

January 17, 2017 Regular Meeting 6:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Bartholomew; Trustees Mohn, Sandford, Chaplin and Norton; Sgt. Richard LaChapelle

Mayor Bartholomew opened the public hearing at 6:00PM to take comments from the public regarding the approval of tax exemption for the borrowing of \$175,000.00 by the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company for repairs to the firehouse located at 161 Main Street. Motion made by Trustee Mohn, seconded by Trustee Sandford to close the public hearing at 6:04PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Norton to approve the attached resolution approving Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company's request of tax exemption for financing reconstruction/remodeling of 161 Main Street – Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company's Firehouse for \$175,000.00, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Sgt. LaChapelle reported that the Police Department received a \$2000.00 grant from Washington County to purchase an AR15 Assault Rifle. A policy similar to Washington County Sheriff's will be in place before the weapon is purchased.

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Mohn to approve the minutes of the January 3rd meeting, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: Attorney Andrew Kelly sent a copy of the Second Amendment to Consent Decree for NYS Department of Environmental Conservation with regards to the Wastewater Treatment System. A letter was presented supporting Commonwealth Plywood. Motion made by Trustee Mohn, seconded by Trustee Sandford to accept and file the correspondence, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to authorize Mayor Bartholomew to sign the Second Amendment to Consent Decree for NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Norton to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #457-482 totaling \$83,365.94, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: Acting Village Justice submitted a report for December. Historic Preservation Commission submitted minutes of the meeting held on January 6, 2017. A report was received from Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator George Rockenstire. Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Mohn to accept and file the reports, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Blue Rock Energy sent information regarding the variable rate on the electric bills. Blue Rock suggested that a fixed rate for a short period of time would be better than the variable rate as the market has risen. Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to enter into a contract with Blue Rock Energy for a fixed rate for three months, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Mohn reported that Pump Station #2 had a pump failure but has been repaired. The Cemetery Committee will meet on January 19th. The Whitehall Fort Ann Canal Trail committee will meet on February 18th.

Trustee Norton reported that a furnace at the Water Treatment Plant has been repaired. Pall Corporation will visit the plant to check out the new compressor. Grading in the area north of the lagoons could prevent runoff into the lagoons during a heavy rain event.

Mayor Bartholomew reported that the new furnace at the library has been installed. He reminded the Board to work on their budgets.

Motion made by Trustee Mohn, seconded by Trustee Sandford to adjourn the meeting at 6:34PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer