

July 26, 2023 DPW Meeting 2:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Eagan; Trustees Norton, Putorti, LaChapelle and Watson; Charlie Austin; Matt Saari; EJ Conzola; Clark Wilkinson; Robert Murray; Matt Fuller

Poultney Street Waterline –

Environmental Design Partnership has reviewed the bids that were submitted and recommends accepting the low bid submitted by Bellamy Construction Company, Inc. which includes the two Base bids and does not include either Deduct Alternate. Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Norton to award the bid for the 12” waterline under Champlain Canal to Bellamy Construction Company, Inc. for the bid amount of \$404,000.00, all voting in favor,

CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to authorize Mayor Eagan to proceed with the 12” waterline under Champlain Canal subject to legal and Rural Development requirements, all voting in favor,

CARRIED

Matt Fuller is waiting to hear from Bond Counsel to determine our next move regarding updating the Bond resolution. Clark Wilkinson is intent on holding the costs on the project to keep it under budget.

Water Distribution System Planning Grant –

Bob Murray stated that LaBella Associates have completed and submitted the paperwork.

State Route 22 Waterline Project –

Clark Wilkinson reported that they were in the process of applying for a NYS Dept. of Transportation permit to drill under the state highway.

Lead Service Line Replacement –

Bob Murray is in the process of attending a webinar to be able to start the grant process for Whitehall to identify lead service lines.

Champlain Hudson Power Express Project –

Matt Fuller reported that CHPE is going to advance the Village funds to pay for engineering and legal fees. The Village has to compile a total amount spend to date.

Sanitary Sewer –

Clark Wilkinson reported that the Village received a \$225,000.00 grant from FEMA to study and engineering for Sub catchment #3 and the area in the floodplain on North Street. There is a 10% local match requirement for this grant.

Mayor Eagan informed the Board and committee of the notification that the Village will receive \$2,000,000.00 in Community Project Funding from the Federal Government for Sanitary Sewer Improvements.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #24-00135-24-00153 totaling \$67,240.05, all voting in favor,

CARRIED

Bob Murray explained the Negative Declaration for UV Disinfection at the Wastewater Treatment Plant as a necessary administrative step for the Village to apply for funding through NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation. The SEQR Assessment forms were reviewed.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to adopt the attached resolution issuing a negative declaration for the UV Disinfection at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, all voting in favor,

CARRIED

Mayor Eagan reported that most of the trash and the trailer had been removed from the Village’s property off of Poultney Street near the water tank. She also reported that the gate was open. Trustee Watson recommended two new locks be purchased with both the Village and the St.Clairs in possession of the keys. Mayor Eagan noted that there were still sap lines and holding tanks that needed to be removed. Attorney Fuller suggested one more letter to the owners directing them to remove this and if they don’t, we can notice the items as surplus and offer them to the public for free.

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Trustee Norton reported that the Water Department was doing great. A section of the fence at the Water Treatment Plant had been removed by the DPW crew to repair the watermain break. The cost to hire someone to repair the fence was very expensive. The DPW crew will make the repairs themselves.

Trustee Putorti asked what was happening with the fence at 134 Broadway. Mayor Eagan stated that the owner will have to move the posts 6 feet from the road to be in compliance with the Board's direction. Trustee Putorti asked if the Village could help the homeowner move the posts. Mayor Eagan stated no we could not as that would be considered a gift from the Village. Trustee Putorti asked if the Village could put up fence around a property that had recently burned down. Mayor Eagan and Attorney Fuller gave the same answer as the previous request which is no the Village cannot do this on private property.

Trustee LaChapelle stated that the Police department has been busy. The air conditioner in the station is not working even after spending \$900.00 on repairs.

Trustee Watson reported that \$5,200.00 was allocated in the Sewer budget to pay for new clarifiers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The price has increased to \$6,400.00 and is expected to be raised again. Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to purchase the clarifiers now, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Norton reported that there is a leak on North Williams Street. Trustee Watson will have the DPW check on this. Trustee Watson asked if there was an update on the downed CP rail fence on Broadway. Mayor Eagan reported that a work order has been assigned to this.

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to accept and file the application from Neil Molinero, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Eagan asked Trustee Watson to check on Davis Street as the paving contractors failed to bring the road level with the shoulder. Attorney Fuller stated that if the contract didn't specify this then the DPW would have to fix it. Trustee Watson will have the DPW assess the situation.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Putorti to adjourn the meeting at 3:10PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer