

**VILLAGE OF WHITEHALL**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 29, 2026**

**2:00 PM.**

PRESENT: Mayor Lambert, Trustee Norton, Trustee Putorti, Trustee Neddo, Trustee Chapelle.

Attendees: Charles Austin. Mackenzie Pelton, John Alva, Thomas Trepanier, Catherine Hughes, EJ Conzola

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lambert opened discussion:

**BILLS:** Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Norton to accept and pay bills. **CARRIED**

**DRINKING WATER**

Water Emergency

RD is using NBRC funding. LaBella completed updated budget

EFC : 5 million. RD to approve the budget. Payoff EFC loan ahead of time. Request additional information. Cost over to be covered by EPA funding

NBRC – 1 million - environmental clearance – environmental review process and clear funds.

CDBG - 2 million

EPA – 2 million. Request for technical corrections, use both for water and WWTP

SICADA – system is not working correctly. AWANTI to upgrade SICATA – Put bids out or get quotes for the WTP. New emergency – can't use EFC loan investigation and report. Borrow money for SICADA Bond resolution .

ARIA FITRA to review SICADA. Aventt – upgrades.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE – Call for plan. Write out Emergency Plan. Ted Avanti will be contacted to review SICADA system to see what needs to be replaced. Proposal and Bid for the project.

CSL Replacements – may public out

MJ – Bid documents. Water coordinated with WWTP. To discuss with DOT. Because of restrictions, flagging times limited Monday – Fridays may create delay due to flagging time.

**SANITARY SEWER**

MJ – Design documents completed. Waiting for EFC. Poultney Street will need more work with paving. Respond to MJ 5/5/26. Not include curb replacement in two sections depending on the paving.

UV Disinfection –

EPA 1.3 million to the board. Fill out finance modification to over to finance.

Change funding – increase costs. Recommendation of award.

5/8/26 – Special Meeting. Adopt the notice of Award. Special Meeting May 5, 2 PM. To adopt resolution. Notice of Award – UV Bidding.

Subcatchment 3 – Letter received from FEMA seeking close out.

4-5-26 – 5-30-26 Submission deadline

## **GENERAL MATTERS/ CORRESPONDENCE**

Whitehall Studios – John Alva: Catch basin? Mr. Alva is looking for support from the Village to help.

The Town of Whitehall would have to create a district before a Grant maybe applied for.

- When did the Village start billing John Alva for water & sewer?
- How do we get it to work? Residents are residing there currently.
- Will the Village handle this?
- When was this approved?
- How can we get this accomplished and at what cost?
- Does Whitehall Studios have a grinder pump? Can one be obtained via donations etc?

Mr. Alva is willing to help pay for the repair of the last section. Trustee LaChapelle stated that Whitehall Studios should be held responsible.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle seconded by Trustee Putorti

Cease and Desist – Whitehall Studios – Resolution – No ownership

**CARRIED**

North William Street – Surveyor and environment going to bid in approximately one month. Top Priority , we can call a special meeting in late summer – early fall to discuss further.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Putorti to approve FEMA draw down.

**CARRIED**

A Special meeting will be scheduled to appoint Francis Putorti to the Planning Board.

Motion made by Trustee Putorti seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to adopt Resolution- Introduction of local law providing for Flodd Damage Prevention in the Village of Whitehall.

**CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle seconded by Trustee Norton to adopt and schedule a Public Hearing on May 19, 2026 for Zoning/Planning.

Motion made by Trustee Norton seconded by Trustee Neddo to proceed with grant application for a program providing funds for evaluation and implementation of new requirements regarding Cybersecurity and developing an Emergency Response Plan. This NYS change impacts need for Wastewater treatment facilities related to Cybersecurity and emergency response planning.

**CARRIED**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Motion made by Trustee Norton seconded by Trustee Neddo to allow Roslyn Lambert to close Fosdick Alley parking lot Saturday May 23, 202 for a Misses Whipple's Mercantile event.

**CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle seconded by Trustee Putorti to grant Event Permission to Rootstock Racing to allow a bicycle tour pass through the Village of Whitehall Monday night, June 22, 2026 through Tuesday morning, June 23, 2026.

**CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Neddo to adjourn the meeting at 3:00PM.

**CARRIED**