

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

DECEMBER 16, 2020

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

ABSENT: David Hollister, Councilperson

OTHERS PRESENT: Patti Gordon, Town Clerk; Faro, BACA; Neenie, BACA; Jammer, BACA; Jay Mullin, Whitehall Times

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

Public Comments:

-Guest speaker Faro, the Vice President from the Albany Chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) addressed the Town Board. They are a non-profit organization. Their mission is to empower children against their abuser. All members receive training and are finger printed. BACA works with Child Protective Services and the Police Departments. All cases must true and founded and go through these agencies before BACA gets involved. Three qualification requirements for BACA are that the predator does not live in the house, it is a recorded case, and the child is in fear. There is a hotline number for either parents or legal guardians (court appointed) to call in on for help. Patch members are Primaries to the child. They have gone through a year of training to before they can receive a patch. BACA is an international organization within 48 states in the United States and 14 countries around the World. There are Chapters in Albany, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Staten Island, Long Island and Niagara Falls, New York. There are two new Chapters starting in Southern Tier and St. Lawrence as well.

-Councilperson Dudley asked what BACA needed from the Town Board. Faro stated just help in getting the information out to the community; to let the kids of family members know that they are an outlet to get help. Even though they are the Albany Chapter, they cover from Hudson to the Canadian Border. BACA provided fliers to the Town Board Members and Rec Leader Eagan for distribution.

Motion to approve the monthly minutes from the November 18, 2020 Town Board meeting made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Rozell, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley
 NAYS 0

Heritage Report by Carol Greenough – No Report

Recreation Report by Julie Eagan- Verbal

Santa Claus visited on 12/12/20, we had approximately 23 kids with their families. Social distancing was practiced. One family at a time was allowed in the building, while the other families waited in their cars. We gave away prepackaged goody bags, stockings, cupcakes and Fidelis donated turkey gift certificates. On Monday and Tuesday, we were closed, we cleaned the entire building after the weekend.

-It has been very slow, very few kids coming into the building at this time.

-Rec leader Eagan spoke with Superintendent Dee at the High School to see if there was any need for help with the kids for Wi-Fi. There was not at this time. He stated the school has a hot spot they can also use or they can go to the Dresden Fire house as well. Superintendent Dee did say the only thing he could foresee needing was in the event we get locked down again that they may need a place to distribute food easier during the winter than bussing it. Possibly, bringing the food down to the Rec center and have the people pick it up from there.

-Bruce Wescott is currently working on winterizing the building.

-If the building closes due to Covid, there is approximately three weeks worth of work that can be done.

-Councilperson Dudley asked Rec. Leader Eagan if she has received any guidance from the County or the NY State if we go to the Yellow or Red Zone whether or not she is suppose to close the rec. center. She stated she has not received any guidance at all. The Youth Authority called and was surprised they were open but were pleased that they were. Supervisor Rozell stated the State made them close back in March. He also stated if it keeps going, he can see it happening again and that they had discussed it a month ago if the school closed down what they were going to do.

Supervisor Rozell is going to contact Ginny Currier concerning the AA using the senior building for their meetings again. AA will be responsible for sanitizing the Senior building when they are done with the meeting. Currently, they have been using the pavilion which the Town has been paying to keep it heated for them. Supervisor Rozell will remind them to use the State Guidelines for social distancing and sanitation and they are welcome to use the building.

Dog Control Report by Nancy Quell- Written

Town Compliance Officer Report by Martin Rocque – No report

Town Clerk Report by Patti Gordon – Written

Tax bills should be in next week at some time for the 2021 Town and County.

Town Assessors Report by Bruce Caza- No Report

Town Supervisors Report by John Rozell – Verbal

It been slow this month. I had a couple of different Zoom meetings on the computer.

Budget Officers Report by Joel Carpenter

Resolution #47 Budget Transfer

Motion to pass budget transfer #47 made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED **AYES 4** **Rozell, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**

NAYS 0

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

Town Planning Board Report by Gregg Chappell – Written
Town Highway Report by Louis D. Pratt II – Written

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

ADOPTED **AYES 4** Rozell, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS 0

Business to Discuss:

Date for organizational meeting to be schedule for January 4, 2021 at 7:00pm.
Skene Valley Country Club renewal of their liquor license for 2021.

Motion to the renew the Skene Valley Country Club liquor license for 2021 made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED **AYES 4** Rozell, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS 0

Abstract #12 of 2020	General Fund V# 1/25	\$5,930.78
	Highway Fund V# 1/10	\$2,201.66

Motion made to approve the monthly vouchers for abstract #12 made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Kingsley.

ADOPTED **AYES 4** Rozell, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS 0

Motion to go into executive sessions for litigation purposes made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED **AYES 4** Rozell, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS 0

No action was required from executive session.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilperson Kingsley and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED **AYES 4** Rozell, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley
NAYS 0

Adjourned
Respectfully Submitted

Patti Gordon
Town Clerk

