

VILLAGE OF WHITEHALL

BOARD MEETING

April 21, 2026

6:00 PM

Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees: Mayor Lambert, Trustee Neddo, Trustee Norton, Trustee Lachapelle and Trustee Putorti.,

Visitors: E.J. Conzola, Kathy Gebo, Brian Brooks, Robin and John Burgart, Cheryl Putorti, Ralph Diesimmonne, Dustin Hayes, Marcus Therrien.

Public Comment:

- John Burgart advised there are people residing in a camper in the Village. Mayor Lambert advised that the Village is in the process of enhancing the Village Laws and Procedures.
- Robin Burgart advised the Board there are Grants available to address the number of feral cats in the Village. Ms. Burgart advises she works with a Feline Rescue organization in an effort to have the cats sprayed/neutered and given rabies vaccines. The Town of Whitehall along with Washington County are advocating for this process.
- Brian Brooks representing the Whitehall Fire Company discussed the following concerns:
 - LOSAP – Funding for the Fire House
 - Manpower – has decreased.
 - Fire house wants an audit – manpower is a real problem.
 - A Fire district would make a positive impact on the Village
 - No funding for EMS, possible shut down.
 - Mr. Brooks suggested an incentive program for recruits could encourage new members and/or return of prior members. Mr. Brooks asked about a tax credit, incentives or maybe a retirement account? Members should be compensated for their time and commitment to the Community.
 - Mayor Lambert advised he will look into these matters and contact Mr. Brooks.
- Cheryl Putorti asked the Board for a truck be provided and a dumpster placed near the gazebo for Community Clean Up on 5/16/26.
 - Hogwash volunteered to power wash the gazebo. Gazebo paint is in the budget. Donations have been collected for shrubs around the front of the Gazebo . Permission to plant the shrubs.
 - A request has been received for the Village to host a Quilt Show on Saturday October 1st.
- June Festival has emergency services informed
- Chamber of Commerce to plant

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Putorti to plant the shrubs around the Gazebo .

CARRIED

Bids received for: Skene Valley \$9650 and Generous Mowing \$9325

Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Neddo to accept Skene Valley Bid of \$9650. Trustee LaChapelle abstained.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to accept the submitted correspondence. **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Neddo to accept and pay Abstracts submitted. **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Neddo to accept and approve all Reports submitted. **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Neddo to accept LaBella Proposal for awarded Grant Administration and Program Delivery Services FY 2025 CDBG Village of Whitehall Water System Improvements Program Administration **CARRIED**

Trustee Comments:

Trustee Putorti advised Neddo Street and Bellamy Street need to be fixed immediately.

DPW stated these two streets will be fixed this week.

Trustee Putorti suggested two people to interview.

Motion made by Trustee Putorti seconded by Trustee Norton to hire on the spot if deemed necessary otherwise it will be brought to the Board **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Norton seconded by Trustee Putorti to review WW Law regarding fines. **CARRIED**

Trustee Norton suggested an individual be trained on leak detection of new leak detector.

Motion made by Trustee Norton seconded by Trustee LaChapelle agree with Trustee Norton's suggestion **CARRIED**

Trustee LaChapelle advised the Board; GE is already booked, however, looking to coming this way to fix the Cemetery.

Trustee Norton advised the Board; Charlie has reported the Water Treatment Plant and Water level is good.

CR-12 Issues with lines, box and timers. A new box cost \$3250.

Motion made Trustee Norton seconded by Trustee Neddo to put new box and fix park wiring, CR-12 **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Putorti seconded by Trustee Norton to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle seconded by Trustee Norton to return Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m. **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Neddo seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to adjourn Regular Meeting at 7:51 p.m.