

**A Village Board Work Session Meeting was held on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York.**

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor Joseph Bucco, Deputy Mayor Paul Lang, Trustees Richard Calore, Diane Mack and Valerie Laudato.**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Village Clerk Christine Shenkman, Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro and Village Department of Public Works Superintendent Christopher Martino.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

**Mayor Bucco led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY:**

**Village Clerk Christine Shenkman administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Village Trustees Diane Mack and Valerie Laudato, and expressed congratulations to Trustee Mack and Trustee Laudato.**

**MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Mayor Bucco announced that on Saturday, March 31, Washingtonville Placemaking Committee held the Second Annual Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt at L. Vernon Allen Park, and it was a huge success. There was an estimated crowd of 1,200 – 1,400 adults and children. Mayor Bucco thanked the Placemaking Committee for their hard work and dedication in preparing this event. “It was so great to see so many children having the time of their life.” The Mayor additionally thanked Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro, and the Washingtonville Police Department for their assistance in keeping the Village safe during this event, and Village Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) Superintendent Christopher Martino, and the D.P.W. for beautifying L. Vernon Allen Park.**

**The Mayor further announced that the Washingtonville High School Scholarship 5-K Run will be held on Saturday, April 7 at 8:00 A.M. beginning at Washingtonville High School. A C.T.Y. telephone communication message will be sent to all Village residents providing notification of said event.**

**The Washingtonville Little League is celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season, and Opening Day Ceremonies and Parade will be held on Saturday, April 14 at 9:00 A.M. To date, over ninety (90) Little League banners have been sold, and will be installed on utility poles with Orange and Rockland Utilities permission. A C.T.Y. telephone communication message will be sent on Friday evening notifying Village residents of road closures for this event.**

**Sunday, April 29 the Senior Citizen Prom will be held at Washingtonville Senior High School.**

**The Village of Washingtonville Water Withdrawal Report is now available, and will be placed on the Village website tomorrow, Tuesday. Changes in the Water-Sewer Billing system and procedures that were implemented resulted in changes that are reflected in the 2017 metered usage rate increased to 66.36 percent which equates**

**MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO ANNOUNCEMENTS – (CONTINUED):**

to a 13.64 percent increase. This change correlates to 24,208,774 gallons of billable water usage that would have been lost. At the Village current rate of \$3.50 per thousand gallons, this created an additional \$84,730.00 in Village revenue.

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss a Zoning Comprehensive Plan regarding the creation of a Village downtown historic district as well as the creation of a commercial business zone along Route 94.

The Village of Washingtonville has received the first payment of \$559,100 from Environmental Facilities Corporation (E.F.C.). The Village will be receiving an additional \$8,497.00 this Thursday. These funds are predominantly for design and construction plans for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) project.

This past Friday, after spending twenty (20) years in service to the Village of Washingtonville, Police Sergeant James F. Peters retired. The Village would like to honor Sergeant Peters at the Village Board April 17 Reorganizational Meeting.

The Department of Public Works Sweeper has been ordered, and should arrive in approximately ninety (90) days.

**PUBLIC HEARING – CONTINUATION - INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW – “REGULATING CERTAIN SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT”:**

Mayor Joseph Bucco stated the Solar Energy Public Hearing has remained open, and will continue:

Trustee Calore stated with regard to Tax Revenue, the portion of acreage utilized for a solar farm would be exempt from taxes for fifteen (15) years, and not pay any taxes which is a zero benefit to the Village of Washingtonville unless an in lieu of Tax Pilot Program is put in place.

Deputy Mayor Lang questioned the legality of the grandfather clause because two sections contradict each other. In addition, property owners have already borne the expense of initial Permit fees, but according to the proposed Local Law, they will bear additional expenses for inspections, which does not seem fair. Also, the Deputy Mayor commented the fencing setbacks are too close.

Trustee Calore expressed concerns about Firemen access to rooftops, and that the roofs cannot be covered one-hundred (100%) percent with solar panels. Deputy Mayor Lang stated criteria is set by the Uniform Fire Prevention Code.

Audience member Arthur G. Jefferies stated there are disconnect switches on rooftop solar panels.

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Laudato and adopted to authorize the continuance of proposed Introductory Local Law entitled “Regulating Certain Solar Energy Systems and Equipment; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board.

**RESOLUTION – SURPLUS – VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mack and adopted to authorize the surplus of the following Village of Washingtonville Police Department Equipment that is no longer functional or repairable, and of no value to the Village of Washingtonville; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board:

Three (3) Lockers 15 inch X 15 inch X 78 inch

**RESOLUTION - FACILITY USE REQUEST – WASHINGTONVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE – WOODFIELD SKATEBOARD PARK:**

Trustee Laudato made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lang and adopted to authorize a Facility Use Request to Washingtonville Little League for the Girls Softball Season commencing March 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018 between 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M. at Woodfield Skateboard Park; said Resolution is based upon one of the following five (5) entities being on the field playing another Team unless it is District Play-Offs.

Washingtonville Little League; Village of Washingtonville; Washingtonville Central School District; Town of Blooming Grove; Village of South Blooming Grove.

Said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) UPDATE:**

Chris Finnegan, Chief Sewer Plant Operator for JCO Company reported there is a high increase in flow at the Sewer Plant during the past two (2) months due to heavy, frequent rain and snowstorms. Chief Operator Finnegan stated the purchase of a new inflow pump should resolve the problem.

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mack and adopted to authorize the purchase of an inflow pump from Fleet Company in the amount of \$12,000 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and installation of said pump will be by Coppola Services Inc.; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board.

**RESOLUTION – PAYMENT OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) INVOICES:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Laudato and adopted to authorize the following payments; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board.

Coppola Services	\$ 110,000.00
H2M Architects and Engineering	\$ 57,337.27

Mayor Bucco indicated the following checks will be issued tomorrow at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) construction meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Audience member Terry Hughes of 102 Capital Drive stated the Village Board needs to update the process of how electrical inspections are done. In addition, Mr. Hughes commented that his neighbor's leaves are blowing onto his property. Also, Mr. Hughes indicated he is waiting for an answer to what the Police Department actual pension amount for the 2018 – 2019 Village Budget is.

Sean Hegarty of 4 Belvoir Drive questioned is the Village Board going out for bids with regard to paving of Village streets, and Mayor Bucu responded the Board is researching various possibilities at this point in time.

Mr. Hegarty stated the Village catch basins need to be cleaned and repaired throughout the Village of Washingtonville.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lang and adopted to adjourn the April 2, 2018 Village Board Work Session Meeting; said Resolution was passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**CHRISTINE SHENKMAN**

**VILLAGE CLERK**