

TOWN OF WHITEHALL
7 PM
REGULAR MEETING
57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE

November 16, 2016

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Clerk, Julie Millett; Highway Superintendent, Louis D. Pratt II; Heritage Director, Carol Greenough; Whitehall Times Reporter, Catherine Tobin; Compliance Officer, Vernon Scribner; Rec. Leader, Julie Eagan, Clark Howe from Integra LED and Brian Brooks.

Supervisor opened up meeting with Pledge of Allegiance to Flag and prayer.

Brian Brooks would like to address the Board at this time.

The fire company would only like to do an annual contract at this time at the 3 %. He wanted to know why the \$4,000 amount wasn't considered that he had mentioned in the letter addressed to the Board to do improvements on the Mountain Street property so they can use it for training. Councilperson Safka has someone that might want to donate a couple of acres on Route 4 if the fire company is interested. Brian is resubmitting another grant for \$200,000. Supervisor told Brian that there was a lot in that letter to digest and the Board really needs to talk about it and Brian told them to call him with any questions at all and he would explain. No one from the Board called him to discuss any of it. Supervisor thanked him for all that the fire company does.

Motion to accept the prior minutes of October 11, 19 & 27, 2016, made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED **Ayes 4 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Hollister**
 Nays 0

Heritage Report- written report by Carol Greenough

Rec. Report-verbal report by Julie Eagan

The AA group that meets in the Senior building would like to pay up to \$200 to have the carpet cleaned for using the building. The Board all agreed. Football is over and Pee Wee Wrestling will be starting in January. Christmas party will be December 10th, caroling starting at 2 PM, spaghetti dinner and Santa will be coming at 4 PM.

Clark Howe will now speak on LED lighting for the Town, Rec., Highway & Pavilion buildings. He also presented to the Village the other night and they have agreed to do some of their buildings. Clark works for Integra LED and they work closely with National Grid to initiate grants and incentives for municipalities. He stopped and talked to Louie and they did an audit of all the lights in the Town buildings. He has received the results from the application he has submitted and he has the numbers on how the Town can save money by changing the existing fluorescent bulbs to LED. The proposals were handed out to all Board members a couple of weeks ago. Councilperson Safka asked why we couldn't replace them ourselves and save the installation cost that the Town would be paying to Integra. We could just replace them as the blow. Clark stated that if you were to buy outright you wouldn't get the incentives that we could get for you, but you certainly could do it yourself. We could set it up so you would do payments on your National Grid bills and stretch out the payments over 12 or 24 months. Councilperson Rozell likes the LED lights, but had questioned on just how much the cost would be to the Town. The Phillips LED lights do not give out UV rays and are shatter proof. We would dispose of all the old bulbs because they have to be taken away to be environmentally safe. National Grid would have to come out and inspect all of the work to make sure it was done properly.

Councilperson Hollister is in favor of it, but concerned on how the bulbs are kept track of so when one blows it will be covered or will still be under warranty. Clark stated that they usually blow within the first year if they do blow and there is a warranty for ten years. So, if in six years, one blows you would put them in a shipping package and they would be replaced. If one blows within a year, Clark would come out and replace it. Councilperson Hollister stated that if one is replaced in five years and now that warranty starts at the new date who will keep track of that. David is hoping that there would be a serial number on the bulbs, but Clark didn't know for sure, but that is a good question.

Supervisor stated that the Board will have to discuss and decide if they want to do it or not.

They should know by the next board meeting.

The proposals will be filed with the minutes.

Dog Control Report-no report by Nancy Quell

Compliance Officer Report-verbal report by Vernon Scribner

He had one issue at the Planning Board meeting with a homeowner, but one of the Planning Board members is supposed to go talk to them and report back.

Town Clerk Report -written report by Julie Millett, good turn- out for the election

The town has paid for the meals for the election workers. Food was purchased at Putorti's Market. Suzanna Chaplin came and spoke to George about putting up a Christmas tree in the park and have caroling.

Town Assessor Report- written report by Bruce Caza

Town Supervisor Report – written report by George Armstrong

Planning Board Report- written report by Gregg Chappell

Budget Officer Report & Budget Transfers – written report by Joel Carpenter

Resolution # 44 Budget Transfers

Motion to approve budget transfers made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED **Ayes 4 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Hollister**
 Nays 0

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

Town Highway Report- verbal report by Louis D. Pratt II

Highway monthly reports have been submitted to the Board for their review.

We have a list of how many culverts were put in and it has been sent in to the County and they send it in to the State for the CHIPS funds.

Crew has been ditching and getting ready for winter weather.

Motion made to accept reports by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Rozell.

ADOPTED **Ayes 4 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Hollister**
 Nays 0

All Written reports will be filed with the minutes.

The mower will be coming in for the excavator that the Board approved and would like the Board's permission to pay for it when it arrives instead of waiting.

Motion to approve payment of \$3700 or \$3900 when it comes made by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

ADOPTED **Ayes 4 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Hollister**
 Nays 0

National Joint Powers Alliance Participating Membership Agreement has been signed by George and if the Board agrees will be sent in. This is so the Town can go outside of the NY State or OGS and use NJPA for purchases. Budget Officer has filled it out. A lot of the dealers are under NJPA so we have a lot more options to pick from and we can piggyback.

Motion to approve agreement by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Rozell.

ADOPTED **Ayes 4 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Hollister**
 Nays 0

Louie would like to bring in prices for the tractor at the next board meeting. He has one quote already. Ford New Holland for \$36,000. He has been offered \$18,000 already for the old tractor. That one will be put out to bid.

Vacant seat on the Board for Farrell Prefontaine. Councilperson Safka feels that we should advertise for the position in the paper. The new person would have to run next November to finish Farrell's term through 2019. Supervisor asked Catherine Tobin to do an article in the paper seeking for a replacement.

Two Planning Board positions:
Andre Hagadorn term will end 12/31/16

Howard Hunt term will end 12/31/16

George has called both and they want to continue for another five- year term.

Motion to approve Andre Hagadorn and Howard Hunt to Planning Board for term of 1/1/17-12/31/2021 made by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

ADOPTED **Ayes 4 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Hollister**
Nays 0

Motion for use of park on September 30, 2017 for Sasquatch Calling Festival made by Councilperson Rozell and seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

Motion for Bobby Putorti to use meeting room on December 17, 2016 for snowmobile safety course made by Councilperson Rozell and seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

ADOPTED **Ayes 4 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Hollister**
Nays 0

Abstract # 11 of 2016 General Fund V#16-11- 1/20 \$ 5,841.29
Highway Fund V#16-11-1/10 \$ 6,554.13

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

ADOPTED **Ayes 4 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Hollister**
Nays 0

New highway union contract was agreed on 3% each year for the next four years and there was a change in the holiday schedule. Erika has old contract and new contract to compare to make sure it all looks good and Supervisor can sign if looks good.

Motion to have Supervisor sign union contract after attorney review made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Safka.

Carol Greenough wanted to know if Louie was included in the union contract. Louie is not part of the union.

ADOPTED **Ayes 4 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Hollister**
Nays 0

Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Rozell.

ADOPTED **Ayes 4 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Hollister**
Nays 0

Adjourned @ 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Millett
Town Clerk

