

**TOWN OF WHITEHALL**  
**7 PM**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE**

**January 18, 2017**

**PRESENT:** George Armstrong – Supervisor  
John Rozell-Councilperson  
Stephanie Safka – Councilperson  
David Hollister-Councilperson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Town Clerk, Julie Millett; Highway Superintendent, Louis D. Pratt II; Compliance Officer, Vernon Scribner; Whitehall Times Reporter, Donna Frischknecht, Catherine Tobin, Elaine Jones, Timothy Kingsley, John Millett Jr.

Supervisor opened up the Public Hearing on the proposed 2017 Fire Contract between the Town & Village of Whitehall and the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company at 7 PM.

Notice was placed in the Whitehall Times on 1/12/17, on the Village and Town Clerk signboards on 1/9/17, on the Village and Town website on 1/10/17 and on the Community Bank signboard on 1/9/17.

Supervisor stated that originally the Board agreed to give the fire company a three- year contract, but the fire company now wants a one year contract. They were looking for another \$4,000 amount for the Troy Shirt Factory building for the Town to pay to set a training facility. This is a village fire company and we pay our money over to the village and they hand it over to the fire company. Supervisor feels that they should have been here when we were doing the budget last year and if they want a fire district, Ken Bartholomew should be making that decision and calling in to meet with the Town Board. We will be paying a total of \$130,034.51 for a one year contract at a 3% increase over last year's contract.

That is a lot more money than the village pays. Supervisor thinks they are taking a huge risk assuming that the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company will get 3% next year with the Board. Supervisor asked for comments from the public regarding the fire contract.

There were no comments from the public.

Public hearing was closed at 7:04 PM.

