

Minutes following the 04/08/2020 Village Board Meeting

Welcome to the Village of Wappingers Falls monthly regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees today Wednesday, April 08, 2020, 7PM.

Mayor Alexander started the meeting saying future village board meetings held during the COVID – 19 pandemic would be open to the public for viewing and public comment remotely, ZOOM Simulcast or by conference call or similar service to be determined.

RECOGNITION / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL EVENTS

ROLL CALL BY THE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE: Mayor Alexander, Aye. Trustee Marcojohn, Aye. Trustee Davis, Aye. Trustee Komornik, Aye. Trustee Whitten, Aye. Trustee Huber, Aye. Trustee Paonessa, Aye. Attorney Wallace, Aye

ACTION ON MINUTES

March 11, 2020 Village Board Meeting

March 25, 2020 Village Board Meeting

April 1, 2020 Village Board Meeting

Motion by Trustee Huber to approve above minutes. Seconded by Trustee Whitten. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Trustee Marcojohn, Aye. Trustee Paonessa, Aye. Trustee Davis, Aye. Trustee Komornik, Aye. Trustee Whitten, Aye. Trustee Huber, Aye. Carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS AS PER APPROVED WARRANTS

Motion by Trustee Poanessa to approve payment of bills as audited. Seconded by Trustee Huber. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Trustee Marcojohn, Aye. Trustee Paonessa, Aye. Trustee Davis, Aye. Trustee Komornik, Aye. Trustee Whitten, Aye. Trustee Huber, Aye. Carried.

REGULAR SESSION:

FINANCE / ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval to Bond funds for purchase of new firetruck \$700,000 as approved at the March 11, 2020 Board Meeting.

Approval:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 8, 2020.
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$700,000 BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE-FIGHTING VEHICLE AND APPARATUS, IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.

Motion by Trustee Huber to approve BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 8, 2020. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$700,000 BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE-FIGHTING VEHICLE AND APPARATUS, IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE. Seconded by Trustee Poanessa. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Trustee Marcojohn, Aye. Trustee Paonessa, Aye. Trustee Davis, Aye. Trustee Komornik, Aye. Trustee Whitten, Aye. Trustee Huber, Aye. Carried.

Approval for Village Attorney to file for injunctive relief under section 64-17€ for property located at 25 South Remsen Avenue.

Motion by Trustee Whitten to table the discussion to file for injunctive relief under section 64-17€ for property located at 25 South Remsen Avenue. Seconded by Trustee Poanessa. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Trustee Marcojohn, Aye. Trustee Paonessa, Aye. Trustee Davis, Aye. Trustee Komornik, Aye. Trustee Whitten, Aye. Trustee Huber, Aye. Carried.

Presentation of 2020 – 2021 Tentative Budget

Mayor Alexander reviewed the tentative budget in some detail saying it looked like a 2% increase overall at this point. Future budget meetings to be determined.

Approval to re-hire Jennifer Leigh for the Temp Treasurer position to assist with the preparation of the Annual Update Document for FY 2020, payroll, cash receipts and personnel.

Motion by Trustee Whitten to of re-hire Jennifer Leigh for the Temp Treasurer position to assist with the preparation of the Annual Update Document for FY 2020, payroll, cash receipts and personnel. Seconded by Trustee Davis. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Trustee Marcojohn, Nay. Trustee Paonessa, Nay. Trustee Davis, Aye. Trustee Komornik, Nay. Trustee Whitten, Aye. Trustee Huber, Nay. Motion did not carry.

Appoint Full Time Treasurer to fill vacancy.

Motion by Trustee Poanessa to hire Ms. Jessica McMahon as Full Time Treasurer to fill vacancy. Seconded by Trustee Whitten. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Trustee Marcojohn, Aye. Trustee Paonessa, Aye. Trustee Davis, Aye. Trustee Komornik, Aye. Trustee Whitten, Aye. Trustee Huber, Aye.

SAFETY

Approval to accept resignation of Police Commissioner effective 4/8/2020.

Motion by Trustee Komornik to accept resignation of Police Commissioner effective 4/8/2020. Seconded by Trustee Davis. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Trustee Marcojohn, Aye.

Trustee Paonessa, Aye. Trustee Davis, Aye. Trustee Komornik, Aye. Trustee Whitten, Aye. Trustee Huber, Aye. Carried.

- **Approval to hire P/T Police Lieutenant.**
- **Approval to hire P/T Police Officers.**
- **Approval to Appoint Police Commissioner.**

Motion by Trustee Komornik to discuss the above three items in executive session. Seconded by Trustee Poanessa. ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Marcojohn, Aye. Trustee Paonessa, Aye. Trustee Davis, Aye. Trustee Komornik, Aye. Trustee Whitten, Aye. Trustee Huber, Aye. Carried.

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS.

“Liss Road signs” Pilot program.

Trustee Davis has one location picked out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Police



MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STATS 2020

	Date Jan 01- Jan 31 st	Date Feb 01 – Feb 29 th	Date March 01– March 31	Date March 01– March 31 2019	Date April 01 – April 30	Date May 01- May 31	Date June 01- June 30	Date July 01- July 31	Date Aug 01- Aug 31	Date Sept 01 – Sept 30	Date Oct 01 – Oct 31	Date Nov 01 – Nov 30	Date Dec 01 – Dec 31
Total Calls for Service	340	312	289	384									
Arrests	7	16	7	15									
Traffic Tickets	226	149	68	300									
Sick Call Outs	8	7	5	7									

Call Outs (other)	11	21	11	12								
Call Outs (shift not covered)	10	20	7	7								
Domestics	8	10	12	13								
Lockouts	14	11	5	17								
Larceny	3	3	5	3								
Drug Complaint	1	0	3	0								
Criminal Mischief	0	5	1	1								
Accidents	20	16	16	23								
Assault Calls	0	0	1	0								
Burglar Alarms	19	11	17	13								
Medicals	50	37	38	57								
Civilian Complaints	0	1	0	0								



Village of Wappingers Falls

POLICE DEPARTMENT
 2628 South Avenue
 Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
 (845) 297-1011

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STATS 2019

	Date Jan 01- Jan 31 st	Date Feb 01 – Feb 28 th	Date March 01– March 31	Date April 01 – April 30	Date May 01- May 31	Date June 01- June 30	Date July 01- July 31	Date Aug 01- Aug 31	Date Sept 01 – Sept 30	Date Oct 01 – Oct 31	Date Nov 01 – Nov 30	Date Dec 01 – Dec 31
Total Calls for Service	374	274	384	350	364	427	383	379	378	347	385	367
Arrests	10	11	15	10	10	12	15	11	9	6	7	22
Traffic Tickets	220	251	300	197	203	205	201	135	118		122	251

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Sick Call Outs	4	9	7	4	7	7	18	8	7	11	3	7
Call Outs (other)	4	1	12	3	6	16	13	3	10	32	16	15
Call Outs (shift not covered)	3	6	7	4	5	7	9	8	7	26	17	12
Domestics	12	10	13	6	11	9	9	10	5	10	8	12
Lockouts	14	13	17	16	11	13	9	20	12	11	14	13
Larceny	7	3	3	6	9	2	3	3	6	6	4	3
Drug Complaint	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	1
Criminal Mischief	4	1	1	2	2	1	4	2	4	1	5	1
Accidents	24	22	23	13	34	30	25	26	30	18	29	27
Assault Calls	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	2	0	0
Burglar Alarms	6	9	13	12	10	13	12	14	20	13	9	10
Medicals	65	40	57	51	62	54	47	54	50	58	53	45
Civilian Complaints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0

EDC

EDC would like to video next meeting.

Highway, Trustee Whitten

Employees are on a rotational work schedule.

Fire, Trustee Huber

New phone system 3/21/2020.

Recreation, Trustee Huber

Report from WFBPA for Board Meeting 4/8/20

Cleansweep has been postponed until the Fall.

Planters and Flowers - WFBPA will do the flower program on behalf of the Village again. Baskets on the Homestead and just 10 planters on East Main Street from Spring/Satterlee to Givans. Purchasing from Sunny Gardens.

Festival at the Falls: WFBPA requests a change of date to **September 12th.**

Partnering with Village on COVID-19 Response:

The WFBPA has been responding on a variety of levels. We have formed a partnership with the Village of Wappingers Falls to track Village/Town/County/State/Federal mandates, track business closures and who remains open, problem solve specific issues and offer support as needed.

We are jointly working to collect contact info for ALL businesses in the Village. **This is crucial to be able to share information to all our business owners quickly.**

We are utilizing Facebook/WFBPA Website/Instagram to **share up to date** information from all levels of Government regarding funding resources and COVID-19 information. **We are sharing information about all businesses so that the public to know how that can currently buy products, services or support them if they are closed.** We are sharing helpful information to our Community regarding the many resources available to help unite, stay connected and support each other in these uncertain times.

Archiving: WFBPA has reached out to Wappingers Historical Society and Grinnell Library to ask their consideration of creating a storage for an archive of community response to disasters impacting the Village. Documents, pictures, videos, etc. would be placed on a zip drive and be an available resource for the public. We will coordinate with other groups (Ex.Wappingers Rises) to collect the info.

Please feel free to text me with any questions or concerns for WFBPA or Village Recreation.

Cindy

Lake, Trustee Huber

WEEDOO was launched and several residents have volunteered to operate it.

Water, Mayor Alexander

Mayor is working with USDA.

Personnel, Trustee Davis

Personnel issues will be discussed in executive session.

Sewer and Grants, Mayor Alexander

MS-4

Village Clerk John Karge said he is once again elected as Chairperson for the Dutchess County MS-4 Committee and thanked DPW workers Baily and Kozak for their annual contributions to the annual DEC report.

Note: Future reports to be submitted in writing to the clerk prior to monthly meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Tr. Davis to adjourn into Executive Session at: 8:30: PM for the purpose of discussing areas marked (X). Seconded by Tr. Huber. ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Marcojohn, Aye. Trustee Paonessa, Aye. Trustee Davis, Aye. Trustee Komornik, Aye. Trustee Whitten, Aye. Trustee Huber, Aye. Carried.

All in Favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0
Motion passes [6] – [0]

- pending litigation in the matter(s)
 - negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law
 - the medical history of a particular person
 - the financial history of a particular person
 - the employment history of a particular person
 - matters leading to the appointment of a particular person
 - matters leading to the promotion of a particular person
 - matters leading to the demotion of a particular person
 - matters leading to the discipline of a particular person
 - matters leading to the termination of a particular person
 - issues involving a special education student
 - the proposed sale of real property because the publicity would substantially affect the value thereof
 - the proposed lease of real property because the publicity would substantially affect the value thereof
 - seeking legal advice from the Village’s Attorney
 - matters that would impact public safety
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Motion by Tr. Komornik to exit Executive Session and return to the Public Meeting at 9 PM. Seconded by Tr. Davis. ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Marcojohn, Aye. Trustee Paonessa, Aye. Trustee Davis, Aye. Trustee Komornik, Aye. Trustee Whitten, Aye. Trustee Huber, Aye. Carried.

All in Favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0
Motion passes [6] – [0]

REGULAR SESSION:

Approval Resolution to hire P/T Police Lieutenant.

RESOLUTION NO. 132020 of 2020

**RESOLUTION CREATING AN ADDITIONAL POSITION OF PART-TIME
POLICE LIEUTENANT AND APPOINTING A PART-TIME POLICE
LIEUTENANT TO FILL THE POSITION FOR THE VILLAGE OF
WAPPINGERS FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The following Resolution was introduced by Trustee Komornik and seconded by Trustee Whitten.

WHEREAS, the Village of Wappingers Falls Police Department has been seeking to create and fill the position of an additional Part-Time Police Lieutenant and has been recruiting to fill said position with a well-qualified candidate; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees is desirous of appointing Carl Calabrese to fill the position of Part-Time Police Lieutenant at the hourly rate of pay of \$35.00, effective April 11, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practicable, subject to approval by the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, Carl Calabrese possesses all the necessary skills and qualifications to serve as Part-Time Police Lieutenant with the Village of Wappingers Falls Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds for compensation have been provided in the 2020 budget; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls hereby creates an additional position of Part-Time Police Lieutenant and appoints Carl Calabrese to the position at an hourly rate of pay of \$35.00, effective April 11, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practicable, subject to approval by the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor or his designee be and are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to give full effect to this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Matthew Alexander		_____
John Karge, Clerk		_____
Kevin Huber – Trustee	X	_____
Bill Marcojohn – Trustee	X	_____
Ronnie Komornik – Trustee	X	_____
Mary Paonessa – Trustee	X	_____
Scott Davis – Trustee	X	_____
Brian Whitten – Trustee	X	_____

Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York
April 8, 2020

Approval Resolution to hire P/T Police Officers.

Approval Resolution to Appoint Police Commissioner.

RESOLUTION NO. 112020 of 2020

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING POLICE COMMISSIONER OF THE
VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The following Resolution was introduced by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Whitten.

WHEREAS, the position of Police Commissioner of the Village of Wappingers Falls Police Department is currently vacant due to the resignation of the former Police Commissioner; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees desire to fill the position of Police Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Village Board has determined that Walter Burke has demonstrated possession of the necessary education, skills, training and experience to effectively fulfill the duties of Police Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Village Board agrees to appoint Walter Burke to the position of Police Commissioner on the following terms and conditions:

A. The effective date is April 11, 2020.

B. The Police Commissioner's appointment as at will and may be terminated at any time and for any reason.

C. The annual salary for the position of Police Commissioner shall be \$47,400.00. Said salary will be payable in equal weekly installments and shall run concurrently with the Village of Wappingers Falls employee payroll. Salary shall be subject to withholdings and other applicable taxes.

D. The Police Commissioner will work a minimum of 20 hours per week. There shall be no maximum number of hours of work per week. The Police Commissioner is not entitled to earn, accrue, or be paid for overtime or compensatory time.

Such work may be conducted either at Police Headquarters or at a remote location suited for such administrative duties. Training, meetings and other job-related assignments may be included in this twenty hour minimum. The Police Commissioner will be available for call back or contact during any hours which he is not regularly employed at his full time place of employment, unless he has notified the police dispatcher, other supervisory staff and the Village Clerk that he is on scheduled leave for vacation, personal time or is on sick leave. This schedule may include weekends and holidays.

E. The Police Commissioner will be provided with an office at Police Headquarters suitable to hold private counseling sessions, maintain administrative paperwork, and security of administrative files. Such office will have, at minimum, a desk, chair and computer. Standard office equipment will be provided through the Police Budget. The Police Commissioner will be issued a cellular telephone to be paid by the Village to conduct police business and maintain communications with, but not limited to; the department, employees and members of village government. The Police Commissioner will be provided with a laptop computer to include all necessary software

relative to his duties to include any air card or wireless device to remotely access the police department computer system. This computer and associated software is the property of the village and must be returned to the village upon termination of contract. The Police Commissioner will be assigned a designated portable police radio for contact and communications with the police dispatcher and other police units. The Police Commissioner shall report directly to the Mayor.

F. For the purpose of this section benefit time shall include personal time, vacation time and sick leave. For the purpose of this section, a leave or sick day shall be computed on a twenty hour week, four hours = one day, consistent with the relevant provision in the Village/PBA collective bargaining agreement below. All leave time will be taken consistent with the relevant provision in the Village/PBA collective bargaining agreement, except that references to the Police Commissioner will be replaced by The Mayor.

Personal Leave = 3 days

Vacation Leave = 5 weeks and two days

Sick Leave = 1 week

Note: Personal Leave, Vacation Leave and Sick Leave are computed on a 20 hour week, 4 hours equal 1 day.

Absent catastrophic injury or illness, no more than two consecutive weeks of any or all types of leave may be taken. There will be no accrual or carry-over of unused leave time from fiscal year to fiscal year.

G. The Police Commissioner shall maintain a "Commissioner's Log". This shall document total number of actual work hours of the Police Commissioner or, if the Police Commissioner takes leave time, the type and duration of the leave. Such log shall be maintained by the Commissioner with a copy filed weekly with the Village Clerk. The Police Commissioner shall submit a timesheet no less than twenty hours per week directly to the Village Treasurer along with the departmental time records for payroll.

H. The Police Commissioner will be provided the following items:

- 1 Police Badge "Commissioner"
- 1 Duty Holster
- 1 Plain Clothes Style Holster
- 1 Pepper Spray
- 1 Set handcuffs
- 1 Handcuff case
- 1 Department issued duty firearm
- 3 Magazines
- 1 Magazine Pouch
- Sundry items

Such Items shall be provided for by voucher as a onetime initial outfit. In addition, the Police Commissioner will be provided with a total of \$800.00 for administrative plain clothes business attire and upkeep payable on the first pay period in June. Addition items as needed to apprehend or assist with apprehension in the course of performing police duties.

I. There will no health benefits provided.

J. This Resolution sets forth all of the terms and conditions of employment for the Police Commissioner; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Village Board hereby appoints Walter Burke to the position of Police Commissioner on the terms and conditions above-noted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Matthew Alexander		_____
John Karge, Clerk		_____
Kevin Huber – Trustee	X	_____
Bill Marcojohn – Trustee	X	_____
Ronnie Komornik – Trustee	X	_____
Mary Paonessa – Trustee	X	_____
Scott Davis – Trustee	X	_____

Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York
April 8, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 122020 of 2020

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE
VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The following Resolution was introduced by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Paonessa.

WHEREAS, the Village of Wappingers Falls Police Department has been seeking to fill the position of Part-Time Police Officer and has been recruiting actively to fill said position with a well-qualified candidate; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees has received a request to appoint Danesha Miller effective April 8, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practicable, as a Part-Time Police Officer pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the current PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement, and further subject to the satisfactory completion of background and pre-employment screening, and approval by the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, Danesha Miller possesses all the necessary skills and qualifications to serve as Part-Time Police Officer with the Village of Wappingers Falls Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds for compensation have been provided in the 2020 Budget; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of the Village of Wappingers Falls hereby appoints Danesha Miller as a Part-Time Police Officer effective April 8, 2020 subject to the terms set forth herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor or his authorized designee be and are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary and convenient to give full effect to this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution take effect immediately.

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

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Matthew Alexander		_____
John Karge, Clerk		_____
Kevin Huber – Trustee	X	_____
Bill Marcojohn – Trustee	X	_____
Ronnie Komornik – Trustee	X	_____
Mary Paonessa – Trustee	X	_____
Scott Davis – Trustee	X	_____
Brian Whitten – Trustee	X	_____

Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York
April 8, 2020

Motion by Trustee Huber to adjourn the 4/08/2020 Village Board Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Poanessa. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 PM. Minutes prepared by: John M. Karge