

PRESENT: Mayor Eagan; Trustees Norton, LaChapelle and Watson; Sgt. David Buxton; Barbara Spoor; Caton Deuso; Dana Grant

Barbara Spoor asked if in collaboration with the Town of Whitehall more could be required of the Amish buggies to be visible at night as she stated there was a horrible accident near her home involving a vehicle hitting a buggy. Sgt. Buxton suggested contacting other communities as to how they handle lighting on Amish buggies and maybe suggesting LED lighting to be more visible. Ms. Spoor asked for permission to use Riverside Park for a Winter Festival on February 26 from 11:00AM-2:00PM. She would like to have Main Street closed from the Fire station to Saunders Street during this time. Trustee Norton had concerns with parking and would like to have parking only on one side of street. Ms. Spoor was told to complete the application to use Riverside Park and then the Board would act on her request. Ms. Spoor would like to see more done with the Skenesborough Museum on social media to bring more attention to it. Mayor Eagan suggested that she talk with the Museum Board who operates the museum regarding making changes.

Dana Grant asked who was in charge of replacing the flags at the Municipal properties. The flag at the Dept. of Public Works garage is worn and needs to be replaced. Mr. Grant asked about the status of repairing the lights on Main Street. Trustee Watson stated that Hour Electric has been contacted to repair the lights and that LED lights have been ordered for the Saunders Street bridge. Mr. Grant stated the plow is not pushing back the snow on Cliff Street. Trustee Watson will advise the plow truck driver to rectify this.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to approve the minutes of the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation submitted correspondence regarding the satisfactory SPDES Comprehensive inspections at the Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Plants. NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation sent notice that the Village has satisfactorily addressed the violations regarding the chemical bulk storage at the Water Treatment Plant. Washington County Treasurer sent the annual report of payments made to the Village. The 2022 Officers List was submitted by the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company. Kyle and Rachel Tice submitted a request to have the lights on Main Street repaired. Steven Brock submitted a request to be paid for two weeks of vacation in lieu of time off. Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to accept and file the correspondence, all voting in favor, CARRIED

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

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #22-00337-22-00344, 22-00346-22-00350 and 22-00361-22-00419 totaling \$403,529.41, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: December reports were received from the Zoning and Compliance Officer, Justice Nichols and Justice Putorti. George Rockenstire submitted a report for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants. Chief Bassett submitted a Police report. Sgt. Buxton stated that the Police Dept. has been awarded the grant for the live scan. Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to accept and file the reports, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Eagan stated that the Open Meetings Law has been changed. Prior to the meetings, resolutions need to be posted on the Village's website.

The following bids for the purchase and installation of a new 100-Kilowatt diesel powered generator were received:

Harold R. Clune, Inc.	\$92,500.00
Hour Electric Co., Inc.	\$47,620.00

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Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to accept the bid from Hour Electric for the purchase and installation of a new 100-Kilowatt diesel powered generator for a total of \$47,620.00, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve purchasing a new meter reading system as the old system is obsolete and cannot be serviced from Schmidt's Wholesale for a price of \$14,540.00 plus a tablet, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Eagan stated that there will be a special meeting on January 28, 2022 at 1:00PM with the Village Board, Village Attorney, Steven Brock, George Rockenstire and Charlie Austin to discuss the open water and sewer infrastructure projects and create a plan to move forward with the projects. Mayor Eagan stated that the department heads need to provide a list of priority projects to use the COVID relief funds with estimates of the cost of each project. The projects will be prioritized and the money expended accordingly.

Trustee Watson stated that the new Jake Brake signs and street signs have been installed, a few water leaks have been repaired and the water tank property has been posted for no trespassing. Mayor Eagan asked Sgt. Buxton to investigate the ownership of the camper that is on this property through the vehicle registration so the owner can be notified that the camper has to be removed from the Village's property.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to adjourn into executive session to discuss specific personnel at 7:01PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to adjourn executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 7:23PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to ask Washington County to conduct a civil service examination for a Full-Time Police Chief, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle  
Clerk-Treasurer