

May 31, 2023 DPW Meeting 2:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Eagan; Trustees Watson and Norton; Matt Fuller; Clark Wilkinson; Bob Murray; Steven Brock; Nick DeSimone; EJ Conzola

Poultney Street Waterline –

Clark Wilkinson reported that the project is ready to go out to bid. He would like to have a pre-bid conference on June 7, 2023 at 1:00PM and the bid due on June 28, 2023 at 1:00PM.

Water Distribution System Planning Grant –

The report is completed. A drawdown for the funds will be sent soon with the final report to Office of Community Renewal. Matt Fuller asked what the study would be used for. Bob Murray stated that the study would be used for future funding applications to help low/moderate income people through the CDBG funding grants.

State Route 22 Waterline Project –

Steven Brock reported that 300 feet of this pipe has been installed so far.

Champlain Hudson Power Express Project –

CHPE is conducting test holes to locate the village's lines. Matt Fuller stated that a Highway Use Permit with the Village for CHPE has not been issued yet. Steven Brock stated that if our line is breached the Village DPW will repair the pipe. The repairs should be billed to CHPE and CHPE should have a contingency fund for the Village to access the money to complete the repair. Matt Fuller stated that protocols may be necessary when working near CHPE's line and that compensation for the protocols should come from CHPE and not part of the PILOT payments.

Funding Updates –

Bob Murray stated that the application for Water Quality Improvement Project funding to improve the sewer lines on Poultney/Williams Streets will be completed in June. Clark Wilkinson is working with a local representative from FEMA for review of the grant for Pump Station 3 and generators funding.

Lead Service Line Replacement –

A plan needs to be created on how to address this with the homeowners. It was suggested to have homeowners submit forms with pictures of their lines or possibly hiring a contractor with grant funds to complete the required information.

Mayor Eagan sent letters by certified mail to the owners of the junk that is located on our property near the water tank off of Poultney Street. If the Village removes the items, the Village will have to pay for the disposal of the junk. Mayor Eagan will get prices for the cost of this to have at the next DPW meeting.

Mayor Eagan sent letters to Whitehall Central School and the Town of Whitehall regarding the creation of a water district for the Buckley Road waterline to set a meeting. Matt Fuller stated that an intermunicipal agreement will have to be signed to have the water district pay for any repairs on this line. Trustee Norton asked if other water districts would be created for other areas outside of the Village that are supplied water. Matt Fuller stated that we can pursue the creation of other water districts later but we should concentrate on the Buckley Road waterline first due the compliance issues with NYS Dept. of Health from this line.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to authorize placing the Poultney Street Waterline project out to bid, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to adjourn the meeting at 3:34PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer