

A Village Board Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at Village Hall at 7:00 P.M. at 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Joseph Bucco; Deputy Mayor Paul Lang; Trustees Richard Calore, Valerie Laudato and Laurisa Sampson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

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

**MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO – ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Joseph Bucco stated this evening's appointments with representatives from the Girl Scout Award Program, and members of the Orange County Moodna Creek Council have been tabled and will be rescheduled at a future date.

The Mayor announced due to the Village of Washingtonville Election the March 17 Village Board Regular Meeting is canceled, and rescheduled on Tuesday, March 24, at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall.

The Mayor indicated last Saturday the Village of Washingtonville welcomed home Major Eamonn Moyer from his deployment in Afghanistan, and on behalf of the Village community expressed thanks to the Major for his Military Service.

Mayor Bucco commented that the Village of Washingtonville sends their thoughts and Prayers to everyone in Mississippi who are going through recent flooding issues.

**RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE ELECTION INSPECTORS:**

Trustee Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to appoint the following individuals to serve as Village of Washingtonville Election Inspectors:

**Beth Martin; Salvatore Rubino; Sharon Turraco**

The Election will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2020 between the hours of 12:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. at Village Hall; said Resolution passed by a unanimous Vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**RESOLUTION – PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lang and adopted to approve the purchase of Two (2) 2020 Ford Police Interceptor SUVs from New York State County of Westchester Contract Number RFB-WC-19023 from Beyer Ford in Morristown, New Jersey. The purchase price for each vehicle with equipment outfitting is \$47,197.75 and will be financed through Ford Credit Municipal Finance for three (3) years at an annual payment of \$16,890.15 for each vehicle; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**RESOLUTION – EMPLOYMENT OF VILLAGE CROSSING GUARD:**

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to appoint Harold J. Steinberger to the position of Crossing Guard effective this date at an Hourly Rate of \$13.39 Per Hour; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**EMPLOYMENT OF VILLAGE TAX ASSESSOR:**

Mayor Bucco stated that Village Attorney William Frank of the Law Firm Blustein, Shapiro, Rich and Barone indicated that the Washingtonville Central School District, Town of Blooming Grove and Village of Washingtonville Tax Assessments will still be based on the Town of Blooming Grove's Assessment Roll, even if each Municipality utilized their own Tax Assessor.

Trustee Sampson explained the Village of Chester, Cornwall-on-the Hudson, Goshen and Florida use the services of their Town Tax Assessors, however, the Village of Greenwood Lake hired a Vendor to conduct Tax Assessments.

Mayor Bucco commented further research will be conducted regarding this matter.

**WASHINGTONVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE:**

Mayor Bucco announced that Washingtonville Little League submitted Public Assembly Permits to the Mayor today, and Little League Representatives will be attending the March 2, 2020 Village Board Work Session Meeting to discuss said Permits. The Mayor requested the Village Police Chief, Fire Chief and Ambulance Corp. President sign off on the Permits.

The Washingtonville Little League Woodfield Public Assembly Permit is divided into two phases: March 20 through July 31, 2020 and August 28 through November 14, 2020.

Mayor Bucco stated he spoke with Girls Softball League President Dave Marino, and indicated that the Board would like the Village banners to be placed in the center of the Village. In addition, the Mayor had a preliminary call with a representative from Orange and Rockland who stated O. & R. does not like advertisement signage on their utility poles such as landscaping, garage sales or other businesses.

The Mayor commented Washingtonville Little League may not be an advertisement but as soon as a name or company name is placed on the bottom of the banner or sign it turns into an advertisement. Orange and Rockland understands the need to place lost pet signs on poles but does not allow business or advertisement signage. Trustee Calore mentioned banner and sign requests still have to follow Village ordinances. Mayor Bucco responded Orange and Rockland thanked the Village for being diligent and removing business advertising signage from the utility poles. In addition, "the Village of Washingtonville has sign ordinance rules in which businesses pay fees to obtain sign permits. It is not fair for others to utilize utility poles and other areas for advertising and have not followed the permit process or paid fees."

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no Public Comments submitted by audience members.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Deputy Mayor Lang made a motion, seconded by Trustee Laudato and adopted to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

**RESUMPTION OF MEETING:**

**Trustee Sampson made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lang and adopted to adjourn the Executive Session, and resume the Village Board Regular Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to adjourn the February 18, 2020 Village Board Regular Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.**

**TRANSCRIPTION:**

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