

Village of Woodridge
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
June 17, 2024

Present: Deputy Mayor Leni Binder, Trustees Ronald Kates, Yaakov Levine, and Asher Weiss.
Absent: Mayor Joan Collins
Also Present: Attorney Jeffrey Kaplan, Chief John Calvello, Thomas Decker, Brenda Cohn,
Valerie Brown, and Myra Bennett.

Deputy Mayor Binder opened the meeting at 12:30 pm.

A motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Weiss, to accept the Minutes of June 3, 2024, as presented. Unanimous.

A motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Weiss, to pay bills on General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$28,406.45, Water Fund Abstract in the amount of \$28,190.09, and Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$18,965.97. Unanimous.

Deputy Mayor Binder opened the public hearing at 12:35 pm for the Fiscal Year 2025 Village Budget.

A motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Weiss, to adjourn the public hearing at 12:35 pm. Unanimous.

A discussion was held between local owners of tow operating companies and the Village Board, requesting a rotating tow list for cars. Chief Calvello reported that since 1999 A to Z has been the only one on the list; usually the owner of the car requests their own company. A work session will be held on June 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm to discuss the situation further.

Joseph Perello, County Legislator reported that the County is looking into getting a paid EMT's system for Sullivan County for the price of \$3,000,000. He will update the Village Board when he has more information.

A motion was presented by Trustee Weiss, seconded by Trustee Kates, to reopen the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025 Village Budget. Unanimous.

A discussion was held regarding the Fiscal Year 2025 Village Budget. Bobby Orbach from Regency Estates came before the Village Board to discuss Regency's sanitation rates, it was agreed that there will be a work session in August to discuss this.

A motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Weiss, to close the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025 Village Budget, at 1:35 pm. Unanimous.

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A motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Weiss, to adopt the Village of Woodridge Fiscal Year 2025 Village Budget, the motion passed as follows:

Trustee Binder – Aye	Trustee Kates – Aye
Trustee Levine – Nay	Trustee Weiss – Aye

There were no public comments.

Thomas Decker reported that the DPW found and removed an abandoned pipe on Broadway. They have been fixing manholes, patching potholes, and striping crosswalks and parking lots. Mr. Decker and Steve Valestro from H20 are working on upgrading the tech for the Water and Sewer Plants alarm systems.

Brenda Cohn reported that the water, sewer, and tax bills are being processed next week.

Attorney Kaplan and Joel Kohn explained to the Village Board about the Sewer Works Agreement for Woodridge Villas. This is a new mandatory DEC requirement for new developments within municipalities; this will protect the sewer plants and keep the Sewer Department informed of the requirements of each of the new developments. The Sewer Department will be able to keep track of the sewer main, connections and inflow and infiltration. The costs for the agreement will be discussed among the attorneys and engineers.

A motion was presented by Trustee Weiss, seconded Trustee Kates, to authorize a Sewer Works Agreement between the Village of Woodridge and Woodridge Villas Sewage Corp; subject to attorney approval. The motion passed as follows:

Trustee Binder – Aye	Trustee Kates - Aye
Trustee Levine - Aye	Trustee Weiss – Aye

There was a discussion regarding the resignation of Blake Goodman from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Village will advertise for the open position.

There being no further business, a motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Levine to close the meeting at 2:00 pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra J Bennett
Village Clerk