

August 30, 2023 DPW Meeting 2:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Eagan; Trustees Norton, Putorti, LaChapelle and Watson; Steven Brock; Charlie Austin; Matt Saari; Nicholas DeSimone; Clark Wilkinson; Robert Murray; Matt Fuller; Sean Doty; Catherine Hughes; EJ Conzola

Poultney Street Waterline –

Mayor Eagan signed the documents for the Notice of Award. Clark Wilkinson will submit the documents to Rural Development.

State Route 22 Waterline Project –

There has been no progress on this project due to vacations/personnel shortage. Mayor Eagan asked if NYS Dept. of Transportation had been contacted for clearance to dig under State Route 22. This request has not been submitted to NYS Dept. of Transportation yet.

Champlain Hudson Power Express Project –

Mayor Eagan explained that there are 3 documents under review and revision for this project. The Contingency Strike Plan, Road Use Agreement and Corridor Management Plan. Sean Doty explained that the Road Use Agreement is essentially the rules CHPE personnel will have to follow while they are working in the Village of Whitehall. The Contingency Strike Plan will govern what happens if CHPE hit our infrastructure while working. The Corridor Management Plan is the long-term framework that will govern how the Village deals with the CHPE line moving forward. Matt Fuller explained that the intent is to deal with issues before they start the work and not after. He noted there are instances where the line is less than 2 feet from our existing infrastructure and the Village's position is to move the line away from our infrastructure or Steven Brock will be onsite when they are working within close proximity of our water and sewer lines at CHPE's cost. Matt Fuller stated that the Village's position regarding the Road Use Agreement is that the Village should not be subject to burdens such as engineering studies and engineered drawing production without compensation. Matt Fuller explained that the Corridor Management Plan would impact the Village for decades to come. It is important that the Village creates a plan that we can live with.

Sanitary Sewer –

Project #4 – Pump Station 4 Force Main Replacement - Clark Wilkinson reported that the final document would be completed and submitted to NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation next week. This is the last document required for NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation to update the Consent Decree.

Disinfection – Bob Murray reported that the engineering is completed and the final report was submitted to allow the drawdown of the grant funds. Bob Murray worked with NYS Environmental Facilities Corp. to submit the necessary reports. The Village should receive the grant balance of \$15,000.00 soon.

Trustee Norton reported that the Water tank on Skene Mountain was cleaned and inspected. The circulator is operational. The inspector recommended purchasing a new mixer to keep the tank from freezing in the winter. The tank passed inspection.

Trustee Putorti stated that the owner of Bottom's Up requested to be allowed to serve beer outside during the Sasquatch Festival. Matt Fuller advised they would need to get a variance to their liquor license and that this is doable but not on such a short notice.

Trustee Watson reported that the Dept. of Public Works have been blacktopping, filling potholes and repairing sidewalks. The new truck is here and is having lights and signage installed on it. Steven Brock requested to have a spray on bedliner and undercoating done on the truck to extend its lifespan. Mayor Eagan requested quotes for the Board to review at the next meeting. The Vac truck will have its repairs completed this week. The repairs were very costly. Trustee Watson would like to replace the engine in the pick-up truck again. Mayor Eagan requested quotes for the Board to review.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to adjourn the meeting at 2:50PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

