

Village of Woodridge  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting  
May 19, 2025

Present: Mayor Joan Collins, Trustees Yaakov Levine and David Schlesinger.

Absent: Deputy Mayor Leni Binder, and Trustee Asher Weiss.

Also Present: Attorney Jeffrey Kaplan, Tom Decker, Valerie Brown, Brenda Cohn, Gloria Sanders, and Myra Bennett.

Mayor Collins opened the meeting at 12:30 pm.

A Moment of Silence was held for Shirley Kantrowitz, a Village resident.

A motion was presented by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Schlesinger, to accept the Minutes of April 21, 2025, as presented. Unanimous.

A motion was presented by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Schlesinger, to pay bills on General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$22,239.88, Water Fund Abstract in the amount of \$39,441.94, and Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$54,124.12. Unanimous.

Mayor Collins opened the Public Hearing for the Spectrum Franchise Agreement. Brendan Cahill representing Spectrum gave a quick overview, making the Village Board aware that this was a boilerplate agreement and they are willing to make certain changes. The Board requested that Spectrum make quarterly payments as in the past, not an annual payment. The Board would like the rates reduced for the residents of the Village as well. Spectrum is supposed to give credits to customers for lack of service if it is more than 2 hours; but the customer would have to call to get this credit, it is not given automatically. Mr. Cahill also said that there is no senior rate. Mr. Cahill will send Attorney Kaplan a new agreement.

There being no further comments a motion was presented by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Schlesinger to close the public hearing. Unanimous.

A motion was presented by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Schlesinger, to table item 6, until a new Spectrum Agreement is sent to the Village. Unanimous.

A motion was presented by Trustee Schlesinger, seconded by Trustee Levine, effective June 1, 2025, the payroll processing will be on Thursday; paychecks / direct deposit will be delivered on Fridays. Unanimous.

Tom Decker reported that the Glen Wild Road paving is complete, and the DPW will begin striping soon. The following roads will be tar and chipped this week, weather permitting; Roosevelt Avenue, Green Avenue, Maple Avenue, Deutsch Lane, Coleman Street, and Maurice Rose Street.

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Steve Valestro from H2O Innovations reported that the Sewer Plant digesters have been cleaned and, needs UV System Ballast for the amount of \$4,100. The Sewer Department also needs a new ladder. Barton & Loguidice will be sending a report with the dates when the Village will be breaking ground on some of the water & sewer projects. The Water and Sewer Departments will start hydrant flushing and leak detection soon. The water meter system needs a new laptop for the water readings for the amount of \$15,000.

A motion was presented by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Schlesinger, to authorize the purchase of a laptop from Schmidt's Wholesale; who is a sole provider of this laptop, in the amount of \$15,000. Unanimous.

A motion was presented by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Schlesinger to table number 9 on the agenda; regarding the retirement resolution for David Schlesinger. Unanimous.

Jim Gerrard from Fusco Engineering reported that 25 grass letters were sent out. There is one stop work order issued. The junk vehicles on the Glen Wild Road property are being dealt with.

The new house at 135 Tabacynski does not have Village water or sewer, because of the location, Village's lines do not go down so far; the house has its own well and septic.

A motion was presented by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Schlesinger, to eliminate the water and sewer capital charges from the account perpetually. Unanimous.

Attorney Kaplan finally heard back from Camp Skwere, they claim that they bought the property; however they have no paperwork to back this statement (there is no paperwork filed with the County of Sullivan), and the Village also has no record of this transaction on file. The Village Board agreed that the Village is willing to sell the property. Attorney Kaplan will speak with Camp Skwere and see how they want to proceed.

Valerie Brown reported that the relevy letters went out last week, the sanitation bills will be going out on June 1, 2025. The proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 Budget was sent to the Village Board members, as well as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Statement.

The Village Board Meeting will be changed to June 9, 2025, due to the holiday. There will be a work session held at 5:30 on that date.

A motion was presented by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Schlesinger, to approve transfer of \$26,000 from the DPW Equipment Reserve Fund to the General Fund for the purchase of the 2024 Dodge Ram; to approve the transfer from the Water Equipment Reserve Fund for \$12,370 to the Water Fund for the purchase of the 2025 Chevy Colorado; to transfer \$36,000 from the

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Police Equipment Reserve Fund to the General Fund for the purchase of the 2025 Durango Pursuit. Unanimous.

Attorney Kaplan will call CSEA regarding the personal information that they want regarding all employees, and report back to the Village Board.

There being no further business, a motion was presented by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Schlesinger, to close the meeting at 1:05 pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra J. Bennett  
Village Clerk