

**TOWN OF WHITEHALL**  
**Public Hearing @ 7 PM**  
**REGULAR MEETING TO FOLLOW**  
**57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE**

**June 21, 2017**

**BOARD MEMBERS 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; Heritage Director, Carol Greenough; Rec. Leader, Julie Eagan; Compliance Officer, Vernon Scribner and Leon Wilbur (came after public hearing was closed).

Public hearing notice was posted in the Whitehall Times on June 8, 2017 as well as on the town clerk signboard and on website on June 5, 2017. Town Board received a copy of the local law on June 12, 2017.

Supervisor opened up the public hearing on taking comments on the junkyard law. Attorney at last meeting stated that the current junkyard law is a good one, we just need to change some wording to the fee amounts that are currently listed in the law. She suggested replacing the set fees with “all application fees and renewal fees shall be set by the Town Board from time to time by resolution”. We also discussed at the last meeting of increasing the fees for the application fees and renewal fees since they haven’t been increased in years.

Supervisor asked if there were any public comments.

None at this time.

The public hearing was closed at 7:03 PM.

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

**RESOLUTION # 39 Local Law # 1 of 2017 entitled “Amending Local Law # 2 of 1992 regarding the Licensing and Regulation of Junkyards, Contents and Storage.”**

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

Roll Call Vote on local law:

Supervisor George Armstrong, aye  
Councilperson David Hollister, aye  
Councilperson Timothy Kingsley, aye  
Councilperson John Rozell, aye  
Councilperson Stephanie Safka, aye

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

This law will be filed with the Secretary of State and also in local law book.  
Resolution will be filed with the minutes and in Resolution Book.

**Resolution # 40 Setting fees for junkyard application and renewals**

**Motion** to increase the junkyard application fees to \$250.00 and renewal fees of \$75.00 made by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Rozell.

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

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

The town clerk will notify the three current junkyards of the fee increase.

**Motion** to accept the prior minutes of May 16 & 17, 2017 made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Rozell.

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

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

Carol pointed out that there are many things that need repair to the building and some trees might need to come out. She would like to request getting the \$10,000 past 2018 to do some of these repairs. Supervisor requested that the board keep this in mind at budget time.

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

Summer schedule was handed out to Board.

We have received a check for \$50.00 for the rec. lunch program in memory of Jack Hoagland from Stephanie and Dickie LaChapelle. Anyone that would like to donate the town clerk has asked the budget officer to set up a separate fund so we can keep track of the amount.

**Resolution # 41 Agreement Between Washington County Youth Bureau and Town of Whitehall for \$989.00**

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

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

Julie Eagan was given paperwork to complete on the program and send in to county.

Supervisor also got notification from WIC that they would like to continue to use the Rec. Center for their program for \$900.00.

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

Leon Wilbur would like to speak at this time on his property on County Route 9. He received a notice of violation for the junkyard by the board and he is here to tell the board that it is not a

junkyard. Councilperson Safka stated that three neighbors on the road have complained to her on the property and the junk that they can see. Supervisor took a walk along the field and it looks like junk to him. He plans on cleaning it up and would like some time to do it. Board agreed to give him until fall to clean it up. Vernon received permission to check on it each month to see if it is being done. Leon stated that someone from the town called Encon on Encon found nothing wrong. Leon will be putting up a fence where the tin is and taking it back when he gets a bundle. Leon stated that there are several properties that need to be cleaned up. Board stated that they are sending other letters out to people.

**Dog Control Report-** no 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

Board gave permission to order more doggie bags for the park. We went through 2,000 since last year. Town clerk would like to know who she should call when a boater has no hot water for showers or other concerns in the park. Board suggested calling Jim Austin for help. Town clerk thinks someone should be checking the heat/air conditioning, etc. Louie gets called, the town clerk gets called and there should be someone else in charge of taking care of that building. There have been snakes in the town building, in the police dept. and town clerk's office. Keith has gone along the back of the building and mowed and plugged the holes. Town clerk will be changing her hours starting next week to Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday from 9 AM – 4 PM.

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

Bruce Caza has also changed his hours to Monday & Tuesdays 7 AM – 1 PM.

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

Councilperson Safka has completed the work on the grant from Betty Little for the \$80,000 and has been mailed in. Steph is also working on the \$4,000 grant from Dan Stec's office. A lot of work has been done at the Rec. Center.

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

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

**Resolution # 42 Budget Transfers**

More money needs to be put in court fund.

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

**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 Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Kingsley.

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

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

New tractor hasn't come yet.

-Beckwith Road project with the county has been done.

-Paving Tanner Hill Road next Thursday with CHIPS money.

-Would like Board's approval to pay Peckham's when bill comes in. He can't do paperwork until he gets a cancelled check.

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

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

-Rec. Center fence plan on working on it middle of July. They will put a little road in by the fence so it can be maintained after the fence is put in.

-Councilperson Safka will call Leslie Allen at the county to have her come inspect the pad that was put in at door entrance at the Rec. Center. County has some grant money to cover some of the costs.

-Highway has to charge some of their hours to Rec. Center budget by law for work done over there.

-Jim Varney is working out well. He is taking the buy-out instead of the insurance.

-Judge Eagan reported on the Washington County Centralized Arraignment Plan Summary.

It is an expensive program, but a good one if we still get the funding from the state. Right now, there is an on-call public defender and on-call district attorney. If we have to do it after hours they come to us. Julie has to call the public defender and district attorney and we come up with a time to do the arraignment. We have a draft plan waiting to be approved at the state level where there will be a holding cell at the jail so everybody who is arrested any day or night will go to the holding cell. Then every morning at 7 AM there will be an on-call judge and arraign everyone. Again, in the evening at 8 PM there will be an on-call and everyone will be arraigned at that time. If the state keeps funding it will be great, but it might be passed off to the county.

**RESOLUTION # 43 SUPPORT REGARDING CENTRALIZED ARRAIGNMENTS**

**Motion** to pass resolution made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Rozell.

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

-Councilperson Safka met with Saratoga Surveillance and Tim Hardy from police department on setting up cameras in the park. She would like one person from town and one from the village to learn the system.

-Brian Brooks letter requesting funding for LED lights in fire bays. Cost would be \$471.51 for lights and they will install.

**Motion** to approve funding for the lights made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

Correspondence letter from David Molenaar stating that the Sasquatch Calling Festival will be held at Sweet Genevieve's Ice Cream and Busty's Brew & BBQ on Route 4 this year on September 30, 2017.

**ABSTRACT # 6**            General Fund V# 17-6-1/26    \$ 7,344.62  
                                 Highway            V#17-6-1/10    \$ 70,032.00

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

**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 8:35 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 8:54 PM made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

**Motion** to close the meeting at 8:54 PM made by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Rozell.

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

**Adjourned**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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