

A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Monday, November 4, 2024 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.

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Clerk Christine Shenkman, Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro and H2O Operations Project Manager Justin Fairbrother.

ABSENT:

Trustee Vernon Coleman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Thomas DeVinko led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS:

Resident William Graber of 18 Washington Boulevard stated "it is my humble opinion that when the Village Board presents their Agenda with regard to contracts or renewal agreements please discuss the price of the prior year's expenditure and the terms of the contract and agreement."

Resident Vincent Lang, 9 Plymouth Rock Court questioned "with regard to the elevator resolution was that matter put out to bid, and how many bids were received?" Mayor DeVinko responded three (3) Bids were submitted.

Resident Paul Lang of 10 Patriot Lane indicated "has Shindler looked at the elevator, and were they able to repair problem areas"? Trustee Walski explained "Shindler looked at the elevator and made necessary corrections before they submitted their price estimate."

Mayor DeVinko announced "he has been in contact with the New York State – Department of Transportation (N.Y.S. – D.O.T.) regarding the Route 94 and Route 208 signal lights, and D.O.T. will investigate the pedestrian crossing system to determine and make it clear which buttons control the arrows and directions for each side of the street."

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DISCUSSION:**UPDATE REGARDING ORANGE COUNTY SCHUNEMUNK RAIL TRAIL – STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA) AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR (EAF) REVIEW:**

Mayor DeVinko explained the SEQRA and EAF documentation for the Orange County Schunemunk Rail Trail project has been signed by the Village, and returned to the County of Orange. The Mayor requested if the rail trail is adjacent to a residential property then privacy screening be put in place by the County. The Mayor will provide additional information on the Village Website as it becomes available.

UPDATE - E.J. MCLAUGHLIN SQUARE - PAVING PROJECT:

Eight (8) inches of binder was previously put in place at E.J. McLaughlin Square and the final topcoat was completed today. Old tree stumps will be removed. Bids will be received from electrical contractors regarding installation of light posts and Edison lighting over the parking area in the Square. The Mayor expressed thanks to Village Superintendent Christopher Martino and the Department of Public Works, Town of Blooming Grove Highway Superintendent Wayne Kirkpatrick and his employees, and Sean Muir and employees from the Town of Montgomery for their dedicated efforts in undertaking this project.

UPDATE REGARDING WITCHINGTONVILLE - BEFORE AND AFTER DARK EVENTS:

Witchingtonville Before and After Dark events were a huge success, and approximately five thousand (5,000) people were in attendance. The Events Committee, Department of Public Works and Police Department did an excellent job, and no major problems were reported. The 2024 Christmas Parade and Victorian Whoville are the next Village events to be scheduled the first week in December.

UPDATE REGARDING PICKLEBALL COURTS:

The lighting has been installed and paving is complete at the Pickleball Courts located at L. Vernon Allen Park. The fencing on the first Pickleball Court will be flipped on Wednesday, November 6.

ORANGE COUNTY MOBILE D.M.V. UNIT:

The Orange County Mobile Department of Motor Vehicles Unit will be at the Village Hall Parking Lot, 9 Fairlawn Drive on Monday, November 4 between the hours of 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT - EXPANSION OF CAPACITY - ROUTE 17/86 - THREE (3) LANES UP TO SULLIVAN COUNTY:

New York State and the County of Orange are investigating the possibility of expansion of capacity for Route 17/Route 86 to three (3) lanes up to Sullivan County. Additional information will be online and Public Hearings will be held in the future.

UPDATE - DONATE A TREE PLANTING – SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 2 – THIRTEEN (13) TREES PLANTED ALONG AHERN BOULEVARD FROM NEWCASTLE DRIVE TO WINCHESTER WAY:

The Village of Washingtonville has planted an additional thirteen (13) trees along Ahern Boulevard from Newcastle Drive to Winchester Way. Families assisted in the planting in memory of loved ones. The Program will run on an ongoing basis, and plaques for each tree can be ordered from Louis – Printing Express in the downtown Village business area by E.J. McLaughlin Square at a cost of \$55.00 per plaque. Family members can choose the wording to be engraved.

FALL LEAVES:

Mayor DeVinko stated "as a reminder Fall leaves need to be disposed of properly by putting them in bags and placing curbside so the Village D.P.W. can pick them up. Please do not dump the leaves in Village green areas, and do not blow them into the streets because the Village storm drains need to be kept clear."

VILLAGE HALLOWEEN CURFEW:

There were no major occurrences that took place this year regarding Gate Night and Halloween. Tower lighting was put in place in Newcastle Development and the Village Curfew was a success.

RESOLUTIONS:**RESOLUTION – 24 – 0187 –REVISE RESOLUTION NUMBER 24 – 0183 - PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM CONTRACT WITH SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION:**

Trustee Walski made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jacaruso and adopted to revise Resolution Number 24 – 0183 approved on Monday, October 21, 2024 which authorized a Preventive Maintenance Program Contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation in the amount of \$250.00 per month for the elevator located at Village Hall; said revision will reflect the dollar amount should be \$260.00; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 24 – 0188 – PUBLIC HEARING - CABLE TELEVISION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SPECTRUM NORTHEAST, LLC. AND VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE:

Trustee Walski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to schedule a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. granting approval of a Cable Television Agreement between Spectrum Northeast, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications and the Village of Washingtonville; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 24 – 0189 – PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT - HUDSON VALLEY HAWKS 5-K AND FUN RUN FUNDRAISER:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jacaruso and adopted to authorize a Public Assembly Permit to Hudson Valley Hawks for a 5-K and Fun Run Fundraiser to be held at L. Vernon Allen Park on Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 24 – 0190 – WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS CHEMICAL AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SLUDGE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL BIDS:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Walski and adopted to award the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants Chemical and Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Removal and Disposal Bids as follows:

RESOLUTIONS - (CONTINUED):

WWTP CHEMICAL - SLUDGE REMOVAL/DISPOSAL:

MSDS Unlimited, Inc. \$ 105.00 Per Ton

WATER AND WWTP CHEMICALS:

Slack Chemicals \$ 3.97 Per Gallon Bulk Chlorine

**Surpass Chemical \$ 166.80 Per Fifty-Five (55) Gallon Drum Sodium Bisulfite
\$ 1,408.50 Per Fifty-Five (55) Gallon Drum Sta-Floc**

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

RESOLUTION – 24 – 0191 – SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING - REGARDING ADOPTION OF A LOCAL LAW EXTENDING A SIX (6) MONTH MORATORIUM:

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Walski and adopted to schedule a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7:05 P.M. regarding the adoption of a Local Law extending a Six (6) Month Moratorium prohibiting the review and approval of certain land development applications in the Village of Washingtonville for an additional Six (6) Months; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 24 – 0192 – PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT - KIWANIS CLUB OF WASHINGTONVILLE - DROP OFF FOOD BASKETS:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Walski and adopted to authorize a Public Assembly Permit to Kiwanis Club of Washingtonville for a Drop Off Food Baskets event to be held at Firemen’s Memorial Park on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.; said resolution is based upon receipt of a Certificate of Insurance, and passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

RESOLUTION – 24 — 0193 - AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS AND AMENDMENTS – TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO 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:

Recreation Fund - \$13,2085.10; General Fund - \$36,696.80; Water Fund - \$6,585.63; Sewer Fund - \$2,993.45

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Sean Hagerty from 4 Belvoir Drive stated “it was my belief the Treasurer would be in attendance tonight to present a financial report” and Mayor DeVinko responded the Auditors and Treasurer will do a presentation at the November 18 Work Session meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – (CONTINUED):

Audience member Paul Lang of 10 Patriot Lane commented "I am disappointed that the Village Board did not draft a letter to the New York State – Department of Environmental Conservation (N.Y.S. – D.E.C.) regarding Clovewood as I requested at the last meeting."

Dave Dunn of 1 Lincoln Drive questioned "what are the level of the Village wells", and Mayor DeVinko stated, "27 feet 3 inches. When the wells reach a certain level then the Village will implement voluntary water restrictions. The next step would be mandatory restrictions if need be. If an emergency situation arises the Village has approval from New York State D.E.C. and Orange County Department of Health to utilize Spindler wells."

Paul Lang asked for an update regarding the Police Department Contract, and the Building Inspector position and the Mayor explained the Attorney is reviewing this matter.

Mr. Lang further indicated "there is a bench along Ahern Boulevard that is facing the wrong direction" and Deputy Mayor Jacaruso stated "the bench was requested to be placed in that direction so that residents can observe nature."

Sean Hagerty mentioned "there are spigots on the buildings at Weathervane Condominiums that are locked and not useable, and Trustee Walski will check into this matter."

Michael Graziano of 3 Lark Street reported "the fire hydrant in front of the Church on Route 208 is still not repaired."

Mayor DeVinko announced the "Village is preparing a list of hydrants that need to be repaired or replaced by the Water Department."

Michael Graziano stated, "My concern is St. Mary's Church is close to the Village and the hydrant repair should be a priority."

Mayor DeVinko stated, "I agree."

Mr. Graziano explained "there are multiple vehicles due to Church traffic at the end of Lark Street and I am requesting that no stopping or standing signage be put in place from the stop sign back approximately twenty (20) feet."

Mayor DeVinko will check with Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro regarding this matter.

Vincent Lang commented "I would like to state publicly that the Village of Washingtonville does not have a water hauling contract with Spindler Bulk Transport" and the Mayor concurred.

Edie Johnson of 15 Round Hill Road expressed thanks to the Washingtonville Police Department for assisting her when she was locked out of her truck this morning.

Diane Mack of 25 Capital Drive reported "two (2) fire hydrants by 2 Decker Drive have been out of service for months, and expressed concerns about recent dry weather. Ms. Mack indicated repair of these hydrants should be a priority. Also, the Village Dog Park fencing needs to have Witchingtonville decorations removed. In addition, there are many people speeding throughout the Village which needs to stop."

Mayor DeVinko explained "speed limits have been lowered in certain areas of the Village and extra speed controls have been increased." The Mayor encouraged residents to contact the Village Police Department if they see a speeding incident occur.

PUBLIC COMMENT - (CONTINUED):

Chief Zaccaro indicated "the Village Police Department are writing tickets every day and it is the Village community and residents that are doing the speeding."

Audience member Vincent Lang stated "I walk everyday throughout the Village of Washingtonville and I would like to see more Law Enforcement in our community. Ballard Pond Road is like a racetrack with speeding motor vehicles occurring every day by the same people."

Mayor DeVinko expressed thanks to the audience for attending the Village Board Meeting and submitting great questions and comments this evening.

RESOLUTION 24 - 0194 — ADJOURNMENT:

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Walski and adopted to adjourn the November 4, 2024 Village Board Regular 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