

THE TOWN OF WHITEHALL
PUBLIC HEARING 7PM ON 2019 TOWN BUDGET
AND 2019 FIRE CONTRACT
REGULAR MEETING TO FOLLOW
57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE

OCTOBER 17, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Rozell-Supervisor
Christopher Dudley-Councilperson
David Hollister-Councilperson
Timothy Kingsley-Councilperson
Stephanie Safka-Councilperson

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Town Clerk, Patti Gordon; Highway Superintendent, Louis Pratt; Town Attorney, Erika Seller-Ryan; Heritage Director, Carol Greenough; Compliance Officer, Martin Rocque; Rec Leader, Julie Eagan; CPA, Joel Carpenter Whitehall Times Reporter, Matt Sarri; WFD President, Brian Brooks, Joe Pinkowski, Elizabeth Robinson.

Supervisor Rozell opened the Public Hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Supervisor opened the Public Hearing on the 2019 Preliminary Town Budget and Fire Contract for the Town of Whitehall at 7:03pm.

Supervisor asked for Public Comments.

Brian Brooks wanted to know what the final figures were for the District. The Supervisor responded \$125,793.00 which includes a 2% increase over last years amount of \$123,326.00. The rate is \$1.02 per 1,000 of the assessed value. Brooks then asked the board to consider a higher rate if possibly \$1.04 to \$1.06 per 1,000 instead siting it would not be a burden to the resident since the expansion of the Town has gone up due to the solar fields. CPA Joel Carpenter said they received more money due to the levy and Town value rising. Councilperson Hollister and Kingsley were open to possibly adjusting the rate. Councilperson Dudley questioned the increase being worth it. He also commented that He and Councilperson Kingsley met with Brian and other members of a special committee that was formed to agree on a dollar amount for the Fire District for the Preliminary Budget and now he wants to change it.

Supervisor Rozell asked if there were any other comments.

No other comments at this time. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:12pm.

Supervisor Rozell opened the Public Meeting at 7:13 to discuss th Preliminary Budget and Fire Contract and consider passing them.

Councilperson Kingsley would be willing to increase to \$1.03 per 1000 and Councilperson Hollister would consider a 1% increase. Supervisor Rozell is firm at the 2% already budgeted. Supervisor Rozell made a Motion to hold the Budget "As Is" with no changes and Councilperson Hollister seconded with discussion.

Motion to pass the 2019 Fire Contract with no changes made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

Roll Call Vote

Supervisor Rozell aye
Councilperson Kingsley aye
Councilperson Dudley aye
Councilperson Safka aye
Councilperson Hollister nay

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Rozell, Kingsley, Dudley, Safka
Nays 1 Hollister

RESOLUTION #43

Motion to pass the 2019 Preliminary Budget as the final budget as is with a 2% raise by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

ADOTED: Ayes 5 Safka, Kingsley, Dudley, Rozell, Hollister
Nays 0

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

Motion made to approve the minutes of September 19th & 26, 2018 by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Rozell, Kingsley, Dudley, Hollister, Safka
Nays 0

Heritage Report - Written by Carol Greenough

-No Visitors over Labor Day
-Museum closed this past weekend

Rec Report-Written by Julie Eagan

-Homecoming went well – no issues
-Closed for elections on Nov 5/6
-Board discussed purchasing a refrigerator for the Rec side of the building so they will not have to use the one on the Senior side. The board said it was ok to purchase one from the General Fund. Councilperson Hollister may have one he can donate instead. He will follow-up with Julie later in the week.

Dog Control Report – No report by Nancy Quell

Compliance Officer Report –Verbal by Martin Rocque

-There are couple of sign permits going through the planning board at this time, other than that there is no other business.

Councilperson Safka would like to update the sign law to simplify it and to have similar guide lines as the village. She asked the Town Board to ask the Village Board to change the current sign law.

Motion to send a letter to the Village Planning Board to review the sign ordinance and to simplify the current law made by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Rozell, Kingsley, Dudley, Hollister, Safka
Nays 0

Assessors Report- No Report by Bruce Caza

Joe Pinkowski asked the Supervisor if he could speak. He wanted to let the Town know he was unhappy about the Solar Field that borders his property on County route 12. He said the project was online and that they did not meet the final conditions as promised in the plans. Erika Sellers-Ryan said they should not be on line at this time because they have not gotten a final C/O to her knowledge. She said she would look into it and advised Mr. Pinkowski to contact The Town Planning Board for a copy of the final conditions that were agreed upon.

Elizabeth Robinson also asked if she could speak at this time. She belongs to a group called the Whitehall Welcomers' that greets boaters at the wall. She wanted to ask the Town if they would consider installing a donation box out in the open for the boaters to see. She feels they would be more willing to make donations and feel if positioned in an open area it would be less likely to get broken into. She will drop off some photos of boxes used in other locations that seem to be secure. She also inquired if maybe we would have a local fabricator who could possibly make one for us cheaper. Supervisor Rozell agreed and said he would look into it for the Spring.

Supervisors Report: Written by John Rozell

- Spoke with Bruce Castor regrading Bike Trail.
- The Town received the SAMS grant and will be updating the Town Office with new flooring and vestibule as well as new seating in the meeting room. We will also be submitting requisitions for repayment of services already completed for Lakes of Locks.
- Working with Spectrum and updating original agreements for Hatch Hill Road
- Discussed Pilot status's with Town's Attorney.
- Supervisor Rozell presented a Local Law to the Board for High Way Work Permits for their review. The board members will look it over and make changes if necessary and will discuss it at the November Board Meeting and decide when to set a public hearing on it.
- Also, the Board discussed putting a Stop Work Order in place that can be issued by Compliance Office Martin Rocque or Supervisor Rozell. The Town Attorney will be drawing this up.

RESOLUTION #44 BUDGET TRANSFERS

Motion to **pass** budget transfer for \$12,000.00 made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

ADOPTED: **Ayes 5 Rozell, Kingsley, Safka, Dudley, Hollister**
 Nays 0

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

Budget Officers Report & Transfers-written by Joel Carpenter

Planning Board Report-written by Greg Chappell

Highway Report-verbal by Louie Pratt

- We will be receiving a check for mowing reimbursement from the County.
- CHIPS Paper work is being submitting
- Would like to purchase a new Tandem Dump Truck from Navistar Inc. for \$233,327,00. It has been bidded out and received three different bids

Resolution #45

Motion to purchase a 2019 or newer an International Tandem Dump Trunk Model HV53SFA 6 X 4 tandem axel truck with and Allison automatic transmission, stainless steel combination dump body/sander body, plow hitch, plow, wing and all necessary hydraulics and attachments per attached detailed specifications by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

ADOPTED: **Ayes 5 Rozell, Kingsley, Safka, Dudley, Hollister**
 Nays 0

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

ABSTRACT #11 of 2018	General Fund V#18-10/1-22	\$6168.25
	Highway Fund V#18-10/1-9	\$34,394.65

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

ADOPTED: **Ayes 5 Rozell, Kingsley, Safka, Dudley, Hollister**
Nays 0

Motion to hire Danielle Beebe as part-time cleaner at \$10.40 an hour, not to exceed two hours per week made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Kingsley.

ADOPTED: **Ayes 5 Rozell, Kingsley, Safka, Dudley, Hollister**
Nays 0

Motion to approve food for the election workers on November 6, 2018 made by Supervisor Rozell and seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

ADOPTED: **Ayes 5 Rozell, Kingsley, Safka, Dudley, Hollister**
Nays 0

Other Business

- Retirees Insurance –David and I will be meeting with Joel and Jaeger and Flynn to discuss the retirement plans.
- Supervisor Rozell asked for volunteers to look into what deck supplies we can use to stain the deck in the Spring. It may need to have approval from Lakes to Locks. Councilperson Safka said she would contact Lakes to Locks.
- Supervisor Rozell would like someone to look into flooring options for the meeting room and suggests we find out what was used at Hometown Chevrolet. Councilperson Safka will also go to Hometown Chevrolet and inquire about their flooring.
- Also, if anyone would look into roof options for the highway. We have one estimate from Garland but would like other options. Councilperson Hollister said he would call Ken Martin, Engineer.
- The Town should be receiving a mortgage tax check from the County in the next few weeks.

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

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

Adjourned @ 8:50PM
Respectfully submitted,

Patti Gordon
Deputy Town Clerk