

PRESENT: Mayor Eagan; Trustees LaChapelle, Norton and Watson; Chief Buxton; Brandon Sparks; Daniel Pitts; EJ Conzola

Brandon Sparks and Daniel Pitts of the Skenesborough EMS presented with concerns for the future of the Rescue Squad in relation to revenue. The EMS has more expenses going out than revenue coming in. Whitehall has an aging population with Medicare/Medicaid as insurance which pays the EMS minimum amounts per call. Skenesborough EMS uses paid staff more due to the lack of volunteers. Brandon Sparks stated that the community needs an ambulance in Whitehall if not the wait times for help will be longer. They are asking for any financial help that the Village may be able to give them.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve the minutes of the January 17th meeting, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: Richard Juckett submitted a letter requesting an adjustment on his Water/Sewer bill for 106 Broadway. Mr. Juckett's meter was tested and found to be defective. Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company sent a membership roster update. NYS Dept. of Health sent a sample schedule for 2023 for the Water Treatment. Charter Communications sent a notice of upcoming programming changes. Winter Fellowship submitted a notice providing a 30-day advance notice of their application for a Liquor License with New York State. Charter Communications submitted correspondence with a payment of \$8,443.32 for the quarterly franchise fee. NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation sent notification that the grant extension for the Engineering report will expire on March 31, 2023. A Notice of Violation was received from NYS Dept. of Health due to the exceedance for Total Trihalomethanes in a water sample. Stephanie LaChapelle sent a letter requesting to be paid for 5 unused vacation days in lieu of time off. Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept and file the correspondence, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to adjust Richard Juckett's Water/Sewer bill for 106 Broadway to his average of \$365.32 for the last two billings due to a defective water meter, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve Stephanie LaChapelle's request to be paid for 5 unused vacation days in lieu of time off, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #23-00548-23-00553, 23-00556-23-00561 and 23-00563-23-00606 totaling \$124,186.89, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: January reports were received from Zoning/Compliance Officer, Justice Nichols, Justice Clark, Justice Putorti and NYCLASS. Water Treatment, Wastewater Treatment Plants and Police Department reports were received. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to accept the reports and to place them on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

APPLICATIONS: Bruce Gray submitted an application for Laborer. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to accept the application and to place it on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Norton reported that Hour Electric tested the Solar Bee electrical for the mixer on the water tank off of Poultney Street. The Solar Bee panel works but the battery is dead. Charlie Austin received a quote from Ixom Watercare the parent company of Solar Bee to inspect and repair the mixer for a price of \$9,371.50. The mixer needs to be repaired to correct the high TTHM issues. Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to allocate the remaining \$7,686.36 of COVID relief funds towards the bill for Solar Bee to inspect and repair the mixer at the Water tank, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Watson reported that the hoist for Wastewater Treatment was repaired. Fuel oil was coming into the Wastewater Treatment Plant on two different occasions. The staff pulled

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manholes to try to figure out where it was coming from. Chaplin Alley was reopened with a temporary fix. A lead service line was replaced when discovered by the Dept. of Public Works.

Chief Buxton stated that Sgt. Mattison has started working. The Police Department received a grant for \$16,000.00 to purchase 8 body cameras.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve the attached resolution authorizing the issuance of a statutory installation bond in the amount of \$110,721,83 for the purchase of an International Model CV515 4x4 Dump Truck with plow and sander, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve payment of \$2,775.00 to Fiscal Advisors for a Sewer and Water Rate Study to be paid from the Community Development funds, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve payment of \$8,000.00 to LaBella Associates for the NBRC and FEMA applications to be paid from the Community Development funds, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve the attached Budget Amendments, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to convene into executive session to discuss specific personnel and Part-time Police Officers Union contract at 6:57PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to adjourn executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 7:48PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to give the position of Assistant Working Foreman a .50/hr. increase in pay and to appoint Nicholas DeSimone as the Assistant Working Foreman effective January 17, 2023, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to give Carl Mattison 5 vacation days as of date of hire, 5 vacation days in 4 months and 5 vacation days in 8 months and allow him to obtain single coverage health insurance, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to authorize Mayor Eagan to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with United Public Service Employees Union for the Part-Time Police Officers, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to allow Chief Buxton to investigate hiring an additional Full-Time Police Officer, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to adjourn the meeting at 7:55PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer