

March 7, 2017 Regular Meeting 6:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Bartholomew; Trustees Sandford, Mohn, Chaplin and Norton; Sgt. Richard LaChapelle; James Allen; Dan King; Patrick Roche; Teresa Austin

Teresa Austin asked if someone could put a camper on her property and live in it for six months. She is asking because it appears that someone is living in a camper on private property on Skenesborough Drive. Mayor Bartholomew will have Code Enforcement look into this and that there is no water at this property. Trustee Sandford will review the Local Law regarding this.

Mayor Bartholomew opened the timber bid. Only one bid was received from Jeff Poczobut. The bid was given to James Allen of Allen Forestry for review.

Motion made by Trustee Mohn, seconded by Trustee Norton to approve the minutes of the February 21st meeting, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: NYS Comptroller sent notification that the Village received a No Designation score for Financial Stress for FYE 2016. Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company submitted a request including their financial records for release of funds for the fiscal year 2016-2017. NYS Homes & Community Renewal sent a fully executed copy of the NYS Community Development Block Grant Agreement for Water Main replacement in the amount of \$750,000.00. NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation submitted the plan approval for Phase 1 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project. Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Mohn to accept and file the correspondence, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Bartholomew, seconded by Trustee Sandford to approve the release of funds for the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Norton to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #559-587 totaling \$219,750.77, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: Village Justice submitted reports for January and February. Acting Village Justice submitted a report for February. Motion made by Trustee Mohn, seconded by Trustee Sandford to accept and file the reports, all voting in favor, CARRIED

APPLICATIONS: Alexander Gilmore and Morgan Brown submitted applications for the Police Department. Motion made by Mayor Bartholomew, seconded by Trustee Sandford to accept the applications and to place them on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Bartholomew presented a Memorandum of Understanding between Lake to Locks Passage, Inc. and the Village for the fabrication and installation of a 3-panel Turning Point Trail kiosk in Riverside Park. Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Sandford to authorize Mayor Bartholomew to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Lake to Locks Passage, Inc., Trustee Mohn voting no, all others voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to authorize Mayor Bartholomew to sign the contract between the Village of Whitehall, Town of Whitehall and Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company for fire protection, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Bartholomew presented the Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the Village of Granville for the services of the Chief of Police to renew for another year. Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Norton to authorize Mayor Bartholomew to sign the Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the Village of Granville, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to hold a special meeting on March 28th at 3:00PM to review the tentative budget and to hold a public hearing on the 2017-2018 Budget on April 3rd immediately following the organizational meeting at 6:00PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

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James Allen of Allen Forestry reviewed the timber bid from Jeff Poczobut. Mr. Allen stated that the bid is acceptable and has met all of the special requirements required for this bid. Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Norton to accept the timber bid from Jeff Poczobut, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Bartholomew asked the Board to review the updated Zoning map.

Trustee Sandford presented a proposed Property Maintenance law. He asked the Board and Village Attorney to review this law.

Trustee Chaplin reported that the Dept. of Public Works crew repaired a water leak on Saunders Street. Steven Brock is creating a list of surplus equipment to be sold at auction. The Dodge truck will need an additional \$13,000.00 to repair. It was discussed to strip the equipment off of this truck and declare it as surplus equipment.

Trustee Norton reported that the sustaining valve at the Water Treatment Plant has been adjusted by Garry Robinson and seems to be working fine.

Motion made by Mayor Bartholomew, seconded by Trustee Mohn to convene into executive session to discuss a specific personnel work history at 6:37PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Bartholomew, seconded by Trustee Sandford to end executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 6:52PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Bartholomew attended the pre-bid meeting on March 1st for the Phase 1 Sewer Rehabilitation Project. George Rockenstire and Steven Brock were also in attendance to answer questions from the bidders. The bids for this project will be opened on March 10th and Environmental Design Partnership will review them.

Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Norton to adjourn the meeting at 6:57PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer