

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE
WHITEHALL, NY 12887
7:00PM**

July 15,2020

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

Others Present: Patti Gordon, Town Clerk; Erica Seller-Ryan, Town Attorney; Martin Rocque, Compliance Officer; Julie Eagan, Rec Leader.

Supervisor Rozell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 7:00pm.

Public Comments: No Comments

Motion to approve the monthly minutes from June 17, 2020 Town Board Meeting made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED: AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS 0

Heritage Report by Carol Greenough – No Report

Museum will be closed for the summer due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Dog Control Report by Nancy Quell – Written

Compliance Officer Report by Martin Rocque- Verbal

-Compliance officer stated there was an issue with the dumpsters at the Whitehall Studios (formerly Budget Inn) and addressed it on 4/27. Received a second compliant on same issue on 5/13. Inspected on 5/15 and everything was ok. Received another notification concerning dumpster issue again, told caller if he got out of control to call back.

-On 7/15 spoke with Maurice Coombs concerning trailer situation on Carvers Falls Road. Due to COVID everything is a standstill and can not do anything at this time. Attorney Seller-Ryan said due to COVID there is a moratorium on evictions right now. He asked Mr. Coombs to please keep him posted as to the situation.

Recreation Report by Julie Eagan

-Rec Leader Eagan and Councilperson Safka had a meeting with the YMCA youth program coordinator to put something together for the rest of the summer. The YMCA normally runs a program through the school but since the school campus is currently not opening until August 23rd at the earliest, they cannot fund anything out there. The YMCA came out and looked at our facility and would be interested in running a camp at no expense to us. Our part would be to make sure that the building is clean and the grounds are kept up during this time; if it is outside we must provide shade. They are currently using tents at the YMCA. The YMCA would provide the staff and material. They would need to use our tables and things for the camp. There are special provisions for day care centers and camps that fall under different rules which the YMCA will follow. The YMCA will be providing their own rec attendants. Sign ups will be required ahead of time in order to attend. Restrooms will need to be available as well.

-At this time, there will be no youth league this summer.

-Basket ball courts will not be open during "camp".

-Discussed what Rec Leader Eagan needs to do in order to open the playground.

-Supervisor Rozell discussed the current pay situation due COVID 19; currently the Rec Leader and attendants are still being paid even though the recreation center is closed. Even though it is closed, the attendants are still working on lawn maintenance. Supervisor Rozell asked if Rec Leader Eagan was regulating the hours actually worked with the amount they are currently being paid. She is recording everyone's actual hours worked and if they work more than the average, they are getting, she will submit time cards. Supervisor Rozell asked how to proceed in the future. Rec Leader Eagan stated that it would be fine to go back to regular time cards at this time.

-Discussed also doing a lunch program for the remainder of the summer. Possibly doing a bag lunch with a "grab and go" table. There have been no food donations for the year due to COVID-19. There are monetary donations left from last year. It can begin on the 27th of July and run for five weeks.

Motion made to go back to the use of time cards beginning July 20,2020 at the Recreation Center for employees made by Councilperson Kingsley and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS 0

Motion made pending approval with the Board of Health approval to continue the summer lunch program at the Recreation Center made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded Councilperson Dudley.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS 0

-There will be some more young adults from L.E.A.P. starting on Monday. Supervisor Rozell asked if they were old enough to use the lawn equipment to maintain the fence. Rec Leader Eagan said as long as they are 18 of age or older they can if not, the other attendants will do it.

Town Clerk Report by Patti Gordon – Written

Town Assessors Report by Bruce Caza – No Report

Town Supervisor Report

-The mice issue has been addressed in the Police station and rest of the building. Natures way came out and put out bait traps for \$350.00 and a monthly fee of \$70.00 to maintain the problem.

-Canal System opened July 1st but the pavilion has not been opened up yet. The murals are peeling off the walls and they need to be repaired before anyone can peel them off or damage them. Vandalism in the building has been an issue in the past with the kids hanging out in there.

-Supervisor Rozell spoke with Ray Signs on 6/29 and discussed the sign on the Whitehall Studios concerning non-payment for the permit. Shortly after the Town received a check and it was dated 7/1/2020.

-County Level

-Budget Officer was relieved of his duties and replaced by the previous Budget Officer Campbell.

- DMV is opened by appointment only.

At the time everything seems to be running smoothly there. You walk in, your temperature is taken and you are directed where to go.

-Department of Social Services: The State has stopped paying Medicare which is approximately \$850,000 to \$1,000,000.00 a month due to budget issues.

-Supervisor Rozell asked the Town Board for their advisement on the issue of SUNY Adirondack College. Warren & Washington County both donate funds to SUNY Adirondack. SUNY submitted their budget and would like two percent more

from each county. The Board all agreed to with Supervisor on voting against the increase at this time.

-Glens Falls Hospital/Whitehall Health Clinic: I attended a County Board Meeting via Zoom and looked for help in reopening the Health Center. I was in contact with individuals from Glens Falls Hospital, Headwaters and Albany Medical Center. Within a week, the Town was contacted by Glens Falls Hospital informing the Town the Whitehall Health Center will reopen two days per week.

Budget Officer Report & Transfers by Joel Carpenter

-Resolution #38 Budget Transfer

Motion to pass Resolution #38 budget transfer made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS 0

Town Planning Board Report by Gregg Chappell – No Report

Town Highway Report by Louis Pratt II – Written

-Upper Turnpike was C.H.I.P.S. sealed

-Welch Road and a part of Tanner Hill will be as well, but he will use only 80% of the C.H.I.P.S. money because of not knowing how much the NYS will take away from the total so we do not come up short.

-Issues with truck repair, they are in progress.

-Will be running an ad in the Whitehall Times for applications for help. He is still down one man and needs to fill that position.

Motion to approve the monthly reports made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS 0

PILOT update: check was received for \$12,201.55.

ABSTRACT #7 OF 2020

General Fund V# 20-7/1-20 \$4,113.23

Highway Fund V# 20-7/1-12 \$8294.45

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

ADOPTED AYES Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00 made by Councilperson Hollister and
Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

ADOPTED AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS 0

Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Patti Gordon
Town Clerk-