

**TOWN OF WHITEHALL**  
**7 PM**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE**

**March 16, 2016**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Town Clerk, Julie Millett; Town Highway Superintendent, Louis D. Pratt II; Heritage Director, Carol Greenough; Whitehall Times Reporter, Dan King; Jeremy Putorti, Marge Mohn, Members from Whitehall Public Theater; John Beck, Sandee Rollins & Cameron Lewis.

Supervisor opened the board meeting with Pledge to the Flag and prayer.

John Beck from Whitehall Public Theater would like to use the ampi theater for a play on 8/7-8/14/16 and 8/20 & 8/21. They would like to produce a play “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” They have it almost completely funded by posting it on the internet. It will be free of charge to the public. He would also like to do auditions at the Whitehall Municipal Center on March 27 & 29, 2016 from 7-9 PM. He will need a key to get in to the building. Marge Mohn would like to use the park on April 22, 2016 for Canal Sweep. The Village and Town crews usually help with it as well as the students from the school. There will be hotdogs, etc. for lunch in the park. Arts & Rec. will be holding “Beast of Whitehall” and there will be two showings at the armory for free on April 2, 2016.

**Motion** to approve dates of both events made by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Prefontaine.

**ADOPTED**                    **Ayes 5 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Prefontaine, Hollister**  
                                         **Nays 0**

**Motion** to approve prior minutes of February 17, 2016 made by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Rozell.

**ADOPTED**                    **Ayes 3 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka**  
                                         **Nays 0**  
                                         **Absent from prior meeting, Hollister & Prefontaine**

**Heritage Report**- written report by Carol Greenough

**Rec. Report**-no report

**Dog Control Report**-written report by Nancy Quell

Supervisor will speak to Nancy Quell about getting a more detailed report in the future and making sure cases are followed up with. He would also like to speak to the judges on some of these fines. The town clerk would like permission to send the current dog law the town has to Erika Sellar-Ryan to see if she can word it so the town gets these fines and are better enforced. Stephanie Safka commented that she spoke to Nancy in December on a loose dog and never saw it on any of her reports so she doesn't know what happened to it.

**Enforcement Officer Report-no report**

Town clerk commented that she had a call from the trailer park owner who would like to put another trailer in on a new slab. She thought there were still issues with the Health Dept. at the trailer park. Supervisor will give Vernon a call to go over it.

**Town Clerk Report** -written report by Julie Millett

On March 4, 2016 a second tax mailing was sent out to all 420 owners that still have not paid their taxes. Right now we have received a little over \$3,000 in penalties and the budget officer had estimated around \$5,000 in the budget so hopefully this month she will have a lot more payments before they go back to the county on April 5, 2016.

**Town Assessor Report**- written report by Bruce Caza

Supervisor stated that he has been in the office three days a week and he plans on visiting all of the properties.

**Town Supervisor Report** – written report by George Armstrong

The school would like to use the meeting room for one student that has been disruptive in school. He can't be tutored at the school. Supervisor has already given them permission for tomorrow and Friday. Supervisor thinks that he is on a week's suspension and they mentioned something about medications. They would like to use it from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM on Monday, Tues., Thurs., Friday. Supervisor will try to find another place, but for now I will tell them they can use the meeting room. Senior Center is a possibility and we will try to find something else for them.

**Motion** to allow the school to use the meeting room for the one student until other arrangements can be made made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Safka.

**ADOPTED**                      **Ayes 5 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Prefontaine, Hollister**  
**Nays 0**

**Planning Board Report**- written report by Gregg Chappell

**Budget Officer Report & Budget Transfer - Resolution # 32 by Joel Carpenter**

Discussion of Resolution by board members; Councilperson Hollister discovered that the Budget Officer's numbers on the transfers are not adding up. Supervisor will discuss with the budget officer. Budget Officer is not present to discuss the difference. The board approved it anyways. Resolution will be filed with the minutes and in the Resolution Book.

**Highway Report**- verbal report by Louis Pratt

Highway inventory reports have been submitted to the board.

**Motion** to accept all reports made by Councilperson Prefontaine and seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

**ADOPTED**                      **Ayes 5 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Prefontaine, Hollister**  
**Nays 0**

**All Written reports will be filed with the minutes.**

Louie presented prices on dump body for new truck.

Woodward Equip. Co. \$8,257.00

Arrowhead Equip. \$8,870.00

Trius Inc. \$8,940.00

I would recommend Woodward Equip. to the board.

**Motion** to accept Woodward made by Councilperson Prefontaine and seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

**ADOPTED**                    **Ayes 5 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Prefontaine, Hollister**  
                                         **Nays 0**

We have some excessive equipment at the garage. I would like the board's permission to put it in the paper as a bid to sell.

**Motion** to put equipment out to bid in the Whitehall Times made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Safka.

**ADOPTED**                    **Ayes 5 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Prefontaine, Hollister**  
                                         **Nays 0**

**Motion** to accept highway report made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Prefontaine.

**ADOPTED**                    **Ayes 5 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Prefontaine, Hollister**  
                                         **Nays 0**

Town clerk would like to mention there will be a Washington County Rabies Clinic on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Dan King will have something put in the Whitehall Times.

Town clerk would like to mention receiving a letter from Valley View Golf Course on County Route 12 to renew their beer license for the summer.

Election Dates for the following at the Rec. Center will be:

April 19<sup>th</sup> – Presidential Primary

June 28<sup>th</sup> – Federal Primary

September 13<sup>th</sup> – State & Local Primary

November 8<sup>th</sup> – General Election

Julie Eagan, Rec. Leader will be given a copy by Supervisor. The Rec. Center will need to be closed on these dates. Councilperson Prefontaine stated that it was starting to cut into the days that the Rec. Center can be open.

**Monthly Vouchers for Abstract # 3 of 2016**

General Fund V#16-3-1/19 \$ 7,769.99

Highway Fund V#16-3-1/10 \$ 6,775.28

**Motion** to pay the monthly vouchers made by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

**ADOPTED**                    **Ayes 5 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Prefontaine, Hollister**  
                                         **Nays 0**

Councilperson Safka would like to speak on Habitat for Humanity. I had a discussion with Julie Eagan about the condition of the properties in the village. We do have a preapproved family. A

lot of the properties have asbestos and lead in them and we might have to tear down a building and rebuild. Another angle would be to buy a house cheap from someone and they could write it off. There are a lot of bad buildings along Broadway with absentee owners and we could convince one of them to sell it cheap. It is possible that we will be able to use one of these buildings. Councilperson Safka stated that it meant a lot to her to have a neighbor that cares about their property and hopes that this is something we can do for them and the community.

**Public Comments: None at this time**

**Motion** to adjourn meeting at 8:00 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Julie Millett  
Town Clerk**