

PRESENT: Mayor Smith, Trustees Armstrong, Watson and Austin; Matt Saari; Michael LaChapelle; Chief Ernest Bassett; Attorney Erika Sellar Ryan; Beth Hoffman.

Mayor Smith opened the bids for the grounds maintenance of Boardman Street Cemetery. One bid was received from Ballard and Son Remodeling for \$8450.00. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Armstrong to award the bid for the grounds maintenance of Boardman Street Cemetery to Ballard and Son Remodeling, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve the minutes of the April 02, 2018 organizational meeting, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting, all voting in favor, CARRIED

VISITORS: Michael LaChapelle voiced his concerns regarding the possibility of disbanding the Village Police Department. Beth Hoffman discussed the complete street demo day project in which Mayor Smith advised they will have a discussion with the Department of Public Works crew to see which day will work best for them (they are looking at a day in September 2018).

Motion made by Trustee Armstrong, seconded by Trustee Austin to appoint Stephanie Safka to the Planning Board as Chairperson, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: Letter received from the American Legion regarding the Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 28, 2018 at 10:00AM. Letter received from Attorney Erika Sellar Ryan with two checks, one for \$3500.00 and one for \$54,715.00 from the sale of the 1 Saunders Street property. Letter received from Charter Communications regarding upcoming channel changes. Email received from Troy Weldy of the New York Nature Conservatory advising they conducted a rapid forest inventory on the Whitehall water supply lands and determined the forest stocking isn't high enough to create a viable forest carbon project. Letter received from Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company regarding the Volunteer Firefighter Enhanced Cancel Disability Benefits Act which will take effect on January 01, 2019. This Act will require the Village to provide Cancer Liability Insurance to all Volunteer Firefighters at a cost of \$250 - \$300 per interior Firefighter. Letter received from R.J. McLaughlin regarding a small parcel of Village property he would like to purchase. Attorney Erika Sellar Ryan advised the Village they will need to have the property assessed. Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee Armstrong to accept and file correspondence, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve payment of the abstract covering claims # 595-640 totaling \$67,975.77, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: Received report from Village Justice Robert J. Putorti totaling \$628.00. Received report from Village Zoning and Compliance Officer Peter Telisky. Received report from Police Chief Bassett for March and April 2018. Motion made by Trustee Armstrong, seconded by Trustee Austin to accept and file the reports, all voting in favor, CARRIED

APPLICATIONS: Received application from Stephen M. Herrmann for a position with the Department of Public Works. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to accept the application and place it on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Armstrong, seconded by Trustee Austin to adopt the 2018-2019 Village Budget as proposed at the public hearing which includes 0% tax increase and no increase in the water or sewer rates, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to use money from the fund balance for the 2018-2019 Village Budget, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Armstrong to approve payment of \$45,433.56 to Environmental Design Partnership for engineering services on the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation and authorize Mayor Smith to sign the payment applications, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve payment of \$153,138.06 to Arold Construction Co. Inc for Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Contract No. 1 Part A and authorize Mayor Smith to sign the payment application, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Armstrong, seconded by Trustee Watson to authorize Mayor Smith to sign change order #3 for Whitehall Sanitary Sewer upgrades contract with Arold Construction Co. Inc., all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Smith advised he received a letter from Ken Bartholomew regarding disbanding the Village Police Department.

Mayor Smith stated he has compared the differences between Whitehall's and Granville's Village Budgets, the differences include vehicles purchases, comprehensive plans, water filter fund and debt service differences.

Mayor Smith asked the board for permission to attend the New York Conference of Mayors conference in May 2018. Motion made by Trustee Armstrong, seconded by Trustee Watson to allow Mayor Smith to attend the conference, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Smith mentioned the Chamber of Commerce is having a meeting on April 25, 2018 for the public to meet the assessor Bruce Caza.

Mayor Smith advised the board he has the hold harmless agreement for volunteer cemetery workers. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to authorize Mayor Smith to sign the hold harmless agreement, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Smith discussed the proposed property maintenance law with regards to toys being left out in Village resident's yards.

Mayor Smith advised he has spoken with APEX Solar who advised him there is not enough roof space on the pump stations for solar panels.

Mayor Smith had a conversation with Dennis Ryan regarding purchasing the Lane Farm. Mr. Ryan is interested in putting in a 5 acre green house, ponds to raise trout and a training facility for people who are interested in learning how to raise trout and run a greenhouse. He also would like a large solar farm which would provide solar power to the Village.

Mayor Smith spoke to Port Henry Town Supervisor Thomas R. Scozzafava and Salem Town Supervisor Evera Sue Clary regarding consolidation of the Village and Town.

Mayor Smith discussed the Village taking possession of the flat iron building. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin for the Village to start the process of acquiring the flat iron building, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Watson mentioned the current health situation of the Chief Wastewater Operator. He stated both the water plant and the wastewater plant are running smoothly. He also stated he would like to speed up the hiring of personal for the Department of Public Works crew.

Trustee Austin discussed the fountain in Riverside Park being in need of repairs.

Trustee Armstrong discussed going on a tour with the Villages compliance officer.

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to convene into executive session at 7:40PM to discuss union and non union employees insurance premium reimbursements, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to end executive session at 8:18PM and re-convene into regular session, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee Watson to pay Steven Brock and Bami Hurley for back insurance premiums, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Armstrong to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Julie Van Guilder – Deputy Clerk

