

August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting 6:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Eagan; Trustees Norton, LaChapelle, Watson and Putorti; Chief Buxton; Danielle Jones; EJ Conzola; Nancy McGrath; Steve Gauci; Theresa Gauci; John Panetta, Theresa Panetta; Parker Ross

Danielle Jones asked if there was a vacant lot that the Village owned for people to bring brush and let compost. Then people could use the compost for their gardens. Mayor Eagan stated that she has looked into this but there is not a suitable piece of Village owned land for this purpose. Nancy McGrath, Theresa and Steve Gauci are here to support John Panetta with their neighbor issues and state that they cannot sit outside in the backyard due to the smells. John Panetta appreciates the help with the issues from the neighbors but the problems are continuing with the odor from the animal feces. The neighbor is now covering the feces with chemicals instead of properly removing the feces from the property. He stated that John Graham from Washington County Code Enforcement has been to the property and gave the owners 30 days to rectify the situation. Theresa Panetta can't have her family at her house with the windows open due to the odor. Mayor Eagan stated that the proper procedures need to be followed through the courts to rectify the situation. She will follow up with John Graham at Washington County.

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve the minutes of the June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup> meetings, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: Charter Communications sent correspondence with a check in the amount of \$8,305.28 for the franchise fee payment. Charter Communications sent a letter regarding upcoming programming changes. A Notice of Petition to Amend Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for Champlain Hudson Power Express Project was received. Dan Styczynski submitted a letter of resignation effective August 1, 2023. 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 Putorti to accept Dan Styczynski's resignation at Compliance/Zoning Officer, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve payment of the abstract covering claims #24-00164-24-00214 totaling \$89,298.71, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: Zoning/Compliance Officer, Justice Nichols and Justice Putorti submitted reports for July. Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept the reports and to place them on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to purchase through State Contract a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD with an 8' plow from DePaula Chevrolet for a total of \$57,357.50 for the Water and Sewer departments, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Putorti to approve funding the Contingency if needed in the amount of \$4,149.00 for the Poultney Street waterline replacement project, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to authorize Mayor Eagan to sign the requested acceleration of Road Use and Crossing Agreement escrow provision by Champlain Hudson Power Express which will provide \$20,000.00 in escrow for the reimbursement of Village's expenses for attorney's fees and engineering cost for the Road Use Agreement, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Northern Insuring Agency notified the Village that NYMIR is requiring a 9% increase for all insureds. This increase will result in \$9,062.83 over what was budgeted.

Trustee Norton reported that the Water Treatment plant is running well. She contacted the owner of 16 Wheeler Avenue regarding the mess that the tenant has created in the yard.

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Trustee Putorti stated that his neighbor's yard is a mess. He has contacted him and it is slowly being cleaned up.

Trustee Watson reported that the milling and paving of Williams Street will begin this week. The Dept. of Public Works have installed sidewalks and risers on catch basins. He would like to have parking on one side of the street throughout the Village.

Mayor Eagan reported the Champlain Hudson Power Express would like to meet with the Board. She is going to ask them to come to the DPW meeting on August 30, 2023.

Chief Buxton gave a report of the statistics for the month of July. He introduced Sgt. Carl Mattison to the Board.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to convene into executive session to discuss specific personnel at 7:11PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to end executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 8:05PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to increase David Buxton's salary to \$71,968.00/yr., all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Putorti to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle  
Clerk-Treasurer