

Village of Woodridge  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting  
September 18, 2023

Present: Mayor Joan Collins, Deputy Mayor Leni Binder, Trustees Ronald Kates, Yaakov Levine, and Louis Saperstein.

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

Mayor Collins opened the meeting at 12:30 pm.

A motion was presented by Trustee Kates, seconded by Trustee Binder to accept the Minutes of September 5, 2023, as presented. Unanimous.

A motion was presented by Trustee Binder, seconded by Trustee Saperstein, to pay bills on General Fund Abstract \$36,559.57, Water Fund Abstract in the amount of \$31,121.84, and Sewer Fund Abstract in the amount of \$41,876.00. Unanimous.

There were no public comments.

Attorney Ivan Kalter came before the Board, to discuss the Sam Charach Project. The proposed development, on Dairyland Road Extension, would lie on 31 acres outside of the Village and would consist of 46 mobile homes. The request is for an extension of water and sewer from the Village, at the outside user rate, and would cover all legal fees and expenses associated to fulfill this request. It is understood there is a condition of availability, and are not asking for annexation. A discussion took place and Mayor Collins made it clear that there are other projects before the Board and this could be added to the list; proposal is subject to counselor review.

Rich Manley from Fusco Engineering reported the follow up on Grand Savings, at 7 Greenfield Ave. They have to go back to the Planning Board for approval on the ramp that was not in the original plans; the sign, that was in question, was on the original plans and can stay. Trustee Saperstein inquired on the fencing and shrubbery; Rich Manley informed the Board that the fencing has been done, and the shrubbery will wait until spring.

Stephen Valestro from H2O Innovations, reported that the Sewer Plant is in good condition, and the I & I is better now that the summer is over; Well #3 is off now, but will be on again in October for DOH test. Stephen Valestro requested permission to have the hydrant flushing done, and public notice posted, October 16 – November 3, 2023 (7 a.m. – 3 p.m.).

Tommy Decker reported that the playground equipment has been installed at Krieger Park, the topsoil will be done at the ballfield this week, and will be limed. This week the highway department will be working on road repair on Broadway and Highland Ave.; and they will be cutting back any overgrown brush in the sidewalks and roadways, as well as some trees in the rock cut. The floating dock will be removed from Silver Lake; and the kayak launch stays.

There was an additional discussion regarding tree and hedge growth, along with some garbage violations, that Rich Manley answered Trustee Saperstein's questions on.

Brenda Cohn reported that the Court Audit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 was completed today, September 18, 2023, by Trustees Binder and Levine, and approved by the Village Board.

Unanimous.

Attorney Kaplan presented a general outline for discussion regarding the authorization to remove vehicles in the event of inclement weather. Trustee Saperstein will meet with Police Chief Calvello to firm up the details for a proposed law.

Mayor Collins reviewed the recent grants and loans received from the USDA-RD and the NYS DOH for the Village's water system; and then informed the Board now there is an application available for the Waste Water System.

A motion was presented by Trustee Binder, seconded by Trustee Kates, to have Mayor Collins sign the Municipal Solutions Contract, for fiscal services on the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project, not to exceed \$43,000.00.

Unanimous.

A motion was presented by Trustee Saperstein, seconded by Trustee Levine, to have Mayor Collins sign the USDA-RD Request for Obligation of Funds, Waste Water Treatment Plant Loan in the amount of \$3,563,000.00, at the interest rate of 2.1250%.

Unanimous.

A motion was presented by Trustee Binder, seconded by Trustee Levine, to have Mayor Collins sign the USDA-RD Request for Obligation of Funds, Waste Water Treatment Plant Grant in the amount of \$4,436,500.00.

Unanimous.

Mayor Collins announced the Village has been awarded a \$21,500.00 Livescan Equipment Grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services. This equipment will allow the Police Department to update from a manual to digital fingerprinting system.

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Trunk or Treat will be held October 29, 2023, 2:00 – 4:00 pm in the Village Municipal Parking Lot.

A motion was presented by Trustee Binder, seconded by Trustee Kates, at 1:15 pm, to adjourn to Executive Session, to discuss a particular personnel issue, not to reconvene. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Cohn  
Village Treasurer