

**A Village Board Work Session Meeting was held on Monday, May 7, 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 and Diane Mack.**

**ABSENT:**

**Valerie Laudato.**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Village Clerk Christine Shenkman, Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) Superintendent Christopher Martino and Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE – JOHN WEST III:**

**Mayor Bucco stated that a moment of silence will be observed in memory of Washingtonville High School Senior John West III, whose recent tragic loss was felt by the entire community.**

**RESOLUTION – EMPLOYMENT – FULL TIME VILLAGE POLICE OFFICER:**

**Deputy Mayor Lang made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mack and adopted to authorize the employment of Joseph Mendez effective Monday, May 07, 2018 at an annual salary of \$79,093.00; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board.**

**ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE – FULL TIME VILLAGE POLICE OFFICER:**

**Village Clerk Christine Shenkman performed the Oath of Office Ceremony for Village Full Time Police Officer Joseph Mendez, and expressed good luck and congratulations to Officer Mendez and his family.**

**PRESENTATION BY WASHINGTONVILLE LION'S CLUB – PROPOSED LION DEN AT MEMORIAL PARK:**

**Celina Rofer, Vice-President and Playground Project Manager of the Greater Washingtonville Lions Club came before the Village Board and presented information regarding a project to build an inclusive playground at the Village Firemen's Memorial Park location. Ms. Rofer explained that the creation of this playground would serve the needs of children with special needs. Letters were submitted with the presentation packet from an Occupational Therapist, and a Physical Therapist who indicate that the opportunity for play is critical for a child with developmental disabilities. The Lion's Den at Firemen's Memorial Park would**

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fulfill the needs for all children, and will not completely change Memorial Park but will enhance the area, and the equipment is accessible for children ages two (2) through twelve (12).

Deputy Mayor Paul Lang made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calore and adopted to accept the proposal for the Lions Den project at the present Village of Washingtonville Firemen's Memorial Park playground area; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board.

**PROPOSED BUDGET – SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS IN VILLAGE SCHOOLS:**

Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro explained due to the recent increase in school violence across the nation, and the need to protect School staff, students and visitors, the Chief is proposing to the Washingtonville Central School District the following recommendations for police coverage at the Schools. With this recommendation, there would be Police coverage during the regular School year each day. The Chief stated the Village of Washingtonville Police Department currently responds to emergencies at the Washingtonville High School, Middle School and Taft Elementary School. The Chief suggested hiring a Full Time School Resource Officer (SRO) along with three (3) Part Time Police Officers (School Safety Officers) all employed by the Village of Washingtonville Police Department. The SRO would be a full time Police Officer who would work during normal school days and times, Monday – Friday, 7:15 A.M. – 3:15 P.M. The SRO would generally be assigned to the High School and Middle School depending on assignments for the day. The SRO could float between all three (3) Schools at any given time based on needs of the School District, and the Police Department. The Part Time Police Officers would fill the gaps at whatever Schools the SRO is not at for the day or time. The Police Officers working in the School will be in uniform, have a Police vehicle and be familiar with the duties and responsibilities of this Department. The Officers will not only present a visible deterrent but will assist with School emergencies and be your immediate source of contact for the Police Department. The Officer's primary duty will be to protect the School's environment, and to maintain an atmosphere where students, teachers and staff feel safe. The Officers can visit classrooms, teach students concepts of safety and crime prevention techniques, and possibly some form of D.A.R.E. The Officers can investigate criminal activity occurring on School campuses in accordance with New York State Law, and School District policies. The Officers will also be available for conferences with students, parents, staff and answer Law related concerns.

The Village Board is planning to meet with Washingtonville Central School District Superintendent Roy Reese on Monday, May 14 regarding the above matter.

**VILLAGE BEAUTIFICATION REPORT:**

Trustee Mack stated flowers will be planted in flower pots during the week of May 13, and disbursed throughout the Village of Washingtonville during the week of May 21. Trustee Mack contacted AutoZone and Dunkin' Donuts who approved the placement of small trees in pots to line the parking lot of these businesses.

**STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND CURBING PROJECT:**

Trustee Mack stated an Incident Report was submitted numerous times by a resident who resides at 38 Capital Drive regarding replacement of curbing in this

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location. Trustee Mack requested an update regarding the commencement of this project. Mayor Bucco stated the Village Board has to decide on criteria for the scope of work to be conducted, and then solicit Bids from Contractors. The Mayor further stated that the Village Board has to determine the dollar amount for the Bonding for said project. Further discussion regarding this matter was tabled until Mayor Bucco obtains current figures from Village Financial Advisors.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – STREET SWEEPER:**

Trustee Mack indicated that prior to the arrival of the new Village Sweeper, cleanup of rocks and debris should take place on Capital Drive, Decker Drive and other areas of the Village.

**DISCUSSION – NEW DESIGN – WELCOME TO WASHINGTONVILLE SIGNAGE:**

Trustee Calore reported the Village Board will be installing new “Washingtonville Welcomes You” signage that was designed by Trustee Laudato, and Brotherhood Winery will be contacted regarding the placement of matching Winery’s signage under the Washingtonville sign.

**PLACEMENT OF SECURITY CAMERAS – VILLAGE PARKS:**

Trustee Calore stated the Village Board should move forward this year and solicit Bids regarding the placement of security cameras in the Village Parks. Mayor Bucco commented he spoke with Leslie Leif who is in the security camera business, as well as Tim from I.T.C. who handles the Village telephone system. Mayor Bucco will check with the Village Attorney regarding legalities of a camera system.

**DISCUSSION – INSTALLATION OF FOUNTAINS – VILLAGE PONDS:**

Trustee Calore explained that the Village is exploring the possibility of installing fountains in Village ponds. Mayor Bucco indicated Grant funding allotted to the Village of Washingtonville for L. Vernon Allen Park can also be utilized for this project. Cost estimates from Devitt’s are \$5,000 per fountain, and it was recommended that two (2) fountains be installed in the Newcastle area (Ahern Boulevard) pond, and one (1) fountain in Firemen’s Memorial Park pond. Mayor Bucco suggested the New York State – Department of Environmental Conservation (N.Y.S. – D.E.C.) be contacted regarding this matter.

**APPLICATION FOR SOLICITOR’S LICENSE – SUSAN WALSKI:**

Mayor Bucco indicated currently there are no active door knocking Solicitors Permits in the Village of Washingtonville.

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mack and adopted to authorize the approval of an application for a Solicitors License to Susan Walski of Keller Williams Hudson Valley Realty for door knocking real estate which consists of knocking on doors and providing current real estate market information for homeowners if they wish to sell their homes or know of anyone looking to buy or sell real estate.

**APPLICATION FOR SOLICITOR'S LICENSE – SUSAN WALSKI – (CONTINUED):**

Mayor Bucco put said Resolution to a Vote, and the results were as follows:

<b>AYES</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NAYS</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>ABSTENTIONS</b>	<b>0</b>

Mayor Bucco declared said Resolution was not approved.

**DISCUSSION – VILLAGE DATE NIGHT:**

Mayor Bucco indicated the Placemaking Committee requested the Village Board consider the option of serving beer and wine for Band Night only during Date Nights. The Mayor has contacted the Village Insurance Company to determine legalities regarding this matter.

**SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNAGE – BALLARD POND ROAD:**

Trustee Mack made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calore and adopted to schedule a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. regarding Installation of Stop Signage on Ballard Pond Road and Jacques Drive; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board.

**PAINTING OF VILLAGE POLICE STATION:**

Deputy Major Lang made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calore and adopted to authorize Finest Painters to paint the exterior of the Village of Washingtonville Police Station; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Bard.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Deputy Mayor Lang made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calore and adopted to adjourn the May 7, 2018 Village Board Work Session Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
CHRISTINE SHENKMAN  
VILLAGE CLERK**