

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

SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Clerk, Patti Gordon; Superintendent of Highways, Louis D. Pratt II; Budget Officer, Joel Carpenter

Notice of Budget Workshop was Posted on the Town Clerk Signboard 9/23/2021 and in the Whitehall Times on 9/23/2021.

Supervisor Rozell open the budget workshop at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Rozell stated that the way the budget is now taxes are flat.

General Town Wide Income:

Supervisor Rozell pointed out that in this years budget we raised:

A1170 Franchise Fees to \$9,000.00 up from the \$7,400.00,

A1090 Penalties on Real Property Tax to \$5,000.00 up from \$4,100.00

A3001 State Revenue Aim up to \$25,923.00 up from \$20,000.00 compared to the

2021 budget.

A3005 mortgage tax stayed the same

There were no changes to the General Town Wide Income

General Town Wide Expense:

Supervisor Rozell stated everyone got a 2% raise across the board this year and minimum wage went to \$13.20.

A1010.1 Wages Town Board Wages increased from \$10,365.00 to \$10,573.00 which is a 2% increase from last year.

A1110.0 Town Justices increased from \$15,070.00 to \$15,371.00 which is a 2% increase from last year.

A1110.6 Wages Court Clerk increased from \$3,000.00 to \$3,210.00 from last year (\$15.00 hr 4hrs a wk)

Changes to tentative budget

A1220.1 Town Supervisor increased from \$5,551.00 to \$6,110.00 which is a 10.07% increase from last year.

General Town Wide Expense's Con't.

A1340.1 Wages Budget Officer increased from \$25,268.00 to \$25,774.00 which is a 2% increase from last year.

A13551.1 Wages Assessor increased from \$24,000.00 to \$26,000.00 from last year. There will no longer be an clerk assistant (A1430.1) position which there was \$10,000.00 allocated for in the previous budgets.

A1410.1 Town Clerk increased 2% from \$29,938.00 to \$30,537.00 from last year.

A1480.4 Public info increased from \$1,100.00 to \$1,300.00 from last year due to the increase of advertising and affidavits.

A1620.5 Wages-Maintenance increased from \$2,000.00 to \$2,040.00 from last year.

A1670.4 Printing and Mailing increased from \$3,000.00 to \$3,300.00 from last year due to the increase of postage.

A1910.4 Allocated Insurance increased from \$26,000.00 to \$26,200.00 from last year.

A3610.1 Wages-Board of Review increased 2% from \$830.00 to \$847.00 from last year.

A4540.4 First Responders increased 2% from \$11,249.00 to \$11,474.00

A5010.1 Wages-Hwy-Supt. Increased 2.5% from \$53,621.00 to \$54,962.00 from last year.

A5710.1 Water Navigation increased from \$103.00 to \$107.00 from last year.

A6510.4 Veterans Service increased from \$1,900.00 to \$2,200.00 from last year due to increase in the price of flags.

A6772.4 Program for the Aging increased from \$1,300.00 to \$1,800.00 from last year.

A7110.1 Wages-Park increased from \$14,017.00 to \$14,802.00 from last year due to minimum wage increase (\$12.50 to \$13.30).

A7140.1 Wages-Rec Center Attendant increased from \$22,620.00 to \$25,000 from last year due to minimum wage increase (\$12.50. to \$13.20).

A7140.5 Rec Supervisor decreased from \$12,485.00 to \$12,000.00 from last year.

A8160.4 Garbage Removal Contr. Increased from \$3,600.00 to \$4,000.00 from last year.

A8810.4 Cemeteries-Contractual Exp. Increased from \$3,600.00 to \$4,000.00 from last year.

A9010.8 Gen T/W State Retirement increased from \$23,500.00 to \$24,440.00 from last year.

A9038.8 Gen T/W Social Security increased from \$17,600.00 to \$19,000.00 from last year.

A9060.8 Gen T/W Medical Insurance increased from \$31,000.00 to \$48,000.00 from last year.

Other Income

A1000 Re-appropriation increased from \$33,612.00 to \$53,174.00 from last year.

General Out Side Income

B1120 Sales Tax Distribution increased from \$3,437.00 to \$3,696.00 from last year.

B2401 Gen O/S Interest & Earnings from 2.00 to 3.00 from last year.

General Out Side Expense

B3620.1 Wages-Code Enforcement increased 2% from \$2,336.00 to \$2,383.00 from last year.

B4020.1 Wages- Registrar of Vital Stat 2% increase from \$564.00 to \$576.00 from last year.

B8020.1 Wages-Home & Comm SVC Plan 2% increase from \$5,574.00 to \$5,686.00 from last year.

Highway Town Wide Income

DA2401 Hwy Interest & Earnings decreased from \$200.00 to \$120.00 from last year.

Highway Town Wide Expense

DA4560.4 Hwy Physicals increased from \$250.00 to \$500.00 from last year.

DA 9010.8 HWY State Retirement increased from \$11,250.00 to \$11,700.00 from last year.

Highway Out Side Income

DB1120 HWY/OS increased from \$39,223.00 to \$46,332.00 from last year.

DB2401 HWY/OS Int & Earnings decreased from \$200.00 to \$70.00 from last year.

Highway Out Side Expense

DB5110.1 HWY/OS Gen Repair Wages increased from \$70,481.00 to \$71,000.00 from last year.

DB5110.4 HWY/OS Gen Repair Contra Exp increased from \$69,233.00 to \$75,000.00 from last year.

DB5112.2 HWY/OS Capt'l Improvements increased from \$121,106.00 to \$139,763.00 from last year.

DB9010.8 HWY/OS State Retirement increased from \$10,300.00 to \$11,502 from last year.

DB9089.8 HWY/OS Medical Ins Buyout increased from \$1,590.00 to \$1,800.00 from last year.

DB9030.8 HWY/OS Social Security increased to \$5,500.00 from \$5,400.00 from last year.

DB9060.8 HWY/OS Medical Insurance decreased to \$30,000.00 from \$38,050.00 from last year.

Fire Protection Budget

SF1001 Real Property-Fire Protection increased 2% from \$130,875.00 to \$133,493.00 from last year.

Other Business

The Town received a letter from the Office of the State Comptroller's Office regarding fiscal and environmental stress. The Town's score for fiscal was 3.3, a score of 45 is borderline. The Town's score for environmental was 10.0, a score of 30 would be borderline. Overall, the Town is doing well.

Motion to approve the 2022 tentative budget as the preliminary budget and schedule a public hearing to adopt for October 20,2021 made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

Motion to accept Resolution #43 to adopted the 2022 Tentative Budget as the Preliminary made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Councilperson Kingsley

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

Motion to adjourn the Budget Workshop at 7:45 made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

Adjourned
Respectfully Submitted

Patti Gordon
Town Clerk

