

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

Present: Deputy Mayor Leni Binder, Trustees Ronald Kates, Yaakov Levine, and Asher Weiss.

Absent: Mayor Joan Collins.

Also Present: Attorney Jeffrey Kaplan, Tommy Decker, Brenda Cohn and Valerie Brown.

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

A moment of silence was held for Marvin Mednick, a Village resident.

A motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Weiss, to accept the Minutes of February 5, 2024, as presented. Unanimous.

A motion was presented by Trustee Weiss, seconded by Trustee Kates, to pay bills on General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$26,546.68, Water Fund Abstract in the amount of \$32,243.84, and Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$44,329.27. Unanimous.

A discussion was held with the Village Board and the representative for Yosef Katz regarding the roof drainage problem with Belle Harbour. They were advised by Attorney Kaplan and Tom Decker that this is a civil matter and they should contact their attorney; Trustee Weiss suggested to proceed as a group.

Mosha Attie, a Mountaintale resident, came before the Board to discuss the traffic matter at the Greenfield Road and Mountaintale Road intersections.

Jim Gerrard, Code Enforcement Officer, reported the follow up on the Stop Work Order on Canter; NYSEG and the Department of Labor have been called. The property owner has to return to the Planning Board.

Stephen Valastro, of H2O Innovation, reported they have been working with the Building Department on tear downs. The Water Plant standard maintenance performed, surveying for the Water Plant Project being done. The USMCR for the EPA done-which is done 3 times per year. The Water Department has been working with Tom Decker on leaks. The sewer plant repairs have been done to the damaged bar screens from recent storms; work has been done on the fine screen and the UV System. The new SPDES Permit is in effect; in order to remain in compliance; there will be an increase in sampling costs above \$3,000 per quarter. This is a result of stricter guidelines to remain compliant; since the 2010 upgrade, for NYS DEC and EPA.

Tom Decker reported the DPW continues to work on snow removal and maintenance.

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Brenda Cohn reported that the Village received a Bond Rating of A+ from S&P Global, which was necessary to obtain for the upcoming long-term financing. Fidelity Capital Markets bid was the lowest net interest rate at 3.1093%, on the \$2,825,000 Public Improvement Serial Bond Issue.

Attorney Kaplan reviewed the NYCOM request for support in their lobbying efforts for the call to increase AIM Funding (Aid and Incentives for Municipalities), which has not had an increase in the NYS Executive Budget in the past fifteen years.

A motion was presented by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Weiss, to adopt the attached resolution calling for an increase in AIM Funding. Unanimous.

Trustee Levine will meet with Tom Decker to review the Village Work Order Policy.

There being no further business, a motion was presented by Trustee Weiss, seconded by Trustee Kates, to adjourn the meeting at 12:52pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Cohn
Village Treasurer