

A Village Board Work Session Zoom Meeting was held on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Clerk Christine Shenkman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE – UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Mayor Joseph Bucco observed a moment of silence in memoriam for the United States of America while our Country is suffering from the Covid 19 pandemic.

MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO – ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Joseph Bucco announced the Washingtonville Senior High School Graduation Car Parade will be held on Saturday, June 27. Notifications will be sent via Washingtonville Central School District, Washingtonville Police Department and the Washingtonville Village Clerk’s Office when available.

Mayor Bucco stated the Washingtonville Central School District Board of Education and Budget Vote will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

The Mayor explained the following is a schedule of tentative business openings:

Phase II	June 8	Barbershops and Hair Salons
Phase III	June 22	Outdoor Dining at Local Restaurants
Phase IV	July 6	Recreation

All of the above are subject to change at a moment’s notice.

Mayor Bucco commented Village Code Enforcement Officer John Terry, and Fire Inspector Susan Salo will be sending out required New York State Survey notices to local businesses asking the owners to provide their opening safety plan to the Village of Washingtonville.

In addition, Mayor Bucco has received numerous telephone calls regarding overgrown grass throughout the Village of Washingtonville. The Village Code Enforcement Officers will be addressing this situation, and the Village Board is committed to work with residents regarding these issues.

Mayor Bucco reported the 2019 Annual Water Quality Report has been placed on the Village of Washingtonville Website.

The Village of Washingtonville has contracted with Delaware Engineering to survey manholes throughout the Village to ensure safety regarding blockages, structural safety and I and I – infiltration and inflow. Per New York State – Department of Environmental Conservation (N.Y.S. – D.E.C.) the manholes need to be checked every ten (10) years.

MAYOR JOSEPH BUCCO – ANNOUNCEMENTS – (CONTINUED):

The Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) is working on installation of signage in the Village Berms. Three (3) signs are complete, and the fourth sign in the location of Route 94 and Ahern Boulevard is on hold until New York Rising determines the parameters of the culvert replacement project located in this area.

Trustee Laudato reported planting in E.J. McLaughlin Square will begin in the next few weeks.

Mayor Bucco announced the historic Police Department Booth will return to its home in E.J. McLaughlin Square once planting is complete.

Trustee Calore indicated the Village of Washingtonville will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year.

Mayor Bucco stated he received telephone calls regarding Garage Sales. Please do not plan on holding any Garage Sales until Orange County Officials determine and post when it is safe to do so.

The Village of Washingtonville is seeking volunteers for the Village Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals – (Z.B.A.). Please submit Letter of Interest via E-Mail to Mayor Bucco and the Village Board.

VILLAGE VOLUNTEER BOARD INTERVIEWS – VIA ZOOM:

The Village Board will conduct interviews via Zoom on Wednesday, June 3 at 7:00 P.M. for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals (Z.B.A.) prospective volunteer members.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC MEETING DATES – WATER, SEWER AND FACILITY FEES:

Mayor Bucco indicated discussion regarding the Village Water, Sewer and Facility Fees will be addressed at the July 6 Village Board Work Session Meeting, and July 21 Village Board Regular Meeting.

GRAND OPENING – WOOFINGTONVILLE DOG PARK:

The Mayor stated a tentative date has been set for the Woofingtonville Dog Park Grand Opening on Saturday, June 13 at 11:00 A.M. at L. Vernon Allen Park; Rain Date will be Sunday, June 14 at 11:00 A.M. Mayor Bucco will check with the County of Orange regarding social distancing requirements.

LITTLE LEAGUE PERMIT – USE OF WOODFIELD SKATEBOARD PARK FIELD:

Discussion took place regarding Washingtonville Little League request for field usage at the Village Woodfield Skateboard Park.

Little League Girls Softball President David Marino stated the above Permit is based upon New York State, Orange County and Little League approvals due to the ongoing situation with Covid 19.

Deputy Mayor Lang indicated the Concession Stand and Bathroom facilities at the Park are closed, and Mr. Marino responded Little League stated the Teams are not allowed to run the concession stand. New York State, County of Orange and Orange County Health Departments are not authorizing permits. There will be no Vendors present, and a possibility of selling water from coolers may exist. Mr. Marino

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explained Washingtonville Little League will follow New York State Safety Guidelines.

Trustee Calore made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lang and adopted to authorize approval of a Public Assembly Permit for Washingtonville Little League Girls Softball field usage at Woodfield Skateboard Park from July 6 through October 31, 2020, Monday through Friday between the hours of 3:00 P.M. until dark, and Saturday, 8:00 A.M. until dark; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

Washingtonville Little League will contact Mayor Bucco and Department of Public Works (D.P.W.) Superintendent Christopher Martino in the event the field is needed for Sunday usage.

VILLAGE BUILDING INSPECTOR – JOHN TERRY:

Building Inspector John Terry suggested the Village Board should enact a Law that does not allow business internal sign lighting which is distracting and may cause accidents. The proposed Law should specifically state signage cannot scroll or flash in any manner.

In addition, the Village does not have a specific Law that prohibits fowl in the Village. The Code states chickens are not allowed but fowl covers pigeon coops, ducks and all manner of birds, and the Law should reflect the word fowl to cover all bases so that a Grandfather Clause cannot be claimed.

Deputy Mayor Lang indicated the Law does not state chickens but says farm animals. In addition, with regard to Signage Laws, the Deputy Mayor suggested the Village Board should consider when a business has a sign that flashes open this should not be changed due to customer visibility.

WASHINGTONVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE BANNERS:

Village Building Inspector John Terry explained to date he has not received the required paperwork from Washingtonville Little League with regard to placing banners on Orange and Rockland Utility poles.

BLOOMING GROVE AMBULANCE CORP. – MEMORIAL BANNER:

The Village Board agreed a banner can be hung on the Blooming Grove Ambulance Corp. Building in memory of volunteer Ambulance Corp. member Sal Mancuso who recently passed away. Mr. Mancuso was an integral part of Blooming Grove Ambulance Corp. and a valued member of the Blooming Grove and Washingtonville community.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

Mayor Bucco commented the September 7 Village Board Work Session Meeting date will be changed due to Labor Day, and the September 15 Village Board Regular Meeting date will also be changed due to Village Election Day.

ORANGE COUNTY SALES TAX:

Mayor Bucco indicated Orange County Sales Tax for the Second Quarter (April, May and June) will be received next week. The 2019 Second Quarter check was approximately \$250,000. This year's check will be significantly less because this whole quarter was Covid 19 related.

SANITIZING WIPES:

Deputy Mayor Paul Lang announced a reminder to Village residents that sanitizing and flushable wipes cannot be processed in the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) because they do not disintegrate or breakdown, even if they say septic approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Deputy Mayor Lang made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calore 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 Laudato made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sampson and adopted to adjourn the Executive Session, and resume the Village Board Work Session 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 June 1, 2020 Village Board Work Session Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CHRISTINE SHENKMAN

VILLAGE CLERK