

VILLAGE OF WHITEHALL, NEW YORK

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 16, 2026

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS, PRESENT: Mayor Lambert, Trustee Norton, Trustee Putorti, Trustee LaChapelle

ATTENDEES: Kathy Gebo, Jim Allen, Richard LaChapelle, Kirstin & Jeff Thomas, Allen Forestry.

Recognition of Visitors (Public Comment):

- Kathy Gebo – What is the status of 1 North Williams Street. Work scheduled for September to build a wall to provide a cover for the summer.
- Jim Allen – Allen Logging -presented a proposal for a logging contract to the Board
- Kiersten Thomas advised sewer is good. Also inquired as to installing Speed Bumps.
- Richard LaChapelle suggested a digital speedometer be used. Trustee Burkhardt advised the Sheriff's Department advised they will put the digital speedometer up soon.
- The Board advises they will research the suggestion of installing speed bumps.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle seconded by Trustee Norton to suspend regular meeting. To swear in new Trustee, John Burkart, to the Board.

CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to return to regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Justice
- Zoning/Compliance
- Sheriff
- Andrew Larue, Property Manager, submitted a letter asking for an adjustment to the current water and sewer bill for 10 Adams Street.

Motion made by Trustee Putorti seconded by Trustee Norton to adjust the water and sewer bill for 10 Adams Street as follows. Homeowner is responsible to pay ½ of the sewer bill and full bill for water. Trustee LaChapelle objects to this motion.

CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle seconded by Trustee Norton to accept and file correspondence. **CARRIED**

ABSTRACTS (Payment of Bills): Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle seconded by Trustee Putorti to accept and pay bills. **CARRIED**

REPORTS: Motion made by Trustee Norton seconded by Trustee Putorti to accept and file all Reports submitted. **CARRIED**

COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Highway Department
- Water Department – No issues.
- Wastewater Department

ACTIONS (Old business – New business):

- Clerk/Treasurer Position
- Grant Administration Clerk Position
- EFC Loan Payment

Motion made by Trustee Norton seconded by Trustee Lachapelle to pause Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle seconded by Trustee Putorti to reconvene Regular Meeting at 6:50 p.m. **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Norton seconded by Trustee Putorti to accept the verbal resignation of the Village Clerk/Treasurer, Dawn Anthony.

CARRIED

BOARD DISCUSSIONS: Personnel positions and salaries were discussed for hiring a new Village Clerk/Treasurer, A full-time Grant Administrator.

Motion made by Trustee Putorti seconded by Trustee Norton to hire Jamie Barnhill as Village Clerk/Treasurer effective 7/2/2026, at the pay rate of \$53,000 annually, 35 hours/5days per week, 8:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m. six-month probation period is effective 7/2/2026. **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Putorti seconded by Trustee Norton to adjourn regular Board meeting at 6:55 p.m. **CARRIED**