

**TOWN OF WHITEHALL
PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:00PM ON
TOWN BUDGET AND 2022 FIRE CONTRACT
REGULAR MEETING TO FOLLOW
57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE
WHITEHALL, NY 12887**

OCTOBER 20, 2021

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Patti Gordon, Town Clerk; Louis D. Pratt, Highway Superintendent; Erika Seller-Ryan, Town Attorney; Genevieve Hollis, Rec Leader; Caton Deuso, Whitehall Times.

Supervisor Rozell called the Public Hearing on the 2022 Preliminary Town Budget and 2022 Fire Contract to order at 7:00.

Supervisor Rozell asked if any one would like to speak on the Preliminary Budget or Fire Contract. Supervisor Rozell three times if there was any one who would like to speak, there were no comments and Supervisor Rozell closed the Public Hearing at 7:02pm

Supervisor Rozell asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Rozell called the regular October Town Board Meeting to order at 7:04.

Motion to accept the 2022 Preliminary Town Budget as the final 2022 Town Budget made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

**ADOPTED AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS**

Public Comments: None

Motion to approve the monthly minutes from the September 15, 2021 regular board meeting and the September 29, 2021 budget workshop made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

**ADOPTED AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS**

Town Heritage Report by Carol Greenough – No Report

Town Recreation Report by Genevieve Hollist – Written

Supervisor Rozell informed the board that Spectrum up graded the Wi-Fi and modem at the recreation center on 10/1/2021 in preparation for Hudson Headwaters mobile unit, it will cost the Town an additional \$40.00 a month. That was the final item that needed to be completed in order for the van to operate. They will be operating one day a week (Fridays) unless they have more than 25 patients, then

they will add an additional day. “The anticipated day that the van will begin taking patients formally will be January as of right now” stated Supervisor Rozell

Town Dog Control Report by Nancy Quell- No Report

Town Compliance Officer Report by Martin Rocque – No Report

Town Clerk Report by Patti Gordon – Written

Town Assessors Report by Roberta Stone – No Report

Town Supervisors Report by Supervisor Rozell – Verbal

-Pressure relief valve on the water heater was replaced in the pavilion.

-Budget workshops on going at the County.

Town Budget Officer and Transfer by Joel Carpenter

Resolution #45 Budget Transfer

Motion to approve Resolution #45 budget transfer made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Supervisor Rozell.

ADOPTED **AYES** 5 **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
 NAYS 0

Town Planning Board Report Gregg Chappell – No Report

Town Highway Report by Louis D. Pratt II

-CHIPS money has been sent in, we should be getting the rest by December

-Completed paving.

-Lost one employee, down to two men at this time. An ad will be put in the paper.

-Canal is closed, electric is off. Canal Corp. will be turning the water off and blowing out the lines.

-Docks will be pulled out the week of the 1st of November.

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

ADOPTED **AYES** 5 **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
 NAYS 0

Business to Discuss

Food for election workers.

Motion to approve the food for the election workers made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED **AYES** 5 **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
 NAYS 0

Boat donation collected this month was \$47.00, total collected for the year \$454.00 which covers the electric bill with no problems.

Park request for Sasquatch Festival for 9/24/2022 and 9/30/2023.

Motion to made approve park request for the Sasquatch Festival for 9/24/2022 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED **AYES** 5 **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
 NAYS 0

Cannabis Regulations

The State wants Townships to either opt-in or opt-out of the Cannabis Regulations. Opting out requires the Town to pass a local law by December 31, 2021. If you opt-out you can repeal your local law and opt

back in, however if you miss the December 31, 2021 deadline you cannot opt-out. If you do nothing, the Town is automatically opted-in. By doing nothing, the Town is automatically opting in which means, a dispensary can operate but it will need to give notice to sell to the Municipality. The Town is entitled to regulate hours and locations. It is very similar to having a liquor license. There is a 13% tax on marijuana. The breakdown would be: 9% to the state, 1% to the County, the remaining 3% would be divided between the Village and the Town if the dispensary is located within the Village, if it is not within the Village the Town would get the whole 3%. After discussing the options, the Board decided to take no action at this time.

Motion to approve the monthly vouchers for abstract #10 of 2021 made by Councilperson Hollister and Councilperson Dudley.

ADOPTED **AYES** **5** **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
 NAYS **0**

Motion to go into executive session for personnel reasons made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

ADOPTED **AYES** **5** **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
 NAYS **0**

Motion to come out of executive session made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

ADOPTED **AYES** **5** **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
 NAYS **0**

Motion to hire a non-CDL laborer/operator under per diem wages of \$17.00 hr. made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

ADOPTED **AYES** **5** **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
 NAYS **0**

Motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:03 pm made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

ADOPTED **AYES** **5** **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley Safka, Kingsley**
 NAYS **0**

Adjourned
Respectfully Submitted

Patti Gordon
Town Clerk