

PRESENT: Mayor Smith; Trustees Austin, LaChapelle, Watson and Chaplin; Attorney Erika Sellar Ryan; Chief Ernest Bassett; Carol Greenough; Eva Louise Lane; Brian Brooks; George Rivette; Matt Saari; Elizabeth Robinson; William Jones; Daryl Hillman; Shyla Bakerian; Kaylyn Rehm; Taytum VanGuilder; Logan Bright; Makayla Wells; Hannah Raymond

Brian Brooks stated that the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company thought that they would pay for the survey of the land they are requesting to purchase and get reimbursed by the Village for this expenditure. The Fire Company did not expect the cost of the survey to be in consideration of purchasing the property. This expenditure is unacceptable to the Fire Company as they have paid enough through the years with the members' volunteer efforts and maintenance of the building. Mr. Brooks also stated that the Fire Company wants to acquire additional land adjacent to the Firehouse including behind the building and on the side where their fuel tank is located. Mayor Smith stated that the Village Board only agreed to sell the parcel that the firehouse sits on. Trustee Chaplin stated that more information was needed from surveyor John Grady such as the cost of the survey before proceeding. Brian Brooks wants to know now how much the Fire Company is expected to pay for the land needed to pursue a loan to make improvements to the firehouse. Mayor Smith said that consideration of paying for the survey could possibly be increasing the amount budgeted for the Fire Company in next year's budget.

Eva Louise Lane feels that she is paying too much for her water bill. She does not live in the Village and is paying a higher rate. She feels that a lower rate should be given because she is very conservative with her water and uses less than 3000 per quarter. Mayor Smith stated that her request will be taken into advisement and he will get an answer to her. Mrs. Lane also wanted to know why old Route 22 was not being paved. Trustee Chaplin stated that this was a private road maintained by the residents who live on it.

The following bids for Number 2 fuel oil for the 2017-2018 heating season were received:

Rozell Energy                      \$.29 Margin Over Rack

Lake Champlain Coal Co.      \$.28 Margin Over Rack

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept the low bid and award the bid for fuel oil to Lake Champlain Coal Co. at \$.28 Margin Over Rack, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve the minutes of the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: Charter Communications submitted letters regarding programming changes. A letter was received from Dale & Eva Lane disputing their water bill. A copy of a letter to the Town of Whitehall from the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company regarding the fire contract was received. Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company submitted a letter stating that they directed John Grady to postpone any survey work until it is decided who will pay for his services. Christina Steves submitted a letter reporting damage from sewage spraying into her cellar. Steven Brock requested pay for two weeks vacation in lieu of time off to be paid on November 9, 2017.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to accept the correspondence and to place it on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Chaplin will follow up with John Grady regarding the survey work. He will also talk with DPW Foreman Steven Brock regarding Christina Steves' claim.

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve Steven Brock's request to be paid for two weeks vacation in lieu of time off pending verification of having the vacation time, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #235-292 totaling \$868,972.79, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: September report was received from Village Justice. Zoning Officer Peter Telisky submitted a report for the period of August 6 – October 16, 2017. Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Austin to accept and file the reports, all voting in favor, CARRIED

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Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to spend \$100.00 to purchase flags for the Veterans, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept the highest bid of \$110.00 for the 10 ft. Wing Plow and \$110.00 for the 11 ft. Wing Plow from Dudley's Truck & Equip., Trustee Austin abstaining, all others voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve the attached resolution approving and supporting Festival's application of Community Arts Grants for the year 2018, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve payment of \$59,141.37 to Environmental Design Partnership for engineering services, \$8,170.00 to Arold Construction Co. Inc. for Contract #1 Part A and \$281,654.20 to Arold Construction Co. Inc. for Contract #1 Part B for Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation and to authorize Mayor Smith to sign the payment applications, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Smith stated that DPW Foreman Steven Brock would like to have set hours for the winter parking ban for November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to set the winter parking ban hours from midnight to 6:00AM for November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Smith declared the Village Board of Trustees as Lead Agency for completing the Short Environmental Assessment Form required to amend Local Law #2 of 1985 titled "Village of Whitehall Historic Preservation Law". The Board answered the questions on the Impact Assessment. Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Austin declaring that the proposed changes to Local Law #2 of 1985 will have no significant adverse environmental impacts and authorize Mayor Smith to sign the Short Environmental Assessment Form, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve the proposed changes to Local Law #2 of 1985 titled "Village of Whitehall Historic Preservation Law", all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Smith declared the Village Board of Trustees as Lead Agency for completing the Short Environmental Assessment Form required to amend Local Law #1 of 1991 titled "A Local Law Prohibiting Open Burning". The Board answered the questions on the Impact Assessment. Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Austin declaring that the proposed amendment to Local Law #1 of 1991 will have no significant adverse environmental impacts and authorize Mayor Smith to sign the Short Environmental Assessment Form, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve the amendments to Local Law #1 of 1991 titled "A Local Law Prohibiting Open Burning", all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Smith presented the following quotes for telephone service as the current system is not working very well:

Vonage	\$708.95/month
APC	\$958.83/month
Prime Link	\$680.00/month
Spectrum	\$1045.99/month

The lowest quote is \$680.00/month from Prime Link. Mayor Smith suggested going with Prime Link as they will provide new equipment and we would only have one company to deal with if problems arise. Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve having Prime Link provide new telephones and services, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Smith, seconded by Trustee Austin to hire two part-time laborers for the Department of Public Works with the pay based on experience, all voting in favor, CARRIED

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Trustee LaChapelle thanked the Whitehall Times for the article regarding property maintenance.

Trustee Chaplin reported that the Department of Public Works will begin blacktopping Montcalm Avenue, Smith Street and Cliff Street. A lift has been rented to trim trees and hang flags throughout the Village.

Mayor Smith reported that the Village owned property at 1 Saunders Street has been appraised and a report will be forthcoming.

Motion made by Mayor Smith, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to adjourn the meeting at 7:33PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle  
Clerk-Treasurer