

PRESENT: Mayor Smith; Trustees Austin, LaChapelle, Watson and Chaplin; Sgt. Richard LaChapelle; Matthew Saari; Karen Beckwith; Kathy Varney

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing to take comments from the public with regards to the proposed contract between the Town and Village of Whitehall and the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company. Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to authorize Mayor Smith 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

Kathy Varney gave a presentation on creating a complete street on Williams Street. The goal of creating a complete street is to make it safer for pedestrians and bicyclists to be more physically active. The transformation of Williams Street would not cost the Village any money. The equipment and signage would be purchased through a grant and then given to the Village to use. If the Board approves doing this, a plan and design would be created and presented to the Board for approval. A public event would be held upon completion of the transformation. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to allow NYS Dept. of Health's Creating Healthy Schools and Communities to design a plan to transform Williams Street and South Williams Street into a complete street and to hold a transformation day upon completion, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Karen Beckwith stated that her neighbor needs to park further into their driveway so as not to block the sidewalk and obstruct her view of oncoming traffic.

Sgt. LaChapelle provided more information for the purchase of a 2018 Dodge Charger for the Police Department. The Police Department will trade in one of their vehicles and receive \$1,000.00 from Foster Motors towards the purchase of the new vehicle. If the loan is through Community Bank, the first payment would not be due until a year after the purchase. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to purchase a 2018 Dodge Charger with a trade-in of \$1,000.00 and to obtain the loan through Community Bank with payments for three years starting in January, 2019, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to approve the minutes of the December 19th meeting, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: Teresa Austin sent a letter requesting that her tenant's (Deb Charpentier) water meter be tested. Charter Communications submitted correspondence regarding upcoming programming changes. National Grid sent a notice that they will be conducting a field audit of the company-owned street lighting. NYS Homes and Community Renewal sent a budget modification approval for NYS CDBG Project #1249PR48-14. The Annual Report of payments made to the Village of Whitehall for the year 2017 was received from Washington County Treasurer. NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation sent correspondence stating that cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the Old Champlain Mill site located at 16-50 Poultney Street under NYS Brownfield Clean Program have been or will be met. Dilen Younger submitted his resignation. Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept the correspondence and to place it on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept Dilen Younger's resignation, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #405-462 totaling \$360,343.03, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Watson reported that a home was flooded on Elizabeth Street due to the excessive rain and the drains being covered by felt paper by the contractors working on the sewer system improvements. Mayor Smith stated that the drains were covered because of a Dept. of Environmental Conservation requirement to keep debris from flowing into Wood Creek. Trustee Watson reported that a manhole will be installed near the Subway store because their sewer line is plugged and frozen due to paper towels being flushed down the drain.

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Trustee LaChapelle asked if the Village could do something to recognize Codie Bascue who was named to the U. S. Bobsledding Olympic team. Mayor Smith stated that the Village couldn't spend taxpayer money on an individual's recognition. Trustee LaChapelle recommended having the Board members donate personally to purchase an ad in the local paper to recognize Mr. Bascue's accomplishment.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve Amendment #3 for the Environmental Design Partnership contract to move funds from the Flow Study allocation to the Construction Phase and Resident Project Representative allocation and to authorize Mayor Smith to sign Amendment #3, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve payment of \$34,890.00 to Environmental Design Partnership for engineering services, \$71,012.57 to Arold Construction Co. Inc. for Contract #1 Part A and \$43,879.17 to Arold Construction Co. Inc. for Contract #1 Part B for Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation and to authorize Mayor Smith to sign the payment applications, all voting in favor, CARRIED

The Village of Granville would like to increase the Village's share of the health insurance cost in the shared services agreement for Police Chief Ernest Bassett from \$6.04/hr. to \$7.93/hr. because Chief Bassett has gone from a two person coverage to a family coverage. Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve the increase cost of the Village's share of the health insurance coverage for Chief Bassett to \$7.93/hr., all voting in favor, CARRIED

The LA Group submitted a recommended approach to update the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance for the Village.

MJ Engineering submitted a project update for the South Bay Bridge Water Main Replacement. They were also requesting the location of the tone outs for the existing water main. Foreman Steven Brock has located this for MJ Engineering.

Mayor Smith presented a draft of a Property Maintenance law. He asked the Board members to review and will send it to Attorney Sellar Ryan for review. He is hoping this law will help resolve some property maintenance issues in a timelier manner.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to convene into executive session to discuss specific personnel work history at 7:03PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Austin to adjourn executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 8:55PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to present a wage/benefit package to George Rockenstire and Steven Brock, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer