

PRESENT: Mayor Eagan; Trustees Watson, LaChapelle, Norton, and Putorti; EJ Conzola; John Burgart; Robin Burgart; Richard LaChapelle; Dana Grant; Marge Mohn at 6:02PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor opened discussion to Robin and John Burgart.

John Burgart indicated two issues:

- 1) What is the code for people living in motor homes within 10 feet of the side walk, temporary sanitary hoses ran.

Mayor asked if John spoke with Compliance officer.

John indicated that he has spoken to the Compliance officer. Frank, Compliance officer has spoken with the person living there, and there are unregistered vehicles on the property.

Mayor indicated she would look into this.

- 2) Are speed bumps being installed on William Street when it gets paved? He is not in favor of speed bumps.

Mayor indicated that the speed bumps will not be installed due to the wear and tear on the road.

Trustee Watson indicated that there is intention to pave William St this year.

Trustee LaChapelle indicated that when the Sheriff comes on board, they would be monitoring.

Richard LaChapelle indicated the Sheriff will monitor the speed and how many vehicles.

Mayor opened discussion to Marge Mohn.

Marge Mohn asked of the status of the demolished building at 1 No. William St.

Mayor indicated that the Village is working on a NYS Grant program to help Villages and Towns to clean up. We are not sure if this situation falls within the confines of the grant, because the Village does not own the property. We're working on it. This grant does not have a specific deadline.

Marge indicated concern on North Williams St near the stop sign. Concerned with being hit. She asked what the speed limit is.

Trustee LaChapelle indicated 25mph.

Marge asked if something can be done with the crosswalk lines.

Mayor indicated she will look into help from Glens Falls Hospital Help the Community to repaint the crosswalks.

Mayor opened discussion to Dana Grant.

Dana Grant indicated he wanted to discuss a few things.

1. Can we keep the old utility poles, use of the old Utility Pole for banners, for promoting events. Permission would not have to be asked to use the utility pole.

Trustee Putorti indicated it was his understanding to whomever removes the last line is responsible for the utility pole. He will ask about it.

2. Sasquash Festival, There will be a one way entrance. Upstate Chevy Dealers are sponsoring the whole event and will be promoting new electric cars.

3. Street lights out, Division St. Issues with lights around 50 Main St.

Trustee Watson indicated he would have Steve Brock check them.

4. Is it illegal to remove debris? Indicating removing debris from 1 No. Williams St property that was demolished.

Trustee Watson indicated that it is private property.

Dana Grant asked if the owner was ok with it, if its illegal to remove it.

Mayor indicated that Department of Labor brought up Asbestos. There are rules about cleaning up Asbestos.

5. Are we moving forward with the Sheriffs?

Mayor indicated that the deadline passed and a petition was not filed regarding Local Law 2 of 2024 to abolish Police Department. The Local Law is in effect.

Trustee Putorti asked if coverage was set up for the Festival.

Richard LaChapelle indicated the Sheriff would cover the Sasquash Festival.

Marge Mahon indicated that there may be Air Tests for Asbestos available for use.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve the minutes of the July 16<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>th</sup> meetings, all voting in favor, CARRIED

LETTERS: Charter Communications letter for remittance of franchise fee of \$7489.26.

Letter from Cindy Williams requesting adjustment of Sewer portion of bill due to leaking hot water tank, indicating the water did not go through the sewer system and did not need to be treated.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson for Sewer portion of the bill to be reduced by half, resident will be responsible for full Water and half of Sewer amount, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Letter from Sal Panetta, for Champs Restaurant, request adjustment of Sewer portion of bill due to leak and flooding, indicating repairs have been made, and shut off valve has been installed.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to reduce Sewer portion of the bill by half, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Letter from Brian Brooks, President of Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company would like to acquire one of the village patrol cars for Fire Police unit to respond to alarms, perform traffic duties, parades etc. as needed by the community. Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to table the request to acquire one of the village patrol cars, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Letter from Brian Brooks, President of Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company would like acquire ownership of property under the current Firehouse. Requesting the Village of Whitehall to incur expense of the services, preparation and filing of deed. Mayor indicated she would look into it. Trustee Norton indicated that research needed to be done. Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to table the request to acquire ownership of property under the current Firehouse, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Previously tabled letter from Margaret Scribner regarding adjustment of previous Water and Sewer bill. Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to reduce previous Sewer portion of the bill to reduce by half, resident will be responsible for full Water and half of the previous Sewer portion amount, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Watson to accept the correspondence and to place it on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve payment of abstract covering claims #25-00131-25-00178 totaling \$177,879.21, all voting in favor, CARRIED

REPORTS: Justice Johnson submitted a report for June and July. Justice Nichols submitted a report for July. A police report was received for July 17-August 20, 2024. Water Plant Report received, Waste Water Treatment Plant Report received. Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Watson, to accept the reports and to place them on file, all voting in favor, CARRIED

APPLICATION: Bradley Rehm submitted an application for laborer. Motion was made by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Norton to accept and file application, all in favor, CARRIED

Motion to approve Amendment No. 1 of the Owner-Engineer Agreement with the Environmental Design Partnership, LLP for Engineering Planning Grant Application No. 90834, Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Study from \$100,000 to \$128,750 made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Putorti, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Trustee Norton reported two quotes have been obtained for the LED lighting at the Water Treatment Plant. The final quote will be done on Thursday.

Trustee Watson reported the Highway department was working on potholes, cross walks, and reviewing CHIPS monies for street paving. Also indicated there will be a list of sidewalks and

NYS is working on Poultney Street sidewalks. Trustee Norton requested a list of sidewalks to be repaired. Trustee Watson agreed to forward a list.

Mayor reported a letter was received from the Whitehall School regarding the Homecoming Parade, requesting permission on October 10, 2024 for the parade and bonfire at the Rec Center. Mayor indicated the village streets would not be an issue, however Route 4 is a NYS Highway. Richard LaChapelle stated to call NYS DOT regarding Route 4, a state highway and the village does not own Route 4. Mayor indicated she will contact the school and give the school NYS DOT contact information.

Motion was made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Putorti to approve the Homecoming parade and bonfire providing the school goes through the proper channels, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion was made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to convene into executive session to discuss specific personnel at 7:03pm, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion was made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to adjourn executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 7:53pm, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion was made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to offer Bradley Rehm minimum of \$20 p/hr with maximum of \$21 p/hr for Laborer position for the Village of Whitehall, Trustees Watson voted no, all others voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion was made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Putorti to re-hire Stephanie LaChapelle as a part-time clerk effective September 9, 2024 at \$30 p/hr, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Motion was made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm, all voting in favor, CARRIED

Dawn M. Anthony  
Clerk-Treasurer