

Village of Woodridge
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
April 15, 2024

Present: Deputy Mayor Leni Binder, Trustees Ronald Kates, Yaakov Levine, and Asher Weiss.
Absent: Mayor Joan Collins.
Also Present: Attorney Jeffrey Kaplan, Tom Decker, Brenda Cohn, and David Maho.

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 April 1, 2024, as presented. Unanimous.

A motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Weiss, to pay General Fund Abstract in the amount of \$22,016.73, Water Fund Abstract in the amount of \$4,877.06, and Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$45,809.07. Unanimous.

Jim Gerrard reported there is a lot of construction going on throughout the Village. The building located on Roosevelt, owned by Blue Sky Realty and Management Inc., has been condemned; violations have been issued and a fence is to be put up by the owner for safety reasons. The Building Department will continue to monitor this site and issue violations accordingly.

Steven Valastro from H2O Innovations reported that the Water Department has been flushing hydrants. The wells will be getting the yearly maintenance in preparation of the summer season. The bar screen maintenance has been completed at the Sewer plant, and all went well. The new camera system to detect leaks has arrived; they will begin inspecting lines in the upper development first.

Tom Decker reported that the DPW has been cleaning the roads and will be blacktopping as soon as the plant opens.

Brenda Cohn informed the Village Board that the Planning Board Escrow financials have been converted from a manual system to the computer. Budget notices have been sent out to the department heads for their requests due the first week of May; the Budget and rates for Sanitation, Water, and Sewer will be worked on this month.

David Maho came before the Board to request a paid translator for the Court at \$25/hour. The Board requests that the Village Clerk check with the County for proper procedure.

Trustee Binder opened the discussion on the Sanitation Rates. There being no public contribution, Trustee Binder informed that there is a provision in regard to sanitation rates need to reflect Union Contract rates.

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A discussion regarding chickens took place. Trustee Binder relayed Mayor Collins' input that chickens in the Village may impinge on their neighbors. Trustee Binder expressed her history of working on the chicken farm as unfavorable. Attorney Kaplan explained typically it is not appropriate for a densely populated area and explained the current law would have to be repealed and a new law passed. It was agreed to table this for now.

Trustee Weiss requested a meeting be scheduled to discuss the availability of water for the proposed housing developments; also he would like to put together a proposal in regard to the chickens and how it would work and be controlled.

Trustee Levine received a complaint regarding the lights in Krieger Park shining across the lake. Tom Decker will look into this; Attorney Kaplan suggested putting hoods on the lights.

A motion was presented by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Kates, to adjourn to Executive Session at 1:15 pm, to discuss contractual issues, to reconvene. Unanimous.

There was no action taken in the Executive Session, and the meeting did not reconvene.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Cohn
Village Treasurer