

Village of Whitehall

April 15, 2025

Regular Meeting

6:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor B. Philip Smith, Trustee Michael LaChapelle, Trustee Robert Putorti, Trustee Patricia Norton, Trustee Jesse Neddo, Louie Pratt, Kristen Miner, Frank Wade, Randy Lambert, Malanie Lagoy, Katrina McLaughlin, Virgil McDonald, Tyler McDonald

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor opened the Budget Public Hearing:

Louie Pratt began the Public Hearing with questions regarding Budget line items, and appropriations of employees. Louie also questioned the dissolution of the Village. The Mayor indicated the dissolution of the village was addressed approximately 5 years ago, however New York State Grant Funding of \$50,000 fell through, and funding is available in New York State again. The Mayor indicated that due diligence must be done, along with a study. Residents would need to vote for the plan to move forward.

Louie Pratt address additional questions regarding the Water Budget, and suggested the Village needs cross-training, accountability and implementation of an incentive plan to have employees work together.

Water Emergency

Ted Donner from LaBella addressed the action plan regarding DOH April 24, 2025 Letter.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle to Authorize the Mayor to sign off on final draft of Department of Health response to April 24, 2025 Letter, and Authorize LaBella to respond to Department of Health Letter, seconded by Trustee Norton, all in favor, **CARRIED**

Discussion and update from Bob Murray from LaBella regarding IUP Listing deadline of May 30, 2025, RD Emergency Grant, and Submission of Northern Borders application.

Discussion from Bob Murray from LaBella, and Matt Fuller regarding CDBG, status of engineering from MJ Engineering Firm, and Grant Administration from LaBella. LaBella indicated they will supply Valve mapping and information to MJ Engineering.

Mayor indicated State Route 22 Waterline Project Covid funds of approximately \$33,000 remain available until December 2025.

Discussion regarding Lead Service Line Replacement and RFQ for engineering services in May 2025.

Updated status of SPDES Permit responded to by Clark Wilkinson of EDP Engineering, Notice of Violation for Chemical Bulk Storage, Ted Donner of LaBella responded to DEC.

Review and status of Sanitary Sewer projects from Matt Fuller and Bob Murry of Labella.

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle to adjourn the meeting 3:22PM, seconded by Trustee Patricia Norton, all in favor, **CARRIED**

Dawn M. Anthony
Clerk-Treasurer