May 20.
- Approximately \$1,000 raised last year.

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## 6. Park Cleanup & Development

- Cleanup scheduled for May 16 with students and community groups.
- Installation of pollinator pathway with native plants.
- Grant applications in progress, focusing on:
  - Environmental sustainability
  - Flood mitigation
- Planned bandstand adjusted for drainage and tree preservation.

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## 7. Park Features & Construction

- Includes:
  - 14 flower beds
  - Grass surface area
  - Permeable walkways
- Concrete bandstand designed for flood resilience.
- Initial work includes sidewalks and curbing in coordination with DOT.

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## 8. Community Involvement

- Strong participation from local high school students.
- Memorial Day preparation includes planting 40 flowerpots.

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## 9. Public Hearing: Sewer Fund Deficit

- Deficit: **\$1.16 million** due to audit findings.
- Public hearing reopened and subsequently closed.
- Motion passed **5-0**.

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## 10. Public Hearing: Ethics Code & Disclosure Form

- Updates include:
  - Enhanced disclosure requirements
  - Authority for the Ethics Board to research and advise
- Annual disclosure changes:
  - New employees receive forms upon hiring
  - Existing employees update only if changes occur
- Motion to close hearing passed **5-0**.

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## 11. Public Comment Highlights

- Well Levels: Increased from 17 ft to 21 ft
- Green Light Fiber Work: Safety concerns regarding lack of signage/flaggers
- Temporary asphalt noted; permanent paving pending

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## 12. Infrastructure & Utilities

- Fiber installation by Green Light and Frontier (Verizon-owned)
- Hydrant flushing performed for hydrant pressure and maintenance
- Utility markings explained (color-coded system via USIC)
- Residents to be notified via Code Red alerts for work zones

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## 13. High Grove & Crosswalk Projects

- RRFB crosswalk grant approved (DASNY)
- Potential expansion from 5 to 15 installations
- Proposed locations include:
  - Ahern Blvd
  - Cartwheel Court
  - Route 94
  - Weathervane area
- Devices will track speed and collect traffic data

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## 14. Upcoming Events

- Memorial Day Parade: May 25, 2026, at 10:00 AM
- Community Garage Sale: May 2–3, 2026
  - Registration fee: \$10
  - Includes Google map listing

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## 15. Water & Meter Updates

- 482 Badger meters active; 13 pending
- Weekly usage: ~1 million gallons
- Expenses:
  - Meters: \$254,491.35
  - Software: \$65,398.32
- Revenue (FY starting March 1):
  - Water: \$90,100
  - Sewer: \$82,094
  - Facilities: \$55,293.23

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## 16. Historical Preservation Efforts

- No formal historic district currently exists
- Individual landmark designations underway:
  - 1 Depot Street
  - 30 Goshen Avenue (First Presbyterian Church, est. 1847)
- Historical significance includes Underground Railroad ties
- Structures cannot be demolished; preservation is required

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## 17. Irrigation Meter Policy

- Allows a second meter for outdoor use
  - Water billed; sewer charges excluded
  - Permit process in development
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## 18. Tower Hill Drive Improvements

- Ongoing drainage corrections
  - Valve repairs/replacements pending
  - Stormwater issues are being addressed
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## 19. Parkland Protection Initiative

- Efforts underway to protect large green spaces (5+ acres)
  - State approval required to repurpose designated parkland
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## 20. SCADA System Upgrade

- New wireless system approved (~\$41,500)
  - Will provide:
    - Real-time monitoring
    - Alerts via text/phone
  - Addresses lack of monitoring since ~2020
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## 21. Resolutions Passed

- **26-0054:** Part-time police agreements
- **26-0055:** Irrigation policy adoption
- **26-0056:** Budget transfers
- **26-0057:** Sewer rent adjustment (\$100/year, expires 2031)
- **26-0058:** SCADA system approval
- **26-0059:** Ethics law revisions
- **26-0060:** Public hearing (May 18) – 30 Goshen Ave landmark
- **26-0061:** July 4 event permit
- **26-0062:** Fire parade permit (Sept. 26, 2026)
- **26-0063:** Public hearing – short-term rental law) May 18, 2026
- **26-0064:** Facility request (ice cream vendor)
- **26-0066:** State Farm signage approval
- **26-0067:** Hot box equipment for pothole repair

*All motions passed.*

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## 22. Non-Agenda Items

- Clarification on meter expenditures and installations
- Pothole repair timeline announced
- Planned road closures for valve inspections
- Bond repayment restrictions confirmed (5-year term)

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## 23. Adjournment

- Motion to enter Executive Session (personnel matters)
- Motion passed unanimously
- Meeting adjourned

