

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

MARCH 16, 2022

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 Pratt II, Highway Superintendent; Erika Seller Ryan, Town Attorney; Martin Rocque, Town Compliance Officer; Caton Deuso, Whitehall Times; Samantha Kingsley, VP Whitehall Youth League; Dave Rathbun, Pres. Whitehall Youth League.

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

Public Comments:

David Rathbun, President of the Whitehall Youth League and Samantha Kingsley, Vice President came to ask the Town Board if they could help with redoing the fields at the recreation center. They plan on completely redoing all three fields this year. The cost of slate dust is \$30.00 a yard and the company they are working with said "they would donate a load or two". They estimate they will need 200 yards of material at a cost of approximately \$3,000.00 plus the cost of the additional work. President Rathbun and Vice President Kingsley said they had already spoken with Highway Superintendent Pratt about helping transport the slate dust and he said he could help. They estimate total cost of material around \$6,000.00 and an additional \$3,000.00 for the work. The board discussed what they could do and they offered to purchase \$2,000.00 worth of material out of the recreation budget for improvements.

Motion made to purchase \$2,000.00 in slate dust for the recreation center fields for improvements made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

Adopted

Roll Call Vote:

AYE John Rozell, Supervisor
AYE David Hollister, Councilperson
AYE Christopher Dudley, Councilperson
AYE Stephanie Safka, Councilperson
AYE Timothy Kingsley, Councilperson

Motion to approve the monthly minutes from the February 16, 2022 regular Town Board Meeting made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

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

Town Heritage Report by Carol Greenough – No Report

Town Recreation Report by Genevieve Hollis – Written

Town Dog Control Report by Kathy Hall – No Report

Town Compliance Report by Martin Rocque – Nothing to Report at this time

-There is a residential burn bay in effect from March 13th to May 16th 2022.

Town Clerk Report by Patti Gordon – Written

Town Assessor Report by Roberta Stone – Written

Town Supervisors Report by John Rozell – Verbal

-There has been an issue with the National Grid account at the Museum. We are working on resolving it.

-Michael Ostrander with the Warren Washington County Industrial Development Association contacted Supervisor Rozell to see if he knew of any new businesses starting up or needing help to offer tax abatement.

-New York State Department of Environmental Conservation contacted Supervisor Rozell. The National Flood Insurance Program and The Federal Emergency Management Agency have found two properties in Whitehall that are in the flood plain. One dated back to 1988 and the other was 2006 and there is a possible third one. Supervisor Rozell stated that when he signs an LRCC1 he needs to mark whether it is in a flood plain or not. In order to do that, he needs to refer to the flood plain maps. They are dated from 1988 to present. To satisfy the State (New York) the County needs to request the property owners to get a survey done with ground level readings. If the property sits higher than what they consider the flood plain then the structure is sufficient if not the homeowner may be required to remedy the situation.

Town Budget Officers Report and Transfers by Joel Carpenter – Written

-There will be an audit committee meeting 3/17/2022 @ 3:00pm to do an audit of the Town & the Town Justices. The following people will be there: Supervisor Rozell, Town Clerk Patti Gordon, Town Councilperson Dudley, Budget Officer Joel Carpenter, Justice Putorti and Court Clerk Debra Loomis.

Town Planning Report by Gregg Chappell – No Report

Town Highway Report by Louis D. Pratt II – Written

-Superintendent Pratt and Councilperson Kingsley met with Ken Martin about the roof on the Highway Garage. He is planning on attending the April board meeting to explain everything and answer any questions the Board may have about what needs to be to the roof and the process of putting it out to bid.

-There will be a highway employee retiring April 28th, he agreed to come back next year per diem to plow. There will be a help wanted ad in the Whitehall Times next week.

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**

Incoming Correspondence:

There will be financial training session at the Marriot in Albany.

Abstract # 3 of 2022

General Fund V/# 1-23 \$10,790.93

Highway Fund V/#1-13 \$ 6,176.55

Motion to approve the monthly vouchers Abstract #3 of 2022 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

Motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting @ 8:00pm made by Councilperson Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

Adjourned
Respectfully Submitted

Patti Gordon
Town Clerk