

May 15, 2018 Regular Meeting 6:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Smith; Trustees Austin, Chaplin, Watson and Armstrong; Attorney Erika Sellar Ryan; Chief Ernest Bassett; Michael LaChapelle; Matthew Saari; Janet Tallman; Travis Mitchell

Motion made by Trustee Armstrong, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve the minutes of the April 24th meeting, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: NYS Dept. of Health submitted a letter regarding their sanitary survey of the water system with a summary of observations and required or recommended actions to maintain or achieve compliance with Title 10, New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, Part 5. NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation sent a notice that the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Pat Frandino submitted a request to have the sewer portion of her Water/Sewer bill adjusted due to a leak in her toilet. Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept and file the correspondence, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to deny Pat Frandino's request to adjust the sewer charge on her Water/Sewer bill because the leak was in the toilet and the water went through the wastewater treatment system at a cost to the Village, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Armstrong to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #641-682 totaling \$280,869.43, all voting in favor, CARRIED

APPLICATIONS: Thomas Zovistoski submitted an application for Part-time Patrolman. Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept the application and place it on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to authorize Mayor Smith to sign the Tax Warrant, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve the attached budget amendments, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Armstrong, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve payment of \$36,872.50 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 Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Armstrong to approve payment of \$45,046.57 to Arold Construction Co. Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Contract No. 1 Part A and authorize Mayor Smith to sign the payment application, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Smith reported that Ken Kosby requested a waiver to park on the street across from his house on Boardman Street because it has been dug up due to the sewer rehabilitation work and his wife had surgery on her foot.

Trustee Austin is very happy with the Dept. of Public Works in replacing the sidewalk on Smith Street. The fence will be installed at the Boardman Street cemetery on May 22 & May 23.

Trustee Armstrong reported that Zoning Officer Peter Telisky is working well with Eric Sommers from Washington County Code Enforcement.

Trustee Watson stated that the concerns issued in the NYS Dept. of Health are being addressed. Pump Station 2 has needed some repairs and will have more done in June. He also reported that the Pump Station on North Main Street is running constantly due to the infiltration from the swamp.

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Mayor Smith asked the Board member to review the draft comprehensive plan. He asked two realtors to give a value of the Village owned parcel that Roger McLaughlin would like to buy. Attorney Sellar Ryan will have a resolution for the Board approval declaring this parcel as surplus.

Mayor Smith proposed a special meeting to have a discussion with the public regarding the termination of the Police Department. There is uncertainty amongst the Police officers if they will continue to have a job. Motion made by Mayor Smith, seconded by Trustee Austin to hold a special meeting on May 31st at 6:00PM seeking input from the public regarding the future of the Police Department, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee Armstrong to remove the handicap parking spot in front of 1 Saunders Street as this building is no longer the Village Office, all voting in favor, CARRIED

A discussion took place regarding asbestos abatement at the Flat Iron building. It was questioned if the full building would have to be abated if only a partial study could be done. Attorney Sellar Ryan will contact Washington County Code Enforcement regarding accepting a partial study. If the County won't accept the partial study due to not having access to the whole building, an asbestos inspection wouldn't be necessary because the entire building would need the asbestos abatement during demolition.

Mayor Smith reported that MJ Engineering's plan for the waterline replacement under South Bay is 95% complete. The Board should review the plan before it is completed and put out to bid.

Mayor Smith had information that he received at the NYCOM conference from a company that would audit and negotiate rates with companies for a reduced price on the electricity bills. He also has information from a firm that would look at our franchise fees with Spectrum to see if we are getting the appropriate amount of fees.

Chief Bassett discussed the vehicles at the Police Department needing repairs. Trustee Chaplin asked what would happen if the vehicles weren't in working order. Chief Bassett would ask the Village of Granville for use of a vehicle until the new vehicle is delivered.

Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee Armstrong to convene into executive session to discuss contract negotiations and ongoing litigation at 7:15PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to adjourn executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 8:03PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee Armstrong to authorize Mayor Smith to sign the contracts with Steven Brock and George Rockenstire once the contracts are in a form approved by Mayor Smith, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Smith, seconded by Trustee Armstrong to adjourn the meeting at 8:16PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer