

**TOWN OF WHITEHALL**  
**REGULAR MEETING @ 7:00 PM**  
**57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE**

**May 17, 2017**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Town Clerk, Julie Millett; Highway Superintendent, Louis D. Pratt II; Whitehall Times Reporter, Matt Saari; Town Attorney, Erika Sellar-Ryan by phone; Heritage Director, Carol Greenough; Rec. Leader, Julie Egan; Compliance Officer, Vernon Scribner and Wayne Ferguson.

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

**Motion** to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and ongoing litigation made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

**Motion** to end Executive Session and return to regular meeting at 7:50 PM made by Councilperson Rozell and seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

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

**Motion** made to give Erika Sellar-Ryan permission to negotiate a change in language in regards to highway union contract made by Supervisor Armstrong and seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

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

**Motion** made to give Supervisor permission to sign a proposed settlement for the Kandace Bruce case and forward to town attorney made by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

**ADOPTED**                   **Ayes 5 Armstrong, Rozell, Safka, Kingsley, Hollister**

Nays 0

**Public Comments**

None at this time.

**Motion** to accept the prior minutes of April 19 & 21, 2017 made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

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

Scott Eckhart has been working on the little roof that is rotten at the museum. The Historical Society is replacing it. A retired Navy man will be coming with his family in July and wanted his retirement ceremony held at the Birthplace of the US Navy. Antique Automobile people will also will be coming. We will be having walking tours around the community.

**Rec. Report**-written report by Julie Eagan

Quotes should be coming shortly on the fence.

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

**Compliance Officer Report**- report by Vernon Scribner

Will need to go into Executive Session to discuss junkyards.

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

**Town Assessor Report**- no report by Bruce Caza

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

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

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

**Resolution # 37 Budget Transfers**

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

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

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

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

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

**Motion** to approve all reports made by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Rozell

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

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

Erika drew up renewal on the BAN on the excavator. We need to get paperwork down to the bank tomorrow. It will be at 2.59% and we are rolling over the \$43,000.

Budget Amendment for 284 agreements. Copy to be filed with the minutes.

**Resolution # 38 Washington County Mowing Agreement**

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

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

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

New tractor will be coming soon. Would like permission from Board to give them a check as soon as tractor comes so they don't have to wait.

**Motion** made by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

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

He has been looking for a new mower to replace the 2008 mower. He has already checked on prices at Salem Farm Supply for \$8600 for a 5- footer. He would like to get the mechanical one and they aren't making them anymore so the sooner the better. Councilperson Kingsley would like to know why do we need a new one if the current one works fine. Louie is just trying to keep the equipment updated.

**New Business:**

-Supervisor would like approval for flowers purchased for the Village and Town for the park.

**Motion** to approve \$200 spending on flowers by the Town made by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Kingsley.

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

-Still trying to get equipment to tie in the cameras to the police station. Supervisor will check with Ken Bartholomew. We have to show what we spent on the cameras to get the grant money from Dan Stec's office. Councilperson Safka stated that we already have spent enough on the cameras on the original bill to submit it.

-Spoke to Betty Little's Office and looks like we are still getting the money for the Rec. fence, improvements to the meeting room and pavilion.

**Approval Dates for Park**

May 21, 2017 Girl Scout Troop Picnic

June 4, 2017 Baby Shower

June 19, 2017 Senior Picnic

June 24, 2017 Graduation Party

July 29, 2017 Graduation Party

July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 4, 2017 Junior Fire Academy

**Motion** made by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

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

-Erika is still researching on DCO, Nancy Quell becoming an LLC, but for now the Board will continue to pay her on the payroll. Granville uses her and they are not changing her to a LLC. John Rozell would like to table to next meeting, second by Councilperson Safka.

All were in favor.

Vernon Scribner mentioned that there were dogs on Perry Lane the other day and Nancy came right up and got them. Sometimes she responds and sometimes she doesn't.

-AA Group has given the Town a check for \$125.00 for half the cost of the rug cleaning at the Senior Center for use of the building.

<b><u>ABSTRACT # 5</u></b>	General Fund V# 17-5-1/26	\$ 27,350.67
	Highway V#17-5-1/9	\$ 6,374.81

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

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

**Motion** to go into Executive Session to discuss some properties that might not be complying to our junkyard law at 8:45 PM made by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

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

**Motion** to end Executive Session and return to regular meeting at 8:50 PM made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

Councilperson Safka wants to find out what other towns charge for junkyard fees. She would like to do a junkyard moratorium and research other junkyard laws because Whitehall's is from 1992.

**Motion** to close the meeting at 9 PM made by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Rozell.

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

**Adjourned @ 9 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Julie Millett**  
**Town Clerk**