

Village of Woodridge
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
December 4, 2023

Present: Mayor Joan Collins, Deputy Mayor Leni Binder, Trustees Ronald Kates, Yaacov Levine, and Asher Weiss.

Also Present: Attorney Jeffrey Kaplan, Chief Calvello, Tommy Decker, Brenda Cohn, and Myra Bennett.

Mayor Collins opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Collins swore in reelected Deputy Mayor Leni Binder, and new Trustee Asher Weiss.

A Moment of Silence was held for Frank Christian, a former Village employee.

A motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Binder, to accept the Minutes of November 20, 2023, as presented. Unanimous.

A motion was presented by Trustee Binder, seconded by Trustee Kates, to pay bills on General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$15,177.96, Water Fund Abstract in the amount of \$20,337.89, Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$23,974.84. Unanimous.

There were no public comments.

Tommy Decker reported that the black top plants are closed, the DPW is working on repairing broken water valves.

Brenda Cohn reported that the Grant in the amount of \$50,000 for Inflow & Infiltration in the Village will be deposited in the bank next week.

A motion was presented by Trustee Binder, seconded by Trustee Kates, to authorize Brenda Cohn to transfer \$100.00; to open a new checking account for the Waste Water Treatment Improvement Project. Unanimous.

Mayor Collins reported that she has gotten more requests from residents; that the Village Board explore the possibility of extending the Mayor & Trustees terms of office, from 2 to 4 years. Attorney Kaplan explained how this proposed change would occur, public hearing and subject to Permissive Referendum; and that many Villages and Towns are changing their terms to 4 years, to promote greater efficiency and enhance consistency in the carrying out of their duties and tasks of the elected offices of Mayor and Village Trustees.

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A motion was presented by Trustee Binder, seconded by Trustee Kates, to hold a public hearing on January 2, 2024 at 6:05 pm, for the proposed Local Law 1, 2024, for Elections; Terms of Office. Unanimous.

Attorney Kaplan explained that he and Will Illing, the Village Engineer, are working with Newburg Egg, on how to use less Village water; a possibility might be a well for an industrial user. Attorney Kaplan will keep the Board informed.

A motion was presented by Trustee Binder, seconded by Trustee Kates, to appoint Louis Saperstein the Village of Woodridge Zoning Board of Appeals; the motion passed as follows:

	Mayor Collins – Aye	
Trustee Binder – Aye		Trustee Kates – Aye
Trustee Levine – Nay		Trustee Weiss – Abstain

A motion was presented by Trustee Binder, seconded by Trustee Asher Weiss, to participate in the Sullivan 180 - 2024 Community Development Program; Municipal Partnership. Unanimous.

There being no further business, a motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Binder, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra J. Bennett
Village Clerk