

**TOWN OF WHITEHALL
REGULAR MEETING
57 SKENSBOROUGH DRIVE
WHITEHALL, NY 12887**

FEBRUARY 16, 2022

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Patti Gordon, Town Clerk; Louis Pratt II, Highway Superintendent; Erika Seller-Ryan, Town Attorney; Kathy Hall; Sean Hall; Tim Farkas, Whitehall Times; Caton Deuso, Whitehall Times.

Supervisor Rozell called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00pm with the pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Supervisor Rozell invited Kathy Hall, the Dog Control Officer for the Town of Easton to come and speak to the Town Board about becoming the Dog Control Officer for the Town of Whitehall. Ms. Hall explained how she charges her fees and reimbursement process to the Town. She also stated that she does not follow the “will respond within 24 hours” but tries to answer each call within two hours if possible. After discussing the job of Dog Control Officer and its duties with Ms. Hall the Town Board decided to move forward and replace Nancy Quell our current Dog Control Officer, with Kathy Hall beginning March 1st, 2022

Motion to rescind the designation of the current dog control officer, Nancy Quell, which was made at our organizational meeting on January 3rd, 2022. Commencing March 1st, 2022, the Town is designating Kathy Hall as the new Dog Control Officer at a prorated rate of \$4,266.00 per year paid out by monthly to Kathy Hall with the remaining ten months of the current contract and an additional contract for the yearly shelter fee of a \$1,000.00. That amount will be prorated over 12 months with the remaining ten months of the current contract paid to Kathy Hall commencing March 1st, 2022 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

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

Motion to approve the monthly minutes from January 19, 2022 regular Town Board meeting made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

Town Heritage Report by Carol Greenough – Written
Town Recreation Report by Genevieve Hollis – No Report
Town Dog Control Report by Nancy Quell – Written
Town Compliance Report by Martin Rocque – No Report

Town Clerk Report by Patti Gordon - Written

Town Assessors Report by Roberta Stone – Written

Town Supervisors Report by John Rozell – Verbal

-Spoke with an insurance agent from Colonial Insurance Co. whose was offering Supplemental insurance to the Town's employees. Supervisor Rozell spoke with several employees and they were not interested.

-Spoke with Carol Greenough about the festival committee and the annual festival which the Town has a line item budgeted for it for \$1,500.00. Ms. Greenough stated that there is not a festival committee this year and that no one is planning a festival this year so they will not need the money allocated.

Supervisor Rozell would like to keep that line item in place in case something else comes up that it can be used for.

- As of now, there is not a mask mandate required in the building. The building will re-open on 2/22, 2022 to the public.

Motion that masks are not required to enter the Town Hall and the Town Hall will reopen on 2/22/2022 to the public made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

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

-The cost of flags used to decorate the cemeteries has increased greatly. They approximately \$1,000.00 over budget. The Town does get reimbursed for the flags that are used in Putnam and Dresden so in turn we actually over budget approximately \$400.00.

-Supervisor Rozell is working on the issues museum gutters. He had spoken with Jim Aiken twice previously in regard to the matter.

-Supervisor Rozell was contacted by a Veteran about putting up banners with photos on them. Supervisor Rozell will look into how other Townships have done it and the cost.

-Received grant information from the New York State Canal Corporation for a new grant program to support NYS Canal System Tourism Infrastructure and Events. Applications open on February 22, 2022 and are due on April 1, 2022. A copy was distributed to the Chamber of Commerce and spoke with a member of the Historical Society. Funding is open to counties, municipalities, units of local government, not-for-profit organizations and federally recognized Native American tribes.

-Positive feedback is coming in on the Hudson Headwaters Health Van.

Town Budget Officer and Transfers by Joel Carpenter

Resolution #31 Transfer

Motion to approve Resolution #31 budget transfer made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

Town Planning Board Report by Gregg Chappell – Written

Town Highway Report by Louis D. Pratt II – Written

-Attended a zoom for Washington County Highway Association meeting to work on C.H.I.P.S.

-There will be a rabies clinic in April at the Town Garage, it will be a drive through clinic.

-Spoke with Ken Martin about the roof for the highway garage. There is not a line item in the budget for the roof but it will come out of the fund balance. Highway Superintendent Pratt will ask Mr. Martin to attend the next Town Board meeting and present a proposal on what will go out to bid.

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

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

Abstract #2 of 2022

General Fund V/# 1-31 \$172,281.58
Highway Fund V/# 1-13 \$ 93,444.56
B Fund V/# 1 \$ 5,555.00

Motion to approve the monthly vouchers Abstract #2 of 2022 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

Motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting @ 8:00pm 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

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