

Village of Whitehall

November 18, 2025

Regular Meeting

6:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Smith, Trustee Norton, Trustee Putorti, Trustee Neddo, E.J Conzola II, Randy Lambert, Brian Brooks, Trustee LaChapelle arrival at 6:25pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smith opened discussion:

Brian Brooks discussed the following:

- Proposed a change to the Water & Sewer minimum rate
- The minimum rate to change from 0-5999 gallons to 500-5999 gallons (first 500 as sacrificial, no charge until 501 gallons), stating many village residents leave the area during the winter, and this should apply to said residents. The Village Board indicated they would look into it.
- Met with LaBerge Group regarding the Dissolution Study
- Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company Inc. is in need of members, indicating that LOSAP Program may be an incentive for new members.

LETTERS:

Letter from Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company Inc. to the Village Board of Trustees requesting a Letter of Permission to install New York State Historical roadside marker at the corner of Riverside Park, should they receive funding from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Putorti approving Letter of Permission for Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company Inc., to install the New York State Historical roadside marker at the corner of Riverside Park, should they receive funding from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, seconded by Trustee Putorti, all in favor, **CARRIED**

Letter to the Board of Trustees from Resident of 118 So. Willams Street requesting sidewalk repair; deemed necessary by Insurance company.

Randy Lambert, of W.I.N., informed the Board of a sidewalk project, with the possibility of Grant funding.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Neddo to table the discussion of sidewalk repair at 118 So. Williams Street until further notice, all in favor, **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Neddo to accept and file all correspondence, all in favor, **CARRIED**

BILLS: Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Putorti, to approve payment of abstracts covering claims 25-00960 to 25-00997 for \$201,268.72, all in favor, **CARRIED**

REPORTS:

- Justices Johnson submitted October 2025 reports
- Washington County Sheriff submitted October 2025 report
- Zoning/Compliance submitted October 2025 report

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

APPLICATIONS: Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle, seconded by Trustee Putorti to accept

and file application, all in favor,

CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Putorti to hire current Part-Time Laborer employee Lucas Juckett as Full-Time Laborer; Trustees Norton, Neddo, and Putorti in favor, Trustee LaChapelle abstained,

CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee Norton to authorize Washington County Sheriff, Richard LaChapelle to negotiate with Granville Police Department on behalf of the Village Board of Trustees regarding the sale of firearms previously owned by Village of Whitehall Police Department, all in favor,

CARRIED

Trustee Neddo requested clarification/confirmation Washington County Sheriff enforcing the Village Winter Parking Ban; Mayor Smith stated he will follow up with the Sheriff.

Trustee Putorti reported Village residents living in campers on North and South Williams Streets, and requested a follow up with the Sheriff regarding enforcement of Local Laws. Mayor stated he will speak with the Washington County Sheriff regarding the same.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Putorti to award and approve Suozzo, Doty, Associates as the Engineering firm for RFQ: The 2025 New York State drinking water, State Revolving Fund, Project Number 19876, Village of Whitehall Lead Service Line Inventory Grant; Engineering Services Procurement, all in favor,

CARRIED

Mayor B. Philip Smith submitted his Formal Notice of Resignation, dated November 18, 2025 to the Village Board of Trustees effective 12:00pm, December 1, 2025.

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee Neddo regretfully accept Mayor B. Philip Smith's resignation, and appoint Francis Putorti as Mayor effective 12:01pm, December 1, 2025, all in favor,

CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to table discussions regarding Auctions Internationals, all in favor,

CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Putorti, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to deny DPW Foreman's request for 2025 Chevrolet Silverado Dump Truck wire harness for plow and sander in the amount of \$4019, all in favor,

CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Neddo, seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to adjourn the meeting 6:53pm, all in favor,

CARRIED

Dawn M. Anthony
Clerk-Treasurer