

PRESENT: Mayor Eagan; Trustees Norton, LaChapelle, Watson and Putorti; Dan Styczynski; Chief David Buxton; Joseph Kelley; Brian Brooks; Barbara Spoor

Joseph Kelley presented plans for a new building that he is building on Broadway. The plans showed where the building will be erected on this property. Mr. Kelley stated that Washington County Code Enforcement has approved the current plans.

Brian Brooks requested to have some of the money that the Village will receive from the Champlain Hudson Power Express line be allocated to build a live fire training center for the volunteer fire personnel. He requested to have six spots from the parking lot on Main Street to build a storage building to house the rescue boats and other equipment for the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company. Mr. Brooks asked for the Board's approval for the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company to organize a Fire Explorer Post through the Boy Scouts of America.

Barbara Spoor thanked the Board for their help with the Christmas event that was held. She stated that the parade and events following the parade in Riverside Park were amazing. She stated that the Sasquatch Festival would be held on September 30, 2023 and asked permission to hold the Beer Garden in Riverside Park again for this event. There have been no issues with the Beer Garden in the past. Ms. Spoor asked if anything was being done regarding the crosswalk at the intersection of NYS Route 22 and NYS Route 4. Mayor Eagan told her that NYS Dept. of Transportation needs to conduct a survey of the traffic in that area before they will do anything in that area.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to approve the minutes of the November 15th and November 30th meetings, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Eagan stated that the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation has required that the Village install disinfection improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and that this requirement will be included in the amended Consent Decree. The Village's consulting engineers have prepared a preliminary report for these improvements and estimates of the total project cost to be \$1,200,000.00. The final design and bidding documents are scheduled to be completed in 2023 with construction to begin in the spring of 2024. The Village has initiated the process to apply to Rural Development for loan/grant funding and also intends to apply to NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation for approximately \$775,000.00 in July of 2023.

Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to hold a public hearing on the Village's intention to apply for Rural Development funding for the disinfection improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on January 17, 2023, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: NYS Office of Community Renewal sent a notice that the Planning Grant Project #1249CP22-20 must be completed by May 12, 2023. Charter Communications submitted correspondence regarding upcoming programming changes. Thomas Nichols requested that his salary be increased to what the Village Justice is receiving while the Village Justice is not serving on the bench. NYS Canal Corporation sent a notice regarding the Earthen Embankment Integrity Program. Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Putorti to accept and file the correspondence, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Putorti to increase the salary of Justice Nichols to the same rate of pay as the Village Justice during the absence of the Village Justice, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #23-00420-23-00425 and 23-00428-23-00480 totaling \$224,382.22, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: November reports were received from Justice Nichols, Justice Clark, Justice Putorti and the Compliance/Zoning Officer. Reports were received from the Water Dept., Wastewater Treatment Dept. and the Police Dept. Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to accept the reports and to place them on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Regular Meeting Continued

Trustee Watson stated that the new truck is in Ohio waiting to be delivered. He stated that Rural Water was very helpful in finding the major water leak and he thinks that the Village should purchase the same equipment that was used to find the leak. The water from the leak was going into an old storm drain which made it difficult to locate. A section of pipe and a manhole will need to be replaced where the leak occurred at an approximate cost of \$12,000.00. Mayor Eagan asked for more specifications and pricing of the leak detector.

APPLICATIONS: Richard M. Lavin submitted an application for Part-time Laborer. Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Norton to accept the application and to place it on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Norton to hire Richard M. Lavin as a part-time laborer at a rate of \$19.00/hr., all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Putorti to allow the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company to start a Fire Explorer Post through the Boy Scouts of America, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to convene into executive session to discuss specific personnel at 6:56PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Putorti to adjourn executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 7:10PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to accept the resignation of Christopher Davidsen as a full-time Police Officer effective immediately, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer