

March 8, 2023 Special Meeting 1:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Eagan; Trustees Norton, LaChapelle, Watson and Putorti; Chief Buxton; Charlie Austin; Matt Saari; Robert Murray; Clark Wilkinson; Attorney Matt Fuller; EJ Conzola

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the current status of several ongoing water and sewer infrastructure projects and DPW topics.

Poultney Street Waterline –

Clark Wilkinson stated that he is waiting on the License agreement with Delaware and Hudson Railway Company before the project can proceed.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Putorti to authorize Mayor Eagan to sign the License Agreement with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation for the Poultney Street Waterline project, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to authorize Mayor Eagan to sign the Real Estate permit for Use and Occupancy of New York State Canal Corporation property for the Poultney Street Waterline project, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Water Distribution System Planning Grant –

Bob Murray will ask the engineers at LaBella for a finalized report to have for the next Board meeting.

Funding Updates –

Bob Murray reported that LaBella has submitted Congressional Funding Requests to Congresswoman Stefanik, Senator Schumer and Senator Gillibrand asking for grants to fund sewer infrastructure projects.

Mayor Eagan asked Attorney Fuller to explain Environmental Justice Funds. Attorney Fuller stated that the grants are to fund areas deemed to suffer losses due to such events as a loss of mills and the environmental impacts effecting health, jobs and housing. If you can show that Environmental Justice Funds will benefit an area that suffered losses, the application will move up on the list for funding. These funds are to get the funding to those that need it the most.

Bob Murray stated that we still have not heard from FEMA regarding the grant applications for replacing generators and relocating Pump Station 3.

An extension letter will need to be submitted to Environmental Facilities Corp. for contract #90834 to give more time to review the Engineering report. Clark Wilkinson will do the letter for Mayor Eagan to submit.

Sanitary Sewer –

Attorney Fuller stated that we need to wait to hear from the Attorney General's office for their approval of the updated schedule.

WWTP Disinfection Study –

The Study was submitted to NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation. We are waiting for comments and/or approval from NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation. The Grant contract has been extended to August 5, 2023 to give time for the review.

Kathleen Suozzo PE, PLLC submitted a proposal for professional services to provide engineering review services regarding the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project. They will review potential impacts/implications of CHPE infrastructure installation and related activities on Village owned infrastructure, assist in reviewing contingency plans and financial surety amounts associated with accidental impacts to Village infrastructure should they occur during installation of CHPE infrastructure and other related services for this project with an initial budget of \$7500.00. Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to accept Kathleen Suozzo, PE, PLLC proposal and authorize Mayor Eagan to sign the agreement, all voting in favor, CARRIED

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Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Putorti to approve the attached Limited English Proficiency Plan, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Eagan reported that she met with representatives from NYS Canal Corp. regarding the canal wall that is in disrepair. They now have a better idea of the problem. NYS Canal Corp. needs to make the necessary repairs.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Putorti to convene into executive session to discuss specific personnel at 1:55PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to adjourn executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 2:26PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Putorti to hire Paula Wilbur as a full-time Police Officer pending medical clearance with an effective start date of May 1, 2023, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to adjourn the meeting at 2:30PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer