

June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting 6:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Eagan; Trustees Norton, Watson and Putorti; EJ Conzola; Roark Merrill; Liz Carnes

Mayor Eagan opened the public hearing to take comments from the public regarding the Village's Community Development Block Grant project #1249ED931-19. This was an economic development project and was successful in creating local job opportunities. This project has been completed. There were no comments from the public regarding this. Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to close the public hearing at 6:05PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Roark Merrill asked when the burned debris left on a property on Broadway would be cleaned up. Mayor Eagan stated that it is the property owner's responsibility to remove the debris and clean up the property and that Washington Code Enforcement would need to cite the owner if it isn't cleaned up.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve the minutes of the May 16th and May 31st meetings, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: Correspondence was received from Charter Communications regarding upcoming programming changes. Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company submitted an update to their roster. Our Lady of Hope sent a request to close a portion of Wheeler Avenue on July 23, 2023 from 9:00AM-4:30PM for their Summer Festival Fundraiser. Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company invited the Village Board to the 2023 Installation of Officers Banquet. Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept and file the correspondence, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Watson to allow Our Lady of Hope to close a portion of Wheeler Avenue on July 23, 2023 from 9:00AM-4:30PM with temporary barriers that would allow access to the area by emergency vehicles, if necessary, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to approve the abstract covering claims #23-00828-23-00829, 24-00002-24-00006, 24-0008-2400013 and 24-00016-24-00069 totaling \$148,826.60, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: Compliance/Zoning Officer, Police Department and Justice Nichols submitted reports for May. Justice Putorti submitted reports for April and May. An Evaluation of the Village of Whitehall's Drinking Water Distribution System Engineer's report was submitted by LaBella Associates. Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Putorti to accept the reports and to place them on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Putorti to adopt the attached resolution acknowledging the need for the installation of disinfection improvements and the associated backup power at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to comply with a Dept. of Environmental Conservation Consent Order and demonstrating the full support of the Village Board of Trustees to implement the project and the completion of the required improvements, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to adopt the attached resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor or the Village designated representative to submit an application to NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation requesting funding for a Water Quality Improvement Project through the 2023 Consolidated Funding Application process and to act in connection with the submission of the application, including executing all required certifications and forms and provide additional information as may be required, all voting in favor, CARRIED

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

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Trustee Norton reported that Matt Saari passed his course for the Water Treatment Plant Operator.

Trustee Putorti has a few complaints regarding high grass and junk in yards. He will give the information to Dan Styzcynski.

Trustee Watson reported that the Dept. of Public Works have finished installing sidewalks, fixing potholes, removing nuisance limbs on trees and continue to install the State Route 22 waterline. He reported that there are new requirements to obtain a CDL license. A company has been contacted to do hydro-vac on the service water lines to check for lead pipes and the cost is estimated to be \$100,000.00. Peckham has been contacted to blacktop Williams Street, Chapin Alley and Boardman Street. A discussion took place regarding the expense of speed humps for Williams Street. Trustee Watson will have more information for the next meeting.

Mayor Eagan reported that the Village received a 1.25 million grant from NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation for Sewer System Rehabilitation to correct inflow and infiltration. Mayor Eagan received a call from NYS Canal Corp. regarding having issues with people trespassing on the pier by the locks. NYS Canal Corp. asked if the Police Dept. could do extra patrols in this area until they are able to erect a chain link fence to block the access.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Putorti to hold the next regular meeting on July 11, 2023 at 6:00PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Putorti to convene into executive session to discuss specific personnel at 6:42PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to end executive session and to adjourn the meeting at 7:04PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer