

Welcome to the Village of Wappingers Falls meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees today Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 5:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL BY THE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE: Trustee Marcojohn, Trustee Catalano, Trustee Niznik, Trustee Huber, Trustee Paonessa, Trustee Lammars Village Attorney Wallace.

Tonight's meeting has been convened in accordance with the Governor's March 13, 2020 Executive Order 202.1, as extended, which suspends certain provisions of the Open Meetings Law to allow a municipal board to convene a meeting via videoconferencing. In accordance with the Executive Order, the public has been provided with the ability to view and participate in tonight's meeting, by computer, smartphone or telephone, and to view the meeting on the usual cable television channels. The recording of the meeting will be posted to the Village website and a written transcript of the meeting will be prepared and provided at a later date.

There has been a roll call of the Board members and there is a quorum present for this meeting.

I have also confirmed with the Secretary that this meeting has been duly noticed. We have fulfilled our legal notice requirements by posting a copy of the notice of the meeting on the Village's webpage and on the Village's' bulletin board. We have emailed a copy of the notice to the media, and we have confirmation that the legal notices for the public hearings have been properly published.

KC Engineering Project Discussion.

**Projects for Discussion – Village of Wappingers Falls
2021-02-24 Village Board Workshop Meeting**

2021 Construction

Village / Boat House Exterior Improvements – Woodland Manor \$188,261.25 with Alt Add

- Light poles and railing remain to be completed

Other Projects and Assignments

- **Village / Utility Improvement Contract 5**
 - Contract 5 scope includes water connection improvements from Village of Wappingers Falls to the Town of Wappinger on Losee Road (funded by Village DWSRF #18830) and Route 9 Sewer (sewer funds) work not completed near Dutchess Plaza and Arrow Auto Glass during Contract 4.

- Design was submitted in Nov 2020 for agency reviews to NYS and Dutchess County Health Departments, Dutchess County DPW, and NYSDOT for Route 9. Received comments are being addressed.
- Bidding is targeted for early 2021 in preparation for 2021 construction.

- **Village / Water Filter Building and Facilities**
 - In late spring 2020, KC and the Village prepared and submitted a USDA Engineering Report in support of a Village funding application for the proposed Water Filter Building and Facilities at the Water Supply Facility.
 - In early 2020, KC completed Preliminary Design for the Water Filter Building and Facilities.
 - In Dec 2020, the Village Water Board authorized KC to prepare Final Design for the Water Filter Building and Facilities.
 - USDA comments were received on the application. KC and the Village are working on responding to the comments

- **Village / Wenliss Water Tank Replacement**
 - In Dec 2020, the Village Water Board authorized KC to prepare Preliminary Design for the Wenliss Water Tank Replacement.

- **Village / Grease Trap Engineering Planning Grant**
 - Work on the Grease Trap Engineering Planning Grant project continues. Project Committee met August 28, 2020. This is a two-year grant.
 - Financial information needed from Village.
 - Review by Village Attorney is recommended.
 - Work is ready for submittal to the Village and then to NYSEFC.

- **Village / Bain Park Survey and Masterplan**
 - KC Engineering is currently working of the following:
 - Conceptual Master Plan for Bain Park;
 - Site Design for Playground Equipment Area; and
 - Long Form Part 1 EAF.
 - Conceptual Master Plan presented to Park Committee February 24, 2021

- **Village / EPA Grant Brownfield Assessments**
 - Next Steps – Phase 2 Assessments – Bleachery pending EPA approval of material submitted.

Resolution to ratify appendix B NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 032021 of 2021
RESOLUTION ADOPTING WAPPINGERS FALLS POLICE REFORM AND
REINVENTION PLAN PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 203 OF
GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO, NEW YORK STATE POLICE REFORM
AND REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE

The following Resolution was introduced by Trustee _____ and seconded by Trustee _____.

WHEREAS, beginning on May 25, 2020, following the police-involved death of George Floyd in Minnesota, protests have taken place daily throughout the nation and in communities across New York State in response to police-involved deaths and racially-biased law enforcement to demand change, action and accountability; and

WHEREAS, there is a long painful history in New York State of discrimination and mistreatment of black and African-American citizens dating back to the arrival of the first enslaved Africans in America; and

WHEREAS, this recent history includes a number of incidents involving the police that have resulted in the deaths of unarmed civilians, predominantly black and African-American men, that have undermined the public's confidence and trust in our system of law enforcement and criminal justice, and such condition is ongoing and urgently needs to be rectified; and

WHEREAS, these needless deaths have led the Governor of the State of New York to sign into law the "Say Their Name" Agenda, which reforms aspects of policing in New York State; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that government has a responsibility to ensure that all of its citizens are treated equally, fairly and justly before the law; and

WHEREAS, recent outpouring of protests and demonstrations, which have been manifested in every area of the state, have illustrated the depth and breadth of public interest in ending institutional racism and injustice; and

WHEREAS, one of the essential roles of government is to maintain public safety, which requires mutual trust and respect between police and the community they serve; and the success and safety of our society depends on positive police-community

relationships and policies that allow police to do their jobs to protect every member of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has determined that urgent and immediate action is needed to eliminate racial inequities in policing, to modify and modernize policing strategies, policies, procedures and practices, and to develop practices to better address the particular needs of communities of color to promote public safety, improve community engagement and foster trust; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has enacted Executive Order No. 203 entitled the “New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative”, which requires all police agencies perform a comprehensive review of deployments, policies, procedures and practices, and develop an improvement plan; and

WHEREAS, a Stakeholder group, as defined by Executive Order No. 203, was sought and convened to discuss and consider evidence based policing strategies including, but not limited to, use of force policies, procedural justice; any studies addressing systemic racial bias or racial justice in policing,; implicit bias awareness training; de-escalation training and practices; law enforcement assisted diversion programs; restorative justice practices; community-based outreach and conflict resolution; problem-oriented policing; hot spots policing; focused deterrence; crime prevention through environmental design; violence prevention and reduction interventions; model policies and guidelines promulgated by the New York State Municipal Police Training Council; and standards promulgated by the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2020, the Village of Wappingers Falls formed a Police Reform Committee to discuss the Governor’s Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2020, the first meeting of the Stakeholders was held and discussions took place regarding the personnel, training, recruitment and equipment in the police department, and all Stakeholders was provided a copy of the New York State Reform and Reinvention Guide; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2020, a second meeting of the Stakeholders was held and the Stakeholders were presented with copies of the revised Use of Force Policy

and the General Orders, and discussed the de-escalation training that took place in July;
and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2020, a third meeting of the Stakeholders was held and Dr. St. Germain from Mental Health spoke about available programs; and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2020, a fourth meeting of the Stakeholders was held and speakers talked about the available homeless programs and mobile crisis talked about how they could respond and assist officers with a person in crisis; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 13, 2021, at which time the Wappingers Falls Police Reform and Reinvention Plan was made public to allow for public input on the proposed Plan; and

WHEREAS, revisions were made to the Wappingers Falls Police Reform and Reinvention Plan in accordance with public comment and an additional public hearing was held on January 27, 2021 to present the revised Plan for further public comment, which public hearing was adjourned; and

WHEREAS, a final public hearing was held on February 10, 2021, and no further comments were received; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls hereby adopts the Wappingers Falls Police Reform and Reinvention Plan pursuant to Executive Order No. 203 of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and New York State Budget Director Robert F. Mujica, B.A., M.G.A., J.D.

The foregoing was put to a vote which resulted as follows:

	Yea	Nay
Deputy Mayor Kevin Huber	_____	_____
Bill Marcojohn – Trustee	_____	_____
Jennifer Niznik – Trustee	_____	_____
Mary Paonessa – Trustee	_____	_____
Kristin Catalano – Trustee	_____	_____
Bryan Lammers – Trustee	_____	_____

Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York
February 24, 2021

Discussion “Public Health Emergency Plan for the Village of Wappingers Falls Dutchess County, New York”.

Approval to hire P/T Police Officers James Hipple and John Martinez.

Conditionally approve hiring Ms. Breanna Crane as payroll clerk.

Motion to adjourn the 02/24/2020 Village Board Meeting