

September 28, 2022 - DPW Committee Meeting

Present: Mayor Eagan, Trustees Watson, LaChapelle, and Putorti; Steven Brock, George Rockenstire, Charlie Austin, Clark Wilkinson, and Matt Fuller.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the current status of several ongoing water and sewer infrastructure projects and DPW topics.

Clark Wilkinson updated the board on the status of the Poultney Street Waterline. The bid announcement is not complete and the pre-bid meeting did not take place. Both National Grid and CP Rail require additional agreements from the Village prior to them issuing an easement/license. Clark submitted the additional agreements to the Mayor and Matt Fuller for review and signatures. Clark also advised that National Grid has requested that the original water line be removed from their property upon completion of the new line. Clark suggested either adding the removal as an “add/alternate” item in the bid announcement, having our DPW crew remove it or disconnecting it, capping it off and filling it with slurry. He has requested permission from National Grid for the third option. Consequently, the bid documents are incomplete and another pre-bid meeting will have to be scheduled to meet that requirement to put the project out to bid.

Bob Murray of LaBella was unable to attend and sent updates concerning all grants and projects he is involved in (attached).

State Route 22 Waterline update from Clark Wilkinson was received by the committee. The Dept. of Health has approved all aspects of the project (attached). The NYS Dept. of Transportation has not replied yet. The Village DPW however can begin the Neddo Street end of the project immediately. Mayor Eagan questioned the impact of the impending construction of the Champlain Hudson Power Express transmission line would have on the project. She passed on the contact information for the project’s safety officer to Clark Wilkinson and asked him to reach out to them to ensure there would be no impact to the Village’s project.

Steve Brock reported that he would check the water level in Pine Lake next week after the rain forecasted for the week. He also noted that he has been working with LaBella to map existing water, and wastewater lines and valves throughout the village.

Steve Brock asked for approval to purchase a new engine for the Sewer Plant pickup at a cost of \$19,000.00. The trustees discussed the pros and cons of purchasing the engine. Trustee Watson made a motion to table the vote until Trustee Norton was in attendance since the vote would directly impact her budget. Motion to table the purchase was seconded by Trustee Putorti and passed by vote.

Mayor Eagan reported she has spoken with the owner of the School Street apartments and he is willing and prepared to do all the work necessary to disconnect the roof drains from the sanitary sewer system. He requests additional information and guidance from the Village.

The Waste Water sludge bed roof replacement bid was brought up for approval. Motion to approve the bid of \$40,000 from Roof Service Unlimited of Glens Falls, NY was made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle, and passed by vote.

EDP had given the board a proposal for engineering services associated with Sewersheds No. 2 Storm sewer separation required by the DEC consent decree. Motion was made by Trustee Watson to accept EDP’s Proposal for Engineering Services for Sewersheds No. 2 – Sewer Separation Study dated August 1, 2022, motion was seconded by Trustee LaChapelle with all members present voting in favor. Additionally, Clark provided the board with a billing summary by project (attached).

The board received a request from the Whitehall High School to hold a homecoming parade, Thursday October 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Motion to allow the parade was made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson and passed by vote.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle seconded by Trustee Putorti to enter into executive session at approximately 4:00 pm and passed by vote.

Motion made by Trustee Putorti seconded by Trustee Watson to end the executive session at approximately 5:30 pm and passed by vote.

Motion made by Trustee Watson to accept the resignation of George Rockenstire effective October 3, 2022 and to file his application for part-time employment with no action taken. Motion passed by vote.

Motion was made by Trustee Watson to appoint Charles Austin as the Village Water/Wastewater Operator. Motion was seconded by Trustee LaChapelle and passed by vote.

Motion was made by Trustee LaChapelle and seconded by Trustee Putorti to have Village Attorney Matt Fuller to draft a village local law/ordinance pertaining to Adult entertainment uses. Motion was passed by vote.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm made by Trustee Putorti and seconded by Trustee LaChapelle, passed by vote.