

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE
WHITEHALL, NY 12887
7:00pm**

May 20, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Rozell, Supervisor
David Hollister, Councilperson
Stephanie Safka, Councilperson
Timothy Kingsley, Councilperson
ABSENT: Christopher Dudley, Councilperson

Others Present: Patti Gordon, Town Clerk; PJ Ferguson, Whitehall Times.
Due to the current pandemic from OVID - 19 all open meeting laws have been suspended and the Town Board Meeting was closed to the Public for the May 20,2020 Town Board Meeting.

Supervisor Rozell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag at 7:00pm.

Supervisor Rozell stated he received a request that the Town possibly do something for 2020 Graduation Class of Whitehall High School in the Town Park. Unfortunately, it is a New York State owned park and the state is currently closed to such gatherings so it is not possible.

Motion to deny request to use the Town Park due to state restrictions from the recent pandemic of COVID -19 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

**ADOPTED: AYES 0
NAYS 4 Rozell, Hollister, Safka, Kingsley**

Motion to approve the monthly minutes from the April 15, 2020 Town Board Meeting made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Kingsley.

**ADOPTED: AYES 4 Rozell, Hollister, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS 0**

Heritage Report by Carol Greenough - No Report

Recreation Report by Julie Eagan – No Report

-Councilperson Safka inquired about the playground area being open for the children in the summer and the summer lunch program and its status. She would like to see some kind of drive up distribution. Supervisor Rozell with contact Rec Leader Eagan and discuss the matter to see what can and cannot be done.

Dog Control Report by Nancy Quell – No Report

Compliance Officer Report by Martin Rocque – No Report

Town Clerk Report by Patti Gordon – Written

Resolution # 36 Standard Workday Resolution for Employer's Retirement System.

Required by the NYS Retirement System to establish work days for newly elected and appointed officials that belong to the retirement system that are being paid salary. A copy will be forwarded to the retirement system and Joel Carpenter who is the reporting officer for the Town. A copy will also be posted on the Town Clerk's signboard for 30 days.

Motion to approve resolution # 36 for Standard Workday by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Rozell, Hollister, Safka, Kingsley

NAYS 0

Resolution will be filed with the minutes, website, and in the Resolution Book.

Town Assessors Report by Bruce Caza – No Report

-Grievance day is May 27th, 2020 4-8 PM at the Town Municipal Center

Town Supervisors Report by John Rozell – Verbal

-DMV will reopen at the County June 8th in some form. They have taken a loss in revenue between \$50,000 and \$60,000 since the pandemic started. They are optimistic they will be able to recoup a lot of the loss. There are several totes that need to be processed.

-The County will open June 3rd in some form as well. Testing will be done at the door before entering the building.

-DPW will be ½ shifts this week and ½ shifts next week.

I have received several calls concerning the beach closure. It was voted down to keep the beach open by Government Ops. After several phones and the main board meeting at the County we passed to open the beaches.

-Notice to Mariners: Capital Regional locks targeted to open by July 4th.

Champlain Canal from Lock C-1 in Waterford to Lock -12 in Whitehall; expect for lock C- 12 Whitehall which is forecast to open on August 10th.

-Louis Pratt would like to know when to put the docks in and turn the power on to the wall. The South end dock is in need of repair and he will contact the Canal Corp to get the work done. Within the next week or two the power will be turned on and the docks will be put in depending on DPW schedule.

-Code enforcement was listed as essential and should have been working right along, but have not been since they are in the same building as public health.

Budget Officer Report & Transfers by Joel Carpenter

Motion to pass Resolution # 37 budget transfer made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Rozell, Hollister, Safka, Kingsley

NAYS 0

Resolution will be filed with the minutes, website, and Resolution Book.

Town Planning Board Report by Gregg Chappell – No Report

Town Highway Report by Louis Pratt II – Written & Verbal

The town received the mowing contract from Washington County and would like the boards approval to accept the contract. It is the same as last year. The Unit price would be \$269.50 per centerline mile of highway. In Whitehall which has approximately 27.02 miles of County highways, this would amount to \$7281.89 for the season.

Motion to accept Washington County mowing contract made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Kingsley.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Rozell, Hollister, Safka, Kingsley

NAYS 0

-Working on truck maintenance, waiting on parts.

-Things are running smoothly.

-There are 27 cords of wood for next winter.

-Ditching projects are in progress.

Supervisor Rozell asked if the DPW need help with flagman. Superintendent Pratt said he just hired another per diem man, John Paddock, to help out when needed. I can also call Hampton and they can help as well.

-Union contract is coming up this year for renewal.

-Salt and Sand are o.k.

-We received \$3,315.65 for snow removal from the Village.

-C.H.I.P.S. - Have not received a letter on how much money we will be receiving yet.

Motion to approve the monthly reports made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Supervisor Rozell.

**ADOPTED: AYES 4 Rozell, Hollister, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS 0**

-Farmers market will open 6/9/2020 with strict state mandates in place for the safety of everyone.

-W.I.C. is preparing the budget for 2020-2021 and would like the board to consider letting them use the Rec Center again for the up coming year. They will provide a new contract in the fall when the current one expires the end of September 2020.

-Speed Limit on County Route 18, Dodge & Wade Roads in the Town of Whitehall have been reviewed and determined a reduction of the mph has been reduced. County Route 18 will be 45mph and Dodge and Wade Roads will be reduced to 30mph.

Motion to deny the park request use for Morghan Coltey for June 14th 2020 due to current state restrictions for gathering due to the current pandemic of COVID-19 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Kingsley.

**ADOPTED AYES 4 Rozell, Hollister, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS 0**

Abstract #5 of 2020

General Fund V# 20-5/1-25 \$10,831.51
Highway Fund V# 20-5/1-13 \$ 8,233.84

Motion to approve monthly vouchers made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

**ADOPTED AYES 4 Rozell, Hollister, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS 0**

**Adjourned,
Respectfully Submitted**

Patti L. Gordon
Town Clerk