

VILLAGE OF WHITEHALL

DPW Meeting

March 25, 2026

2:00 PM

Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees:

Visitors: E.J. Conzola, Randy Lambert, Catherine Hughes – SDA, Paul Guillet – LaBella, Charles Austin, Bob Murray, Devin – LaBella, Matt Fuller, Bob Putorti, Jesse Neddo, Pat Norton, Mike LaChapelle, Mackenzie

DRINKING WATER

1. Water Emergency
 - a. LaBella Engineering Agreement on Hold: *Village of Whitehall System Improvement-Pine Lake Reservoir Improvements and SCADA Integration Pine Lake Reservoir & Water Treatment Plant, Town of Dresden & Village of Whitehall.*
 - b. Finance Status – LaBella
 - i. EFC – \$5 Million Grant L/M Loan
 - ii. RD – Waiting
 - iii. NBRC – Need notice to proceed to get water going
 - iv. CDBG - \$2 Award – Grant Agreement in process, pending the Mayor’s signature. Grant approved totaling approximately \$2M
2. Valve Replacement (also Poultney-Williams Water Valve) - CDBG – plans and specs report have been filed for Regulatory Review

Comments are required to be in April 2026 to get ready for bid

Anticipated Bid 5/14/2026. MJ to check with DOH regarding comments deadline. Bidding P/W sewer , 1st to see how much for sewer will let us know how much we will know how much we can spend on water .

1. Status of Engineering (MJ Engineering)
2. Grant Administration (B. Murray/LaBella)
3. Lead Service Replacement – meeting with Charlie
 - a. Update (Catherine Hughes/Sean Doty) – Recreate maps – spring /summer to GPS sites

SANITARY SEWER

1. Poulney-Williams Sewer CWSRF (EFC) Project #C5-5510-04-00 – wants bids out before water because of decent decree deadlines. EFC minimum 45-60 days.
 - a. Status (MJ Engineering) – Interim design scope completed.
2. UV Disinfection CWSRF Project #c5-5551-04-02, Disinfection – Bid opening March 24, 2026.
 - a. Status (LaBella) – Options available & discuss bids with EFC, bids came in high.

GENERAL MATTERS

1. Vacant Properties Clean Up Grant (CDBG)
 - a. Professional Service Agreement .

Motion made by Trustee Norton seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to approve and accept Agreement, Mayor to sign.

OTHER BOARD MATTERS

Motion made to by Trustee Putorti seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to hire new employee at \$23.50 per hour. **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Putorti seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to pay all bills presented. **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Putorti seconded by Trustee Norton to pause LaBerge for 3 months. **CARRIED**

Subcatchment 3 – FEMA waiting on FEMA review

Matt Fuller discussed Whitehall Studios – DPW invested a lot of time. Discharge at manhole at Whitehall Studios . Building is attached. 4 in line – prive line.

DEC advised . IBS has assisted , lines need to be replaced. Line affects 3 properties.

Connect manhole to corner property manhole by 8 inch line. If property owners did it then it would be cheaper . If Village does the work it would fall under an emergency engineers.

DEC regulations : must be owned by the Municipalities or private district transportation , because none apply , the Village must take care of. If property owners pay for 8 inch line will the board accept dedication. Short term fix: di/e – pump to bypass . Extend shut off note if land owners are cooperative

Need Easement from Trepannier, have easement from Cuomo.

Bob Murray – EPA Congressional \$2M. Village will decide how much to water and how much to WWTP. Started process for environmental.

EPA: \$1M to water, \$1M Sewer. Asked for technical correction to allow grant to be issued for F & G. Asked for procurement process be applied to Grant . Must go through another process for Grant. LaBella proposed agreement.

EFC - \$5M Grant + \$4M Loan. Update application .

Grant administrator – LaBella provide contract for EFC. Proposed agreement for LaBella

Motion made by Trustee Norton seconded by Trustee Neddo to enter Executive Session at 3:10 p.m. Appointment of personnel. **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee LaChapelle seconded by Trustee Neddo to adjourn Executive Session at 3:16 p.m. **CARRIED**

Motion made by Trustee Neddo seconded by Trustee LaChapelle to adjourn DPW Meeting at 3:19 p.m. **CARRIED**