

PRESENT: Mayor Putorti, Trustee Norton, Trustee LaChapelle, Trustee Putorti, Trustee Watson, Randy Lambert, Paige Foote, Jessie Neddo, Phil Smith, Dana Grant, EJ Conzola, and Diane Ingleton

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Discussion

Mayor Putorti opened the meeting to the public:

- Paige Foote, as Business Manager of Maple Wood Ice, expressed concern regarding the recent water challenges, questioned ongoing efforts, was there anything that could have been done to prevent the Water Emergency and what preventative measures are being implemented for the future. Paige indicated her concern for the future of her business, and maintain work for their employees, and if needed the business would have to relocate to Queensbury to ensure survival.
Paige also reported an ongoing water leak within the parking area of the business office of Maple Wood Ice.

Mayor responded that this was the first time he's heard about a leak in the business driveway, and Village will get on that. Regarding the future plans, the Mayor stated he does not want to see the business move. He stated the lake is holding its own, but the Village does need an additional water source. There are weekly meetings with Department of Health in order to have a resolution. We are working on the roadway to Pine Lake, the passageway to the pipeline, and long-term solutions.

- Jesse Neddo proposed a transformation of the role of Compliance Officer. She proposed to redefine the position as a Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector.

Mayor Putorti stated that there was nothing that could be done for a few months. Trustee Putorti suggested she present the proposal to the Town for a joint venture for both the Town and Village. Mayor Putorti asked if she was running for an elected Trustee position on the Village Board. Jess confirmed, and stated yes, she is.

- Randy Lambert informed the Board that he and co-founder Zach Rice were in the process of starting a committee "Whitehall Improvement Network" and applying for non-profit status, which would assist the community, and act as a liaison, and assist the Board with Grants.

Mayor Putorti reminded Randy to provide the Board with a letter and insurance documentation regarding the Park & Ride for The Whitehall Railroaders snowmobile club.

- Dana Grant asked if there a Code Enforcement Officer in the Village.
Mayor Putorti stated that there is a Compliance Officer in the Village, Frank Betit, Code Enforcement is currently through the County.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle to approve of previous meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Putorti, all in favor, **CARRIED**

LETTERS:

- Letter from Dennis D. Johnson requesting the Village of Whitehall to appoint him to the vacant position of Associate Justice.

Motion made by Trustee Watson to appoint Dennis D. Johnson as Associate Justice for the Village of Whitehall, seconded by Trustee Norton, all in favor **CARRIED**

- Selective Insurance policy, Flood Renewal Insurance

Motion made by Trustee Norton to renew Flood Insurance through Selective Insurance, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle, all in favor, opposed by Trustee Putorti **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Watson to accept all correspondence, seconded by Trustee Norton, all in favor, **CARRIED**

APPLICATIONS: Motion made by Trustee Watson to accept and file Application, seconded by Trustee Putorti, all in favor, **CARRIED**

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve payment of abstract covering claims 25-00395 to 25-00446 for \$392,203.43, all in favor, **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Putorti to apply for EFC Interest Free Loan up to \$1,000,000, for Emergency expenses, seconded by Trustee Norton, all in favor, **CARRIED**

REPORTS:

- Justice Johnson submitted a report for the month of December 2024.
- Washington County Sheriff submitted a report for the month of December 2024.
- Zoning/Compliance Officer submitted a report for the month of December 2024

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle to accept and file the reports, seconded by Trustee Putorti, all in favor, **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Watson to adopt the attached Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the FY 2024 Community Development Block Grant Agreement, all in favor, **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Watson to adopt the attached Resolution Authorizing the Clerk to Publish a Notice Requesting Statements of Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services and Proposals (RFP) for Grant Administration Services from professional Service Firms Qualified to Assist the Village with Implementation of the Villages FY 24 Community Development Block Gant Award, all in favor, **CARRIED**

Proposal to sell Police Department inventory to Granville Police Department, tabled pending receipt of the appraisal of weapons from David Chaplin, of DOCs.

Trustee Watson reported Highway Department has been fixing leaks, road repairs, sanding, salting, and Pump Station5 repairs.

Motion was made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to convene into executive session at 6:40pm, all voting in favor, **CARRIED**

Motion was made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to adjourn executive session and to reconvene into regular session at 7:07pm, all voting in favor, **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Norton to adjourn the meeting 7:10pm, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle, all in favor, **CARRIED**

Dawn M. Anthony
Clerk-Treasurer