

VILLAGE OF WHITEHALL

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

February 26, 2025
2:00 P.M.

DRINKING WATER

1. Water Emergency
 - a. DOH January 14, 2025 Letter- Status Report
 - b. RFQ for Engineering
 - i. Action Item: Resolution to Award Engineering
 - c. Current Status
 - i. Pump Status
 - ii. SOP (Standard Operating Procedures)
 - iii. DOH weekly meetings update
 - iv. Road
 - d. Cash Flow Analysis
 - i. Borrowing to pay bills
 1. Action Item: Bond Resolution
 - ii. EFC Emergency Funds
 1. Action Item: Resolution Ratifying Agreement with EFC
 - iii. RD Emergency Grant
2. CDBG Funding Application July 2024- Joint water-sewer application
 - a. SEQRA Commencement
 - b. RFQ Process Commencement
 - c. HCR Project Tracking
 - i. Discussion on status of engineering
 - ii. Discussion on status of grant administration
 - iii. Note 2nd Public Hearing required at END of project
 - iv. Monthly Project Reporting
3. State Route 22 Waterline Project
4. Lead Service Line Replacement
 - a. December 16, 2024 Village EFC Award Letter: \$1,134,110
 - i. RFQ for engineering services?

SANITARY SEWER

1. See Village of Whitehall Sewer Projects Chart
 - a. DEC/NYS Attorney General Consent Decree Status
 - i. Update from AG and dates.
 - b. CWSRF Project #C5-5551-04-02, Disinfection.
 - c. Subcatchment 3- HMGP- Status of Engineering Evaluations.
 - d. Lemnotis Roof Drain.

GENERAL MATTERS

1. Vacant Properties Clean Up Grant (CDBG)
 - a. SEQRA Review Status- On for March determination of significance

VILLAGE OF WHITEHALL

DPW MEETING

02/26/2025 2 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Putorti; Trustees, Neddo, Norton and Putorti

ATTENDEES: E.J. Conzola; Phil Smith; Steve Brock, Charlie Austin. ., Matt Fuller Devin Bulger, Bob Murry; LaChapelle absent

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

Motion made by Trustee Watson seconded by Trustee Putorti to adopt Bond Resolution

CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson seconded by Trustee Putorti to adopt the Bond Resolution..

CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Watson seconded by Norton to adopt Resolution Ratifying Agreement with EFC

CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton seconded by Trustee Watson to accept and pay bills

CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton seconded by Trustee Putorti to accept the Proposal submitted by LaBella

CARRIED

Motion made by Trustee Norton seconded by Trustee Putorti to adjourn meeting at 3:02pm

CARRIED

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Whitehall, Washington County, New York was convened in public session at the Village Hall located at 57 Skenesborough Drive in said Village on February 26, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Francis Putorti, and, upon roll being called, the following members were:

PRESENT:

Francis Putorti
Patricia Norton
Tim Watson
Robert Putorti Sr.

Mayor
Deputy Mayor/Trustee
Trustee
Trustee

ABSENT:

Mike LaChapelle

Trustee

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

Dawn M. Anthony

Village Clerk/Treasurer

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Watson , seconded by Trustee Putorti, to wit;

BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF WHITEHALL, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,600,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE INCREASED COST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE'S DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE VILLAGE TREASURER.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Whitehall, Washington County, New York (the "Village") (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the members of the Board) as follows:

SECTION 1. The specific purpose (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the increased cost of improvements to the Village's drinking water infrastructure, including emergency repairs and long-term capital improvements specifically addressing critical vulnerabilities in its drinking water system. The estimated maximum cost of said purpose is \$1,600,000.

SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees plans to finance the cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the Village in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law. To offset a portion of the cost of said purpose, the Village has applied for Water

Infrastructure Emergency Financial Assistance from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation ("EFC") and intends to apply for funding from other grant/loan programs, including EFC's Water Infrastructure Improvement program, the Community Development Block Grant program, the Northern Border Regional Commission grant program and the Rural Development grant program.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 1 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is forty (40) years.

SECTION 4. It is hereby determined that the proposed maturity of the obligations authorized by this resolution will be in excess of five (5) years.

SECTION 5. Current funds are not required to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized by this resolution or any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds.

SECTION 6. The proceeds of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the specific purpose set forth herein. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

SECTION 7. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of the Village a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due and payable.

SECTION 8. Subject to the terms and contents of this resolution and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 21.00, 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00, inclusive, of said Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and the renewals of said notes, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said serial bonds and said bond anticipation notes (including, without limitation, dates, denominations, maturities, interest payment dates, consolidation with other issues, manner of execution and redemption rights), and the power to determine to issue said bonds providing for substantially level or declining debt service, and the power to sell and deliver said serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Village. The Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said serial bonds, and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of the Village to any of said serial bonds or any bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal.

SECTION 9. The Village Treasurer is hereby further authorized, in her discretion, to execute a project finance agreement or agreements, a grant agreement or agreements and any other agreements with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, the New York State Department of Health and/or any other funding sources and any amendments thereto, and to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to provide for the financing or refinancing of the specific purpose set forth herein, or a portion thereof, by the issuance of serial bonds of the Village and the sale of said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and/or any other funding sources.

SECTION 10. The Village Treasurer is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, and

any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 11. The validity of said serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds may be contested only if:

(1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or

(2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or

(3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SECTION 12. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in The Post-Star, a newspaper having a general circulation in the Village and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Village for such publication, after the period of time shall have elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum and a valid petition shall not have been submitted and filed.

SECTION 13. This resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Section 36.00 of the Local Finance Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Francis Putorti	VOTING <u>AYE</u>
Patricia Norton	VOTING <u>AYE</u>
Tim Watson	VOTING <u>AYE</u>
Robert Putorti Sr.	VOTING <u>AYE</u>
Mike LaChapelle	VOTING <u>ABSENT</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

(1) She is the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Village of Whitehall, Washington County, New York (hereinafter called the "Village") and the custodian of the records of the Village, including the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees, and is duly authorized to execute this certificate.

(2) Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on the 26th day of February, 2025 and entitled:

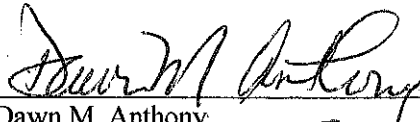
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF WHITEHALL, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,600,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE INCREASED COST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE'S DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE VILLAGE TREASURER.

(3) Said meeting was duly convened and held and said resolution was duly adopted in all respects in accordance with law and the regulations of the Village. To the extent required by law or said regulations, due and proper notice of said meeting was given. A legal quorum of members of the Board of Trustees was present throughout said meeting, and a legally sufficient number of members (two-thirds of the Board of Trustees) voted in the proper manner for the adoption of said resolution. All other requirements and proceedings under law, said regulations or otherwise incident to said meeting and the adoption of said resolution, including any publication, if required by law, have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed.

(4) The seal appearing below constitutes the official seal of the Village and was duly affixed by the undersigned at the time this certificate was signed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set her hand this 26th day of February, 2025.

-SEAL-


Dawn M. Anthony
Village Clerk

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION
SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regular meeting held on the 26th day of February, 2025, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Whitehall, Washington County, New York duly adopted a resolution, an abstract of which follows, which resolution is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Section 36.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

Said resolution authorizes the issuance and sale of a serial bond or bonds and a bond anticipation note or notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of said serial bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000. To offset said amount, the Village has applied for Water Infrastructure Emergency Financial Assistance from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and intends to apply for funding from other grant/loan programs, including EFC's Water Infrastructure Improvement program, the Community Development Block Grant program, the Northern Border Regional Commission grant program and the Rural Development grant program. The proceeds from the sale of the obligations authorized in said resolution will be used for the specific purpose of financing the increased cost of improvements to the Village's drinking water infrastructure, including emergency repairs and long-term capital improvements specifically addressing critical vulnerabilities in its drinking water system. The period of probable usefulness of said purpose is forty (40) years. A copy of the resolution summarized herein is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Village Clerk located at the Village Hall, 57 Skenesborough Drive, Suite 2, Whitehall, New York 12887.

Dated: February 26, 2025

Dawn M. Anthony
Village Clerk
Village of Whitehall

NOTICE OF BOND RESOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the resolution a summary of which is published herewith has been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Whitehall, Washington County, New York on the 26th day of February, 2025. Such resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum and the period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for such referendum without a valid petition having been submitted and filed, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village of Whitehall is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

Dawn M. Anthony
Village Clerk
Village of Whitehall

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Object or Purpose: the financing of the increased cost of improvements to the Village's drinking water infrastructure, including emergency repairs and long-term capital improvements specifically addressing critical vulnerabilities in its drinking water system, at an estimated maximum cost of \$1,600,000.

Period of Probable Usefulness: forty (40) years.

Amount of Obligations to be Issued: not to exceed \$1,600,000. To offset a portion of the cost of said purpose, the Village has applied for Water Infrastructure Emergency Financial Assistance from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and intends to apply for funding from other grant/loan programs, including EFC's Water Infrastructure Improvement program, the Community Development Block Grant program, the Northern Border Regional Commission grant program and the Rural Development grant program.

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Village Clerk located at the Village Hall, 57 Skenesborough Drive, Suite 2, Whitehall, New York 12887.

Dated: March 28, 2025
Whitehall, New York