

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

**FEBRUARY 17,2021**

**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; Erica Seller-Ryan, Town Attorney; Julie Eagan, Rec Leader; Jay Mullen, Whitehall Times.

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

Public Comments: No public comments.

**Motion** to approve the monthly minutes from the January 20, 2021 Town Board Meeting made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Councilperson Kingsley.

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

**Heritage Report** by Carol Greenough – No report

**Recreation Report** by Julie Eagan – Verbal

-Rec Leader Eagan received a message from the Youth League asking if they could do springs sports. The two sports would be baseball and softball. They are both labeled as low risk sports and can start after April 19<sup>th</sup> according to New York State Website. Rec Leader asked the board if they were okay for the Youth League to start back up, leaving it in the hands of the Town Board. Supervisor Rozell asked if the state allowed for higher risk sports and did the school board vote for it. Councilperson Dudley stated that the School is going in line with what the County is doing. At our level, Washington County is saying some programs can go and some programs cannot. Washington County is allowing a version a basketball with all kinds of stipulations as far as no spectators, when teams travel, they cannot use other facilities or locker rooms. He stated the County is more stringent than the state is. Rec Leader Eagan stated that the children do not have locker rooms at the Rec Center and if they travel, they will be in their own cars. Councilperson Dudley stated that he thinks that the mandates have to do more with schools and not to do with youth league settings. Town Attorney Seller-Ryan stated the Town would be covered by doing whatever the County is doing because it so specific to our jurisdiction. If the Town Board adopts what ever the County and or the School district is doing, they will be covered because they are above you and made that prudent decision.

**Motion** to proceed with spring sports schedule in accordance with State and County rules, and regulations and School Board.

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

- Bruce is redoing the floor at the Rec Center. He is repairing it, and will be stripping and redoing the surface.
- Supervisor Rozell asked about attendance. Rec Leader Eagan stated that there have been three adults coming regularly to walk in side the building in the evening.
- AA is meeting again in the Senior Side.
- Skene Manor committee has been meeting on the senior side as well.
- Current hours are 4pm- to 8pm.

**Dog Control Report** by Nancy Quell – No Report

**Town Compliance Report** by Martin Roque – No Report

-Town Compliance Officer Rocque did ask about the status of the “Old Dump” and if Supervisor Rozell found out anything on the County level. Supervisor Rozell stated he was still working on that and would keep him updated.

**Town Clerk Report** by Patti Gordon – Written

**Town Assessors Report** by Bruce Caza – No Report

**Town Supervisor Report** by John Rozell – Verbal

-Left a message with David (Hollister) if the Engineer, Ken Martin had gotten back to him about the roof at the Town Shed, but has no answer at this time.

-Supervisor Rozell suggested that we the board needs to start thinking about setting up a capital fund for several things, like the roof. When the powerline comes through, we need to have a capital fund for where the money will go. It does not go into the general fund account. He will discuss it with our Budget Officer Joel Carpenter to see what needs to be done to set it up.

-Supervisor Rozell stated he would like to be able to give the Whitehall Central School some money from the Powerline, but Town Attorney stated the only way to do that would be through a shared services agreement with the school. For example, you could purchase a shared piece of equipment that you would have a shared-services for.

- COVID vaccinations: The county received 300 dosages that went for essential personnel. You can currently sign up at Walgreens, Rite Aid, CVS and Hannaford are offering shots for people 65 and older. It has also been opened up to people with comorbidities.

**Budget Officers Report** by Joel Carpenter

**Resolution #32 Budget Transfer**

**Motion** to pass budget transfer #31 made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

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

Resolution will be filed with the minutes, website and Resolution Book.

**Town Planning Board Report by** Gregg Chappell – Written

**Town Highway Report by** Louis D Pratt II – Written

-There will be a salt bill coming in that needs to be paid as soon as possible so we don't incur any late fees.

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

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

**Business to Discuss**

-Supervisor Rozell and Councilperson Kingsley had a meeting with Brian Brooks of the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Department and Channel 10 News to discuss the matter of Fireman Jim Brooks which was aired on the evening news. The Town showed support at the County level and there is not much more we can do. A final decision should be made the first or second week in March.

**ABSTRACT #2 OF 2021**

General Fund V#1/35	\$165,445.91
Highway Fund V#1/14	\$ 61,485.96
B Fund V#1	\$ 5,555.00

**Motion** to approve the monthly vouchers for Abstract #2 of 2021 made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Kingsley.

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

**Motion** to go into executive session for contract negotiations made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

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

**Motion** to come out of executive session made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

No further discussion needed at the regular meeting.

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

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

**Adjourned**  
**Respectfully Submitted**

**Patti Gordon**  
**Town Clerk**