

May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting 6:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Eagan; Trustees Norton and Watson; Chief Buxton; Dan Styczynski; Laurentine Hart; Lawrence Hart; Carl Ruby; Neil Robinson; Javier Minor Perez; Danielle Jones; Brian Brooks; EJ Conzola; Trustee LaChapelle arrived at 6:30PM

Laurentine Hart has a concerned with a neighboring property that is unkempt and attracting rodents. Dan Styczynski will look into this.

Carl Ruby has a contractor all set to dig a well on his property off of Poultney Street and wants to use the Village's access road. Mayor Eagan stated that our Attorney has previously sent information that is required before access will be allowed such as engineer drawings and written proposal.

Javier Minor Perez owns a house at 134 Broadway and would like to erect a fence in the front of his property to keep his four children safe from going into the road. Dan Styczynski stated that Mr. Minor Perez had previously gone to the Planning Board but did not get an answer regarding erecting a fence on a corner lot. Dan Styczynski suggested a picket fence erected further into the property to not impede the sight of oncoming traffic. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to allow Javier Minor Perez to erect a 4-foot picket fence in the front yard of his house set back 6 feet into the yard to not impede the sight of oncoming traffic, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Danielle Jones on behalf of the American Legion Riders asked if the Main Street parking lot next to the American Legion could be closed on June 24, 2023 to allow motorcycles to park there after a benefit run. Mayor Eagan stated that this parking lot could be not closed due to the needed access to the train station. Mayor Eagan will look into possibly closing the Main Street parking lot further up the street that the Village owns.

Mayor Eagan opened the public hearing to take comments from the public regarding the Village's current Community Development Block Grant project #1249WS323-18. This project was initially intended to fund the replacement of sanitary sewer laterals but was converted to a housing assistance effort. This project has been completed. Brian Brooks asked for more information regarding this grant which Mayor Eagan provided for him. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to close the public hearing at 6:21PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Eagan opened the public hearing to take comments from the public regarding the Village's current Community Development Block Grant project #1249CP22-20. This project is for a Water System Engineering Evaluation. There were no comments from the public regarding this. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to close the public hearing at 6:24PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve the minutes of the April 18th and April 26th meetings, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: A Thank You note was received from Carol Greenough's family for the flowers. Charter Communications sent correspondence with a check for \$8,139.13 for the franchise fees. A Notice of the Start of Construction for Segment 3 of the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project was received. Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company submitted an updated list of officers and changes to their roster. A Notice of Violation was received from the NYS Dept. of Health due to the exceedance for Total Trihalomethanes. NYS Homes and Community Renewal sent a letter that the NYS CDBH Project #1249CP22-20 has a completion date of May 12, 2023. Bottom's Up Bar and Grill LLC is applying for a Liquor license through New York State and is requesting a waiver of the 30-day notification period. Motion made by Trustee Norton, 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 adopt the attached resolution granting the request of Bottom's Up Bar and Grill LLC and waive the 30-day notification, all voting in favor, CARRIED

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BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #23-00759-2300763 and 23-00766-23-00821 totaling \$104,284.14, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: Water and Wastewater Treatment Operator submitted reports. Police Department, Zoning/Compliance Officer and Justice Nichols submitted reports for April. Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept and file the reports, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Norton reported that the Water Treatment was going well and noted that inspection of the water tank suggested that the top of the tank needs to be painted.

Trustee Watson reported that the everything was being put in place to replace the generator at Pump Station 2. The Dept. of Public Works has completed the cutting of trees and machinery has been moved to Neddo Street in preparation to start the waterline replacement. He would like to pave Williams St., Chapin Alley and Boardman St. this year using CHiPS funds.

Chief Buxton reported that Officer Brayman has passed everything except the physical which has not been completed yet. Chief Buxton received a letter from the Washington County Sheriff's office requesting to give a free seminar to anyone interested on the use of Narcan. Chief Buxton asked that when Williams Street is paved if speed bumps could be installed. Trustee Norton suggested installing more speed limit signs and Trustee Watson suggested possibly installing temporary speed bumps.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to adopt the attached resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor or the Village designated representative to submit the application to Office of Community Renewal through the 2023 Consolidated Funding Application process, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to authorize Mayor Eagan to sign the Tax Warrant for the fiscal year June 1, 2023-May 31, 2024, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Clerk to publish a Request for Qualifications from firms/individuals qualified to provide engineering services required to undertake the proposed improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to hold a public hearing regarding the Village's Community Block Grant project #1249ED931-19 which was for providing assistance to the Railyard Taproom and Family Restaurant and was successful in creating local job opportunities on June 20, 2023 at 6:00PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to adopt the attached resolution accepting the LaBella proposal dated May 15, 2023 for loan program assistance and authorizes the Mayor to sign a professional services contract with LaBella Associates, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Festival Committee will have Music in the Park held in Riverside Park on June 16, July 14 and August 11, 2023.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to adjourn the meeting at 6:55PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer