

March 19, 2024 Regular Meeting 6:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Eagan; Trustees LaChapelle, Watson and Putorti; EJ Conzola; Laura Rossi; Brock Fox

Laura Rossi wanted to let everyone know that the Solar Task Force committee would like to hear from community members regarding concerns or research of Solar panels in Whitehall.

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve the minutes of the February 20th meeting, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: American Legion Post 83 submitted a request to conduct the Annual Memorial Day parade, support of the Police Department for escort along the parade route, the use of Riverside Park for a brief ceremony, allow to plant flowers in Riverside Park and \$200.00 to pay the Whitehall High School Band for their participation. Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491 requested permission to conduct a Special 100 Year Birthday Celebration Parade on July 20, 2024, support of the Police Department for escort along the parade route and use of Riverside Park for a brief ceremony. Charter Communications submitted correspondence regarding upcoming programming changes. A Loss Prevention report was received from Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company for their satisfactorily inspection at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. NYMIR sent a notice that the claim for the hydraulic oil leak clean up from the 2005 Freightliner incident was not covered. A notice was received from Congresswoman Elise Stefanik's office that the Community Project Funding Request for Sanitary Sewer Improvements in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 was included in the House passed appropriations bill. Jill Aspy sent a letter requesting that the sidewalk be repaired at 9 Lafayette Street. Trustee Watson will look into this as some of the sidewalk that she requested to be repaired is on her private property. Buxton Property Services requested permission to provide work if needed to foundations within the Boardman Street Cemetery. The Regional Leader of the Veterans Network for General Electric of Rutland, VT requested permission to allow volunteers to work in the Boardman Street Cemetery to repair headstones, clean headstones and trim shrubs and bushes. They would be providing all of the materials and tools needed for the volunteers who will be working under the head of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association. Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Putorti to accept the correspondence and to place it on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Watson to allow the American Legion Post 83 to conduct a parade on May 27, 2024 with Police support, allowing the planting of flowers in Riverside Park, the use of Riverside Park for a ceremony after the parade and contribute \$200.00 for the Whitehall High School Band, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to allow Whitehall Elks Lodge #1491 to conduct a parade on July 20, 2024 with Police support and the use of Riverside Park for a ceremony after the parade, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to allow Buxton Property Services to conduct repair work to foundations at Boardman Street Cemetery once a Certificate of Insurance is received, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Putorti to allow the General Electric volunteers to work in the Boardman Street Cemetery once a waiver is signed or a Certificate of Insurance is received, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve payment of the abstracts covering claims #24-00634-24-00635, 24-00638-24-00641 and 24-00644-24-00676 totaling \$239,656.52, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: Justice Nichols submitted a report for February. Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept and file the report, all voting in favor, CARRIED

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

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Kathleen Suozzo PE, PLLC submitted a proposal for Professional Services Engineering report for Lead Service Line Inventory Project. Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to table making a decision on this proposal for further review, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Mayor Eagan has talked with Tim Hardy from Washington County Emergency Services regarding ID badges for Village employees. Tim Hardy can produce the ID badges with a digital picture and information for the individual employees at no cost to the Village. Mayor Eagan attended a meeting with CHPE, Sean Doty and Steven Brock for an update on the required blasting in the Village for this project. Blasting will not be near our water lines. Only a small section in the rock cut past Neddo Street will require blasting. CHPE will notify the homeowners in the blast area and will take pictures of the homes' foundations before and after the blasting. State Route 22 in this area will be closed to one lane during this time. Mayor Eagan reported that the Regional Director for the Railroad called her regarding the CHPE project. She told him about the section of fence along the railroad on Broadway that has been missing for three years giving dangerous access for individuals to cross the railroad.

Trustee Putorti has seen some improvements around the Village with the Compliance Officer making progress in getting homeowners to clean up their properties.

Trustee Watson reported that the Dept. of Public Works has repaired some water meters, water leaks, cold patching and will be starting back on State Route 22 waterline replacement. Parts have been ordered for the repair of the sweeper and hydrant flushing will be starting soon. Trustee Watson reported that the sidewalk on Saunders Street bridge is in need of repair. Trustee Putorti will mention this to Francis Putorti who is on a Canal Corporation committee.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to convene into executive session to discuss specific personnel at 6:39PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Putorti to adjourn executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 7:00PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept Stephanie LaChapelle's letter of resignation due to retirement effective September 4, 2024, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to hold budget meetings on March 27, 2024 at 3:00PM and April 1, 2024 at 4:00PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Putorti to adjourn the meeting at 7:23PM, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Stephanie A. LaChapelle
Clerk-Treasurer