

April 18, 2017 Regular Meeting 6:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Smith; Trustees Austin, Watson, Sandford and Chaplin; Chief Ernest Bassett; Carol Greenough; James Allen; Karen Beckwith; Dana Grant; Riley Ballard; Robert Ballard; Elizabeth Robinson

The following bids were received for the maintenance of the Boardman Street Cemetery:

Skene Valley Landscaping - \$8,600.00

Ballard & Son Remodeling- \$7,950.00

Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee Watson to award the bid to Ballard & Son Remodeling for the maintenance of the Boardman Street Cemetery, all voting in favor,

CARRIED

Riley Ballard of Ballard & Son Remodeling asked if they could start mowing the cemetery before the specified start date of May 15th as the grass is already growing. Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee Watson to allow Ballard & Son Remodeling to start mowing the Boardman Street Cemetery prior to May 15th using their discretion and with the understanding that the bid is for 10 mowings only, all voting in favor,

CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Sandford to approve the minutes of the April 3rd meeting, all voting in favor,

CARRIED

Karen Beckwith asked if the house across from her property on South Williams Street is condemned. She stated that someone has left debris outside of the house. She also reported that trees on Scime's property on South Williams Street have fallen into the yard. Trustee Sandford will have Peter Telisky looked into the debris that was left outside of the house on South Williams Street.

Dana Grant reported that Cliff Street needs repairs due to large pot holes.

James Allen of Allen Forestry reported that Line Timber is harvesting timber on land that abuts the Village's property on Pike Brook. Line Timber would like to use the existing landing on the Village's property for this harvest. James Allen would monitor Line Timber and a land use agreement and performance bond would be provided by Line Timber. Mr. Allen asked if the Board wanted him to mark for the next harvest for the Village of 80 acres off of Pike Brook Road. Trustee Chaplin asked if this section would be near the lake. Mr. Allen stated that it was on the West side and was not near the lake. Mr. Allen asked if we could use the existing contractor for the next harvest or go out to bid. Mayor Smith told Mr. Allen to go ahead with the paperwork for the land use agreement for action by the board at the next meeting.

Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to adopt the 2017-2018 budget as proposed at the public hearing which includes 0% tax rate increase and no increase in the water or sewer rates, all voting in favor,

CARRIED

LETTERS: Correspondence was received with a payment of \$6,868.98 from Allen Forestry for timber harvesting. Michelle Webster submitted a letter of appreciation for the assistance Officer Joseph Bethel gave her and her family. Busty's Brew & BBQ submitted notification of their application for a liquor license. A letter was received from David Molenaar asking the Board to study the costs and benefits of dissolving the Police Department. Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to accept and file the correspondence, all voting in favor,

CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to approve the payment of the abstract covering claims #621-655 totaling \$63,507.74, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Chaplin reported that the Department of Public Works crew have been cleaning up the garage and removing the plows from vehicles. They are waiting for NYS Department of Health approval to replace the watermain on Montcalm Avenue. NYS Dept. of Health approval is required because the size of the pipe is increasing. Street sweeping will begin on May 1st.

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Trustee Watson reported that Pump Station #10 on Montcalm Avenue is not working properly. Cutting Edge has been contacted to do the repairs.

Trustee Austin met with the Cemetery Committee. The Cemetery Committee is working on getting an LLC and opening a bank account to accept donations for improvements to the Boardman Street cemetery. She asked if the Dept. of Public Works could cut some limbs and pick up the branches in the cemetery. Trustee Austin asked if every volunteer who works in the cemetery needed to sign a release of liability. This was referred to Attorney Sellar Ryan.

REPORTS: March reports were received from the Village Justice and the Acting Village Justice. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to accept and file the reports, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to approve the annual service contract with Pall Corporation at a cost of \$10,270.00 for the Water Treatment Plant, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Whitehall Volunteer Fire Co. is seeking a loan to do improvements to the fire company building. The bank would need the Village to transfer the deeded title of the property that is owned by the Village or sign off as a mortgagor. This was referred to Attorney Sellar Ryan for review.

Motion made by Mayor Smith, seconded by Trustee Watson to pay the cost of \$295.00 for Mayor Smith to attend the NYS Conference of Mayor's conference, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Smith made the following appointments to the Planning Board: Elizabeth Robinson, Dana Grant and Elizabeth Reynolds. He also appointed David Molenaar as Chairman of the Planning Board. Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve the appointments to the Planning Board, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Smith reported that Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center would like to give a presentation to the Board regarding helping with the creation of a comprehensive plan. Motion made by Mayor Smith, seconded by Trustee Watson to allow Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center to give a presentation at the May 16th meeting, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Smith, seconded by Trustee Austin to convene into executive session to discuss union contracts and a specific personnel's salary at 6:42PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to end executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 7:07PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Sandford, seconded by Mayor Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:12PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer