

Village of Woodridge
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
May 20, 2024

Present: Deputy Mayor Leni Binder, Trustees Rondald Kates, Asher Weiss.

Absent: Mayor Joan Collins, Trustee Yaakov Levine.

Also Present: Attorney Jeffrey Kaplan, Tom Decker, Brenda Cohn, and Myra Bennett.

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

A moment of silence was held for Max Cohen, a past Village Board member and Village resident.

A Moment of silence was held for Barry Davis, a Village resident.

Deputy Mayor Binder added that David Paige was a past Village Board member, as well as a Village resident.

A motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Weiss, to accept the Minutes of May 6, 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 \$16,333.09, Water Fund Abstract in the amount of \$5,595.51, and Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$20,332.07. *Unanimous.*

Tom Decker reported that the DPW is getting the Village cleaned up after the winter.

Jim Gerrard from Fusco Engineering, reported that he has issued five Stop Work Orders. NYS is now requesting asbestos studies for the replacement of roofs.

Steven Valestro reported that Well 2 was ready, and Well 3 was getting prepped for the season. The DEC inspection went well; we need a new locking lid on the Luzon pump station.

Brenda Cohn reported that she delivered the proposed 2024 – 2025 Budget to the Village Board, the Town Assessor has not finalized the final taxable assessment roll yet.

A motion was presented by Trustee Weiss, seconded by Trustee Kates, to hold budget work session on June 3, 2024 at approximately 6:30 pm, right after the regularly scheduled Board meeting. *Unanimous.*

Attorney Kaplan reported that the Planning Board has changed its meeting dates to the fourth Thursday of the month, when needed.

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Attorney Vegliante, representing Sam Charuch and Abe Eisner, came before the Village Board to discuss a proposed, two separate parcels - annexation. Attorney Kaplan pointed out that it is in the Village's best interest to annex the properties into the Village, instead of just supplying water and sewer, by annexing the Village would be getting tax monies. He also pointed out that we have to be sure that we have enough water and sewer capacity for these annexations. It was decided to hold a work session with the principles in the next couple of weeks.

The discussion of chickens being allowed in the Village came up and will be revisited at another time.

A motion was presented at 1:10 pm by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Weiss, to adjourn to Executive Session, to discuss two pending litigations, not to reconvene. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra J. Bennett
Village Clerk