

April 18, 2023 Regular Meeting 6:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Eagan; Trustees LaChapelle, Norton, Watson and Putorti; Chief Buxton; Gregory Bourn; John Panetta; Penny Monahan; Stanley Potvin; Chris Dudley; Tonya Dudley; Joe Kelley; Barbara Spoor; EJ Conzola; Brock Fox

Gregory Bourn owns property at 39 First Avenue and is asking to have the Village install a culvert as water builds up along the road so that he can put in a driveway. Trustee Watson will talk with Steven Brock regarding this request.

John Panetta wanted to thank the Village very much for their help with rectifying the situation he had with his neighbor.

Joe Kelley presented a Notification to Municipality of adult-use retail dispensary license application to NYS Office of Cannabis Management. Mr. Kelley plans on having this business at 132 Broadway if the application is approved by New York State.

Barbara Spoor presented a petition to digitize Whitehall which requested meeting minutes be emailed to people, a social media presence and live streaming the Board meetings. Ms. Spoor asked if someone could record the meetings and post later using YouTube. Chris Dudley stated that some people may not want to be recorded and put on social media when attending a meeting. Mayor Eagan stated that the Village Attorney has advised that the Village needs to be responsible for the content on social media and be careful so that the content can't be hacked and not make the Village information vulnerable. A secure system to protect the information would have to be used. The Village Board is looking into this and wants to be progressive.

Mayor Eagan opened the public hearing to take comments from the public regarding the community development needs and to discuss the possible submission of Community Development Block Grant applications for the 2023 program year. Mayor Eagan explained that if approved the grant funds would be used for improvements to the Village's infrastructure. Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to close the public hearing at 6:46PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Eagan invited everyone to a virtual Flood Risk Review meeting on April 21, 2023 at 10:00AM to learn about updates to their flood hazards and ask questions directly to the mapping team.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to approve the minutes of the March 29th, April 3rd, April 6th, April 10th and April 11th meetings, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: Charter Communications sent correspondence regarding upcoming programming changes. Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company submitted a membership update. USDA Rural Development sent correspondence stating that after review the Village is in compliance with the required Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972. Stephanie LaChapelle submitted a request to be paid for four unused vacation days in lieu of time off. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Putorti to accept and file the correspondence, all voting in favor, CARRIED

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

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Putorti to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #23-00734-23-00752 totaling \$19,972.53, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: March report was received from Justice Nichols and the Police Department. Reports were received from the Wastewater Treatment and Water Treatment Operator. Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Norton to accept and file the reports, all voting in favor, CARRIED

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Trustee Norton reported that Solar Bee will be at the water tank on May 4th to fix the mixer on the water tank.

Trustee Watson reported that the generator for Pump Station 2 has been delivered and Hour Electric will be contacted to do the installation. Trustee Watson reported that the Dept. of Public Works have been trimming and removing trees, repaired four water leaks and filled potholes.

Chief Buxton reported that the new body cameras are operational and the new weapons will be in service by the end of the month.

Trustee Putorti asked if we can do anything regarding deteriorating buildings. Washington County Code Enforcement is in charge of building codes and they would have to do the violations. Trustee Putorti asked if the Village could provide a dumpster for \$200.00 from Goodspeed to allow residents to get rid of yard waste.

APPLICATIONS: Clayton Ryder submitted an application for the Department of Public Works as a part-time laborer. Brian Brooks, Sr. submitted a letter wishing to apply for the position of Urban Cultural Park Director. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to accept the applications and to place them on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

The following proposals were received for the grounds maintenance of Boardman Street Cemetery:

Skene Valley Landscaping	\$9,500.00
Christopher Arquette	\$12,000.00

Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Norton to award the grounds maintenance of Boardman Street Cemetery to Skene Valley Landscaping at a cost of \$9,500.00, Mayor Eagan and Trustee LaChapelle abstained, all others voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Putorti to hold a public hearing regarding the Village's Community Block Grant project #1249WS323-18 which was initially intended to fund the replacement of sanitary sewer laterals but was converted to a housing assistance effort on May 16, 2023 at 6:00PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to hold a public hearing regarding the Village's Community Block Grant project #1249CP22-20 which was for the water system engineering evaluation on May 16, 2023 at 6:00PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

The Safety Officer position was posted and Steven Brock was the only person to show interest in this position. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Putorti to approve the appointment of Steven Brock as Safety Officer, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to convene into executive session to discuss specific personnel at 7:19PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to end executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 7:47PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to hire Clayton Ryder as a part-time Laborer with the Dept. of Public Works at a rate of \$20.00/hr., all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded LaChapelle to adjourn the meeting at 7:48PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer