

**TOWN OF WHITEHALL  
BUDGET WORKSHOP @6:00PM  
57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

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

Others present: Town Clerk, Patti Gordon; Town Highway Superintendent, Louis D. Pratt II, Budget Officer, Joel Carpenter, Whitehall Times Reporter, Jay Mullen.

Notice of Budget Workshop posted on Town Clerk signboard 9/24/20 and posted in Whitehall Times on 9/24/20.

Supervisor Rozell called the Budget Workshop to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:00PM.

**Changes to tentative budget:**

General Town Wide:

**A3001** State Revenue AIM was reduced to \$25,000 to \$20,000. We are receiving 83%.

Supervisor stated only three items in the budget are raised this year, the clerk (who did not receive the 2% raise last year), the Fire Department /First Responders is up 2% and the Highway Superintendent is up 5%. Everyone else remained flat this year. The reasoning behind it, is due to COVID 19 and the recent flood as well as mortgage tax/sales tax being down more will be needed to take out of the General Fund to balance the budget.

**A1220.4** Supervisor contractual reduced from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00.

**A1355.5** Assessor's clerk has been eliminated. A new position clerk-(assistant to assessor) has been added **A1430.1**.

**A1110.6** Wages-Court Clerk was raised from \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00.

**A7997.2** Museum Equipment reduced from \$5,000.00 to \$2,500.00

**A9010.8** Gen T/W State Retirement reduced from \$25,500.00 to \$23,500.00

**A90608.** Gen T/W Medical Insurance reduced from \$34,000.00 to \$31,000.00.

**A1000** Re-appropriation reduced from \$36,612.00 to \$36,364.00.

General Outside – No changes

Highway Town Wide:

Highway Superintendent would like to give the men a 2% increase, Supervisor Rozell would like to give them 1.5%. There is no change to the budget at that rate.

**A9010.8** HWY State Retirement reduced from \$12,350.00 to \$11,250.00.

**DA9060.8** HWY -Medical Insurance Reduced from \$29,150.00 to \$28,010.00.

Highway Outside:

(Town wide is Village and Town together, Town Out Side means towns' people only. January to April we run town wide from November to January we run Town Outside. The \$1.33 is town outside paid by towns' people; \$0 .11 is General Outside.)

**DB9010.8** HWY/OS State Retirement reduced from \$11,200.00 to \$10,300.00.

**A3005** Mortgage tax income was at \$50,000.00 as you see we have only received \$17,704.51 so Supervisor Rozell does not believe we are going to reach \$50,000 so that is why it went down \$30,000.00 this year. If we exceed the thirty thousand it will roll back into fund balance.

**DA9089.8** HWY Medical Buyout changed from \$0.00 to \$1,140.00

**DA9060.8** HWY Medical Insurance reduced from \$29,150.00 to \$28010.00

**DB9089.8** HWY/OS Medical Insurance Buyout changed from \$270.00 to \$ 1,590.00

**DB9060.8** HWY/OS Medical Insurance reduced from \$39,6400.00 to \$38,050.00.

Supervisor Rozell stated Fire Department received a 2% increase, as in the following years.

As per Joel Carpenter, Budget Officer, the Town raised the Levy by \$1,566.00 estimating the tax increase will be 1.8%, the rate however will not go up.

**Motion to accept the 2021 Tentative Budget with changes to Preliminary Budget and to set up a Public Hearing date of October 21, 2020 at 7PM made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.**

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

**NAYS 0**

**Motion** to adjourn meeting made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

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

**NAYS 0**

**Adjourned**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Patti Gordon  
Town Clerk**

