

PRESENT: Mayor Smith; Trustees Austin, Armstrong, Watson and Chaplin; Attorney Andrew Kelly; Chief Ernest Bassett; Jared Humiston; Charlie Bennett; Michael LaChapelle; Stephanie Safka; Travis Mitchell; Matthew Saari; Janet Tallman

Charlie Bennett asked if the Lane Farm property has been given a permit to have a pig farm. Mayor Smith stated that he doesn't know of anything happening at that property.

Michael LaChapelle asked what was happening with the Flat Iron property. Mayor Smith stated that the Village has applied for a grant to conduct the clean up and create a parking lot on the property. The Village is waiting for notification on whether or not it will receive the grant because we can't get reimbursed if we spend funds prior to receiving the grant.

Jared Humiston of ADK Techs gave a presentation on his proposals for server, workstations and network infrastructure.

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve the minutes of the July 17th meeting, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve the minutes of the August 2nd meeting, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: Charter Communications submitted correspondence with a payment of \$7,417.40 for their franchise fee remittance. Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company submitted two letters regarding a meeting with their Attorney Terry Hannigan for the formation of a fire district. Charter Communications sent a letter regarding programming changes. Whitehall Athletic Club sent notification of the intent to renew their liquor license. Correspondence was received from NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation regarding the funding request for the East Park Street Neighborhood Stormwater Improvements stating that only a partial payment will be sent until the completed work has been certified by our engineer. Washington County Real Property Tax Services submitted a letter recommending that the Village refund property owners David & Marilyn Shattuck the amount of \$362.46 due to a clerical error of the assessor not applying a veteran's exemption for the 2018-2019 Village tax. Washington County Real Property Tax Services submitted a letter recommending that the Village refund property owners Eli Schulman & Ruth Liberman the amount of \$770.39 due to an error of the assessment not being lowered when the building was demolished. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to accept and file the correspondence, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Armstrong, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve issuing a refund in the amount of \$362.46 to David & Marilyn Shattuck for the 2018-2019 Village tax due to a clerical error of the assessor, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve issuing a refund in the amount of \$770.39 to Eli Schulman & Ruth Liberman due to the assessment not being lowered after the building was demolished, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #108-174 totaling \$176,874.16, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: Justice Nichols submitted reports for June and July. Compliance and Zoning Officer Peter Telisky submitted a report through August 21, 2018. Motion made by Trustee Armstrong, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept and file the reports, all voting in favor, CARRIED

The following bids were received for the Maintenance and Repair of ten Diesel Powered Emergency Generators:

Brook Field Service	\$5,500.00
Cummins Northeast	\$6,005.72

Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee Armstrong to award the bid to Cummins Northeast due to the past satisfactory working relationship with this contractor, all voting in favor, CARRIED

August 21, 2018 Regular Meeting Continued

Mayor Smith reported that he would like to appoint Tom Baker to the Planning Board. Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee Armstrong to approve the appointment of Tom Baker to the Planning Board, all voting in favor, CARRIED

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

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve payment of \$55,924.46 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 Watson to approve payment of \$263,030.49 to Kenyon Pipeline Inspection, LLC for Sanitary Sewer Upgrades Contract #2 and authorize Mayor Smith to sign the payment applications, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Armstrong, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve payment of \$82,946.38 to Arold Construction Co. Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Contract #1 Part A and authorize Mayor Smith to sign the payment applications, Trustee Chaplin abstaining, all others voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to approve payment of \$117,434.25 to Arold Construction Co. Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Contract #1 Part B and authorize Mayor Smith to sign the payment applications, Trustee Chaplin abstaining, all others voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve Change Order #4 of the contract with Kenyon Pipeline Inspection, LLC with a 45 day extension and authorize Mayor Smith to sign the Change Order, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Watson submitted a report from George Rockenstire for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants. Trustee Watson reported that the DPW crew has been short-handed due to vacations but they are replacing manholes and color coding hydrants. He also reported that the Water Treatment Plant is operating well after Pall Corporation fixed some issues there.

Trustee Austin contacted Sienna Fence regarding the way the gates are hanging at the Boardman Street Cemetery. The gates were hung properly so that they would close. She has contacted Ballard & Son regarding the unsatisfactory mowing at the Boardman Street Cemetery. Trustee Austin received a quote of \$6,700.00 to repair the fountain in the park. She had Village employees repair the electric, water pipe and leaks in the fountain. A perennial garden has been planted behind the monument in the park.

Trustee Armstrong reported that Compliance Officer Peter Telisky has repeatedly sent notices of violation to the owners of 43 Saunders Street due to the lawn not being mowed. There has been no response from the owners. Trustee Armstrong would like the Village to mow the property and bill the owner for this service. Trustee Armstrong reported that Pete Ruby has purchased property and wants to access Village owned property that Mr. Ruby says he has water rights to. This matter has been given to the Village Attorney to research.

Trustee Chaplin questioned if it was worth the fight against New York State from selling the Lake Champlain Land Trust property and removing it from the tax roll. Trustee Chaplin will research this and have more information for the next meeting.

Mayor Smith attended a National Grid webinar on converting the street lights to LED. The cost of street lights currently averages \$6,200.00/month and would be approximately \$3,500.00/month with the LED conversion. Mayor Smith stated there is an \$18,000.00 energy efficiency incentive which would cover the cost of the conversion. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to allow Mayor Smith to submit a letter to proceed with the LED street light conversion with National Grid, all voting in favor, CARRIED

August 21, 2018 Regular Meeting Continued

Mayor Smith has received calls regarding the dust on Elizabeth Street. He asked if the speed limit could be reduced to 5 MPH on Elizabeth Street or if the street could be watered to keep the dust down. Janet Tallman stated that Arold Construction could be required to mitigate the dust until the construction is completed. This will be looked into for the next meeting.

Mayor Smith stated that there is a NYCOM school in September that he feels someone from the Board should attend. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to allow Mayor Smith to attend the NYCOM school, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Austin to authorize Mayor Smith to sign the Indemnification Agreement with Washington County allowing the Village to take title to the Flat Iron property (Tax Map No. 51.17-4-20) and any other documents necessary to acquire the property, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Armstrong, seconded by Trustee Austin to convene into executive session to discuss negotiations with the Part-time Police Dept. Union, potential litigation and potential boundary line dispute at 7:10PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Armstrong to adjourn executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 8:57PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Austin, seconded by Trustee Watson to select Business Automation Services (BAS) of Clifton Park to provide IT services, including installation of new server, Firewall, UPS backup, backup and continuity service for a one-time fee of \$6,900.00 and provide help desk support, malware/virus protection and data backup for \$4,716.00/year, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Watson reminded the Board that the Village is losing approximately 50-60% of its filtered water somewhere between the water plant and its metered service. In 2009 the Village hired NY Leak Detection to locate water leaks for the Village and believe we should undertake their service again. The NYS Dept. of Health mentioned in their July 11, 2018 inspection report that the Village needs to address their water leak issue. The recent quote provided by NY Leak Detection was for \$6,400.00. Motion made by Trustee Armstrong, seconded by Trustee Austin to hire NY Leak Detection at a cost of \$6,400.00 to locate water leaks throughout the Village, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Chaplin to move the budgeted \$30,000.00 into the Water Filter Fund and to allocate an additional \$50,000.00 received from the SAM grant into the Water Filter Fund for a total of \$80,000.00, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Chaplin, seconded by Trustee Watson to adjourn the meeting at 9:10PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer