

Village of Woodridge  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting  
January 2, 2024

Present: Deputy Mayor Leni Binder, Trustees Ronald Kates, Yaakov Levine, and Asher Weiss.  
Absent: Mayor Joan Collins.  
Also Present: Attorney Jeffrey Kaplan, Chief John Kaplan, Tom Decker, and Myra Bennett.

Deputy Mayor Leni Binder opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

A Moment of Silence was held for Marie Quick, a former employee and resident of the Village.

A motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Weiss, to accept the Minutes of December 18, 2023, 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 \$16,537.09, Water Fund Abstract for the amount of \$6,148.71, and Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$15,137.48. Unanimous.

A motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Weiss, to open the public hearing at 6:05 pm, for the proposed Local Law 1, 2024, Elections; Terms of Office, Increase of terms of office, for the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees, from two years to four years. This proposed Local Law 1, 2024 will be subject to permissive referendum.

Attorney Kaplan and the Village Board discussed and explained the proposed Local Law, with the public.

Public Comments regarding the proposed Local Law, as follows:

Noah Fruchter comments; Voting every two years gives the public a chance to reevaluate the Mayor and Trustees.

Alexander Pomansky comments; Coming to vote is not a problem, they do not need a learning curve, they will learn with checks and balances, they have to face the public. There is zero benefit for the public to change the terms.

Louis Saperstein comments; Makes no sense to change term limits, the public suffers, with nothing back.

Trustees Binder and Kates, commented that Mayor Collins had many thoughts on the proposed law, and that she would like to be able to be heard in the future

There were no further comments on the public hearing, a motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Levine, to close the public hearing at 6:25 pm. Unanimous.

A motion was presented by Trustee Levine, seconded by Trustee Weiss, not to adopt the proposed Local Law 1, 2024, the roll call is as follows;

Trustee Binder – Aye  
Trustee Levine - Aye

Trustee Kates – Aye  
Trustee Weiss – Aye

Eric Akerley came before the Village Board to discuss the street light outages.

Tom Decker reported that the DPW finished trimming the trees on Green Avenue. They will begin to work on the ballfield at Krieger Park.

A motion was presented by Trustee Weiss, seconded by Trustee Kates, to approve the 2024 Contract with Limnology Information and Freshwater Ecology Inc. (Lifeponds, Inc.) to control the vegetation in Silver Lake for the amount of \$21,110. Unanimous.

The Village is awaiting Newburg Egg for more information regarding their plans for a well.

A motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Weiss, to adjourn to Executive Session, to discuss a personnel contractual matter, to reconvene. Unanimous.

A motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Weiss, to reconvene to the public portion of the meeting. Unanimous.

There being no further business, a motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Levine, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra J. Bennett  
Village Clerk