

January 16, 2024 Regular Meeting 6:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Eagan; Trustees Norton, Watson, Putorti and LaChapelle; Chief David Buxton; Sgt. Carl Mattison; Pamela Putorti; Robert Putorti, Jr.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Putorti to approve the minutes of the December 12<sup>th</sup> meetings, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company submitted a list of Officers and roster of members. Charter Communications sent correspondence regarding upcoming programming changes. Steven Brock submitted a letter requesting to be paid for two weeks of vacation time in lieu of time off. Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept the correspondence and to place it on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve Steven Brock's request to be paid two weeks of vacation time in lieu of time off, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve payment of the abstracts covering claims #24-00500-24-00503, 24-00506-24-00510 and 24-00513-24-00563 totaling \$599,266.26, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: Justice Nichols submitted a report for December. Police Department submitted a report with Chief Buxton stating that Officer Wilbur has completed the Zone 5 Police Academy. Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept and file the reports, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to authorize Mayor Eagan to sign the acknowledgement for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grant for Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements for Disinfection in the amount of \$1,800,000.00 through NYS Environmental Facilities Corp., all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Watson reported that CHPE have been given a list of supplies needed to be on hand before digging in the Village. The 14" waterline has a small leak which is being monitored. He has talked with Granville regarding their UV Disinfection system. Clark Wilkinson has not responded as to why the contractor has not started on the waterline replacement under the Poultney Street bridge. Trustee Watson reported that we received the bill from the company that NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation sent to clean up after the vac truck spill totaling \$44,000.00. This has been submitted to the Village's Insurance company.

Trustee Norton reported that the skid of filters at the Water Treatment Plant needs to be replaced. The current price that was received is \$170,000.00 and we only have \$150,000.00 in the capital account for this.

Trustee LaChapelle stated that Skene Manor would like to erect a sign in the parking lot on Main Street. He was told to have Skene Manor submit this request in writing to the Board.

Mayor Eagan stated that John Huggins of Glens Falls Hospital was suppose to give a presentation on grants for Safe Streets but did not attend this meeting due to the bad weather.

Trustee Putorti stated that it is a bad situation at his neighbor's yard. There are car parts, dismantled vehicles and other garbage in the yard. Chief Buxton reported that NYS DEC stated that there were no violations at this address. Chief Buxton was told that the situation would fall under NYS Dept. of Transportation and they have not been responsive to his calls to investigate. Trustee Norton feels that the Police Department could do more regarding this. The Village's Nuisance Law needs to be enforced.

Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Watson to convene into executive session to discuss specific personnel at 6:35PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to adjourn executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 7:15PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

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Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to hire Francis Betit as the Zoning/Compliance Officer for \$20.00/hr. for 20 hours per week with a probation period of three months, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to adjourn the meeting at 7:38PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle  
Clerk-Treasurer