

April 3, 2017 Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting 6:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Smith; Trustees Watson, Austin and Sandford; Attorney Erika Sellar Ryan; Sgt. Richard LaChapelle; Carol Greenough; James Austin; Linda Smith; George Armstrong; Karen Beckwith; Dana Grant

Trustee Sandford administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Smith and Trustees Watson and Austin.

Mayor Smith offered the following appointments:

Clerk-Treasurer:	Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Deputy Clerk:	Julie S. VanGuilder
Commissioners:	
Highway -	David Chaplin
Police -	Philip Smith
Water -	Timothy Watson
Wastewater -	Timothy Watson
Emergency Services -	David Chaplin
Health -	Walter Sandford
Cemetery/Parks -	Teresa Austin
Buildings -	Walter Sandford
Safety -	Teresa Austin
Code Enforcement -	Walter Sandford
Deputy Mayor:	Walter Sandford
Village Attorney:	Kelly & Sellar Ryan
Acting Village Justice:	Robert Putorti, Jr.
Safety Officer:	George Rockenstire/Steven Brock
Zoning/Compliance Officer:	Peter Telisky
Village Historian:	Carol Senecal
Heritage Area Director:	Carol Greenough
Newspaper:	The Whitehall Times & The Post Star
Meeting Nights:	First & Third Tuesdays of every month
Fire Chief:	Bryan Brooks
Planning Board:	Barbara Neddo, David Molenaar and 3 positions to be determined
Historic Preservation Comm:	Harold Nicholson, Carol Greenough, David Molenaar, Sally Raino, James Aiken, Peter Telisky and 1 position to be determined
Zoning Board of Appeals:	Cheryl Putorti, Carol Greenough, Benjamin Raino, Richard Bruce Sr
Chief Wastewater Plant Oper:	George Rockenstire
Chief Water Plant Operator:	George Rockenstire
Working Foreman:	Steven Brock
Assistant Working Foreman:	Richard Lavin
Depository:	Community Bank

Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve the appointments, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Sandford to adopt the attached resolution setting the mileage reimbursement rate at \$.53.5/mile, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Watson to adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to pay certain items in advance of audit, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing on the tentative budget for 2017-2018. The General Fund budget calls for \$1,662,609.40 to be raised by taxes. This results in a tax rate of \$18.79/1000 of assessed value or a 0% increase over the current year. There will be no increase in the Water or Sewer rates. Mayor Smith commended the outgoing Board for doing a good job with the budget. No one from the public wished to make any comments regarding the tentative budget. Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee Watson to close the public hearing, all voting in favor, CARRIED

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Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve the minutes of the March 28th meeting, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: Town of Whitehall sent notification of their plans to remove and replace the fence currently surrounding the Whitehall Recreation Center property. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sent a public notice that they will be dredging the Champlain Canal. Charter Communications sent a letter regarding programming changes. Charter Communications sent correspondence regarding their payment of \$6,980.51 for franchise fees. Mr. Ding-A-Ling requested a vending permit to sell ice cream from May 1st to September 30th operating from 3:00PM-8:30PM. Walsh & Walsh sent an addendum to the engagement letter of September 1, 2010 as requested by RD/USDA for RD/USDA Loan/Grant for Sewer Project Phase 1 for services as bond counsel in the amount not to exceed \$7,500 which is part of the original amount of the \$35,000 fee set in the letter of September 1, 2010. Linda Hyatt sent a letter requesting more time to pay her overdue Water bill so that her water will not be shut off as she is outside the Village. Attorney Sellar Ryan stated that Mrs. Hyatt signed a confession of judgment to pay her outstanding Water bill with the understanding that she had to keep her current quarterly bill paid or the Village would shut off her water. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to accept and file the correspondence, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Austin to issue the vendor's permit to Mr. Ding-A-Ling Ice Cream with the operating hours of 3:00PM to sundown only, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve the addendum for bond counsel services from Walsh & Walsh for the RD/USDA Loan/Grant for Sewer Project Phase 1, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #596-620 totaling \$40,936.82, all voting in favor, CARRIED

APPLICATIONS: Daniel Pitts submitted an application for the Department of Public Works. Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Austin to accept the application and to place it on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Sandford reported that Peter Telisky has forwarded a complaint that was received regarding 37 & 39 Williams Street to Washington County Code Enforcement. He also reported that Mr. Telisky is addressing junk on properties throughout the Village.

Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Austin to adjourn the meeting at 6:33PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer