

PRESENT: Mayor Eagan; Trustees LaChapelle, Watson, Putorti and Norton; Chief David Buxton; Sue Hurlburt; Dana Grant; Caton Deuso; Barb Spoor; Marjorie Mohn

Sue Hurlburt was here on behalf of the Christmas Cheer Committee who is asking for permission to hold a parade the First Saturday of December. The Parade will end at Riverside Park and the American Legion will be conducting a ceremony there after the parade. The Committee would also like permission to decorate Riverside Park for Christmas using lights and bows in a respectful way and permission to set up tables with heat lamps in the Village's Parking lot for after the Legion ceremony. It was also asked if a fire barrel controlled by the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company could be placed in the parking lot. The Board does not like this idea because they did not want the new parking lot to get ruined. Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Putorti to approve having a Christmas Parade on the first Saturday of December every year and allow the use of the Parking lot for tables and heat lamps, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Watson to allow the Christmas Cheer Committee to decorate Riverside Park for Christmas at a time of their discretion and turning on the lights after Thanksgiving, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Dana Grant owns a house on High Street and would like to place a dumpster on High Street to remove the trash that was left behind. He will make sure that the dumpster is off the street enough for emergency vehicles to have access through the street. Trustee Norton stated that cones need to be placed around the dumpster to make people aware of it while driving.

Barb Spoor asked for permission to have a Beer Garden in Riverside Park during the Sasquatch Festival again this year. Mayor Eagan stated that the same requirements as last year would have to be met such as proof of insurance, liquor license and the area would need to be roped off and controlled. Dana Grant stated that he heard there was an issue with charging for parking at last year's Sasquatch Festival. The parking fee was for off street parking and was used to control access to the Festival and parking. Mayor Eagan suggested having only one-way traffic on Skenesborough Drive during the Sasquatch Festival to help with traffic flow. Dana suggested one-way and reserved parking for handicap parking only on Skenesborough Drive. Mayor Eagan also suggested asking the Town of Whitehall to not have any activities scheduled for that day and maybe allowing parking on the grassy area at the Rec Center. Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Watson to allow the sale of alcohol in Riverside Park during the Sasquatch Festival once all requirements have been met, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Marjorie Mohn thanked the Board for having the streets swept. She has a complaint regarding a building next to hers that is empty and needs to be taken care of. She also asked why the transfer station was closed. The transfer station is privately owned.

Dana Grant asked about the area near the locks that the Canal Corp. owns where there are large potholes and bricks are coming through the blacktop. He was told to contact the Canal Corp. regarding this.

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve the minutes of the May 17th and June 9th meetings, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: Mayor Eagan received a letter regarding having more new sidewalks installed on Poultney Street and a letter regarding tree roots pushing up the sidewalk in Riverside Park. Trustee Watson stated that the budget for sidewalks was spent on the what was completed on Poultney Street. Mayor Eagan has applied for grant funds to do work in Riverside Park. Wilma St. John submitted a letter requesting the late charge be waived from her Water/Sewer bill as her bank account was hacked and she did not have access to her money to pay the bill on time. Charter Communications sent correspondence regarding upcoming programming changes. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to accept and file the correspondence, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to deny Wilma St. John's request to have the late fee removed from her Water/Sewer bill, all voting in favor, CARRIED

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BILLS: Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #23-00002-23-00008, 23-00010-23-00012 and 23-00014-23-00075 totaling \$211,326.23, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: Compliance and Zoning Officer submitted a report for May. Justice Putorti and Justice Nichols submitted reports for May. Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to accept the reports and to place them on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Watson reported that the Dept. of Public Works are working on replacing the railing on North Williams Street over the canal wall. The Dept. of Public Works crew went to safety training. The No Jake Brakes signs have been stolen again for a second time. It is too costly to replace them. Trustee Watson would like to replace the truck that was being used at the Wastewater Treatment Plant using the funds received from selling equipment on Auctions International. We have received \$18,635.00 so far and another check will be coming in for a sold vehicle. Trustee Watson found two trucks at Ross Chevrolet: 2013 with 72,000 miles for \$19,800.00 and 2014 with 80,000 miles for \$20,995.00. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to purchase the 2013 Silverado from Ross Chevrolet for \$19,800.00 using the funds received from Auctions International, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Norton reported that the cover over the lagoon at the Water Treatment Plant will be installed as soon as the Dept. of Public Works crew has time to do it.

Chief Buxton reported that the LiveScan has been installed and is operational. He has ordered the computers for the Police vehicles and tasers for the Police Department.

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Putorti to adopt the attached resolution designating Stephanie LaChapelle as the Certifying Officer for the Village's CDBG FY2022 Infrastructure Grant Application and program, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to adopt the attached resolution that the Board determines the proposed storm and sanitary sewer infrastructure improvements in Poultney-Williams Streets are a Type II Action under SEQR regulations and therefore this project is not an action subject to review under SEQR, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to convene into executive session to discuss specific personnel at 7:17PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to adjourn executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 7:41PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to adjourn the meeting at 7:42PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer