

October 18, 2022 Regular Meeting 6:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Eagan; Trustees Norton, Watson and LaChapelle; Chief David Buxton; Barbara Spoor; Caton Deuso; Dan Pitts; Dana Grant

Barbara Spoor stated that the Sasquatch Festival was a huge success and the parking plan work very well. She would encourage more use of Riverside Park. She has concerns with the increased pedestrian traffic coming and going to Sunoco at the intersection of State Route 4 and State Route 22. NYS Dept. of Transportation will be contacted regarding improving crosswalks for pedestrian safety.

Dan Pitts was here on behalf of Skenesborough Rescue Squad asking for funding. He stated that the Rescue Squad is asking all municipalities that it serves to help with funding. The Board will consider this for next year's Budget.

Dana Grant appreciates that the lights on Main Street are now functioning but asked if the intensity of the lights could be toned down. Trustee Watson stated that LED lights were placed in the lamps to save money but he will look into a different bulb to use. Dana Grant stated that he has heard positive feedback regarding removing the blocks on North Williams Street. He also stated that the Police Department were present during the entire Sasquatch Festival and this was appreciated. He asked if the Village plowed the Canal property on Main Street and that the road is in need of repair as bricks are showing through. The Village does not plow this as it is New York State's property.

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve the minutes of the September 20th and September 28th meetings, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: Charter Communications sent correspondence regarding upcoming programming changes. NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservations sent notification that the Village's application for funding through the 2022 Consolidated Funding Application for the Water Quality Improvement Project program was determined to be ineligible for funding. Bami Hurley submitted a letter of resignation due to retirement effective January 4, 2023 and requested to remain a part-time employee for 20 hours per week. Darrell LaChapelle submitted a letter of resignation to seek employment elsewhere effective November 3, 2022 and requested to remain as a part-time employee on a as needed basis. Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept and file the correspondence, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept Bami Hurley's resignation, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to accept Darrell LaChapelle's resignation, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #23-00283-23-00288 and 23-00290-23-00344 totaling \$154,872.76, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: September reports were received from Zoning and Compliance Officer, Justice Nichols and Justice Putorti and the Police Department. Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to accept and file the reports, all voting in favor, CARRIED

The following sealed bid for the purchase of Number 2 fuel oil for the 2022-2023 heating season was received:

Lake Champlain Coal Co. \$.29 MOR

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept the bid of \$.29/MOR from Lake Champlain Coal Co. for Number 2 fuel oil, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion to made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to authorize Steven Brock to sign the agreement with Washington County for snow & ice removal on state highways, all voting in favor, CARRIED

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Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to reimbursement Steven Brock for diesel he purchased to obtain his Class A Tractor Trailer endorsement for his driver's license in the amount of \$100.00, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Norton reported that damage has been sustained at the Water Treatment Plant due to a lightning strike during a recent rainstorm. The cost to do the repairs will be covered under the Village's insurance policy.

Trustee Watson reported that there is an issue with the phone and internet lines coming into the Wastewater Treatment Plant that short out whenever it rains. This problem has been reported to Verizon to rectify. The Dept. of Public Works will start blacktopping next week. Trustee Watson and Steven Brock met with engineers from LaBella to locate valves, hydrants and other connections for the water system to complete a report that will be used for future grant funding applications.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to convene into executive session to discuss specific personnel at 6:42PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to end executive session and reconvene into regular session at 7:34PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to hire Bami Hurley as a part-time Laborer for 20 hours per week at \$19.00/hr. after her retirement and Darrell LaChapelle as part-time Laborer as needed at \$19.00/hr., all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to increase the pay rate of Nicholas DeSimone and Dilen Younger by \$2.00/hr. effective November 3, 2022, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to increase David Buxton's rate of pay to \$2.00/hr. more than the Sergeant's pay equaling \$33.68/hr. effective immediately with no retroactive pay and to pay all of his insurance premium starting on January 1, 2023, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to increase the pay rate of Matthew Saari to \$21.00/hr. effective immediately, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to offer Charles Austin a salary of \$60,000.00/year and payment of all of his insurance premium with accepting the title of Chief Wastewater/Water Treatment Plant Operator, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to not invest \$19,000.00 in the 2013 Ford truck and to purchase a replacement vehicle out of next year's Water and Sewer budgets, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to place the 2013 Ford Super Duty truck with plow on Auctions International for sale as is, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to adjourn the meeting at 8:02PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer