

PRESENT: Mayor Bartholomew; Trustees Sandford, Mohn, Norton and Chaplin; Carol Greenough; Attorney Erika Sellar Ryan; Peter Telisky; David Gebo; David Molenaar; Philip Smith; Teresa Austin; Brian Brooks arrived at 6:44PM

Philip Smith, Planning Board Chairman was here to discuss some concerns from the Planning Board. He would like a locked two drawer file cabinet in the meeting room for the Planning Board papers with two keys (one for the Village Clerk and one for the Planning Board). The Planning Board would like permission to start working on a comprehensive plan which is needed to attract new businesses to the community. He will be pursuing grants for revitalization. The Planning Board is required to participate in four hours of training. The Planning Board would like some guidance on the permitting process. They have meetings and have nothing to discuss. Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Mohn to approve \$400.00 for the five members of the Planning Board to attend training and to support them in developing a comprehensive plan, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Peter Telisky discussed a fence law and his role as Zoning/Compliance Officer with issuing permits and working with the Planning Board for variances and site plan reviews. Mayor Bartholomew stated that work has begun on streamlining the Floodplain review and Historic Preservation so that the Planning Board has jurisdiction over the law. Peter Telisky also has concerns with the Village's Swimming Pool Law. He would like the Village's law repealed and use the State's law which is stronger. Attorney Sellar Ryan will draft a new law for fences.

Motion made by Trustee Mohn, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to approve the minutes of the April 19th meeting, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: Time Warner Cable sent notification of possible programming changes. Time Warner Cable submitted correspondence regarding the franchise fee due which will be in the amount of \$5,990.59. NYS Dept. of Health sent a violation for the Water Treatment Plant because of the monthly reports were received past the due date. American Legion Post 83 requested permission to hold its annual Memorial Day parade, Police Department support and support of the Whitehall Central School Band. Steven Brock requested to be paid for five unused vacation days in lieu of time off. Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Mohn to accept and file the correspondence, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Norton to allow the American Legion Post 83 to hold their annual Memorial Day, give the support of the Police Department and to the Whitehall Central School Band, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to pay Steven Brock for five unused vacation days in lieu of time off, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Norton to approve payments of the abstract covering claims #717-742 totaling \$107,857.72, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: Heritage Area Director submitted a report for April. Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to accept and file the report, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Bartholomew introduced proposed Local Law #4 of 2016 titled "A Local Law to Repeal Local Law #2 of 2016 and to Repeal the Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c". Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Mohn to hold a public hearing on the proposed Local Law #4 of 2016 on May 17th at 6:00PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Mohn reported that the Canal Clean Sweep was successful. The Beautification and Enhancement Committee will be planting flowers and would like to have another clean-up day for larger items of garbage. It was discussed that the cost of disposal for this clean-up was not included in the Village's budget. Trustee Mohn is still looking into the Boardman Street Cemetery Trust. Attorney Sellar Ryan needs the granting paperwork for the original trust before pursuing further with this issue.

Trustee Chaplin reported that the Dept. of Public Works is working on replacing lead water lines, fixing catch basins and will begin blacktopping the streets that were dug up last year. Employees walked the main waterline at Pine Lake and stated that Timothy Hawkins did a good job of removing the trees along the waterline.

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Trustee Norton reported that work is still being completed in the Chemical Room at the Water Treatment Plant. Steven Brock is coordinating with the Town of Whitehall to do the finish work on Buckley Road from the waterline replacement. Garry Robinson is still working on a resolution for the waterline that crosses the Poultney Street bridge. Trustee Norton reported that the backflow prevention valve is no longer needed at the Water Treatment Plant according to the NYS Dept. of Health which is upsetting due to the fact that the Village has already paid the Engineer to look into this.

Mayor Bartholomew asked Attorney Sellar Ryan to propose a Best Value Standard Law and to amend the Zoning Map because 45-49 Poultney are zoned incorrectly. Mayor Bartholomew met with the Ballard and Son Remodeling who was the low bidder for the maintenance of the Boardman Street Cemetery. He feels that Ballard and Son Remodeling understands the job and approved their bid. Mayor Bartholomew researched the ownership of the land by the Wastewater Treatment Plant that the Village has been mowing and discovered that it is privately owned. The Village will no longer mow this area.

Brian Brooks discussed having a Town wide fire district including the Village which would involve the State Legislature. He stated that by creating this fire district the \$35,000 that is in the Village's budget for the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company would be eliminated and shared by the whole Town. Mayor Bartholomew stated that more information on this would be needed before discussing it further. Brian Brooks would also like to remove the 1850 fire truck and life net from the Skenesborough Museum. This will be referred to the Whitehall Historical Society who operate the Skenesborough Museum.

Motion made by Mayor Bartholomew, seconded by Trustee Sandford to convene into executive session to discuss union negotiations and specific employees' work history at 7:03PM, all voting in favor,
CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Bartholomew, seconded by Trustee Sandford to end executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 7:20PM, all voting in favor,
CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Bartholomew, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to set the maximum number of hours to accumulate for compensation time at 320 hours, all voting in favor,
CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to adjourn the meeting at 7:36PM, all voting in favor,
CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer