

**TOWN OF WHITEHALL  
REGULAR MEETING  
57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE  
WHITEHALL, NY 12887**

**DECEMBER 15, 2021**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Patti Gordon, Town Clerk; Louis D. Pratt, Highway Superintendent; Erika Seller-Ryan, Town Attorney, Genevieve Hollis, Rec Leader; Caton Deuso, Whitehall Times; Dana Grant, Bethe Reynolds, Kim Lacroix, Amy Michaud.

Supervisor Rozell called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments:** Dana Grant wanted to discuss the Christmas lights in the park. Amy Michaud wanted to know about the status of the junkyard on County Route 12 and what is being done about it. Supervisor Rozell will contact Washington County Code Enforcement to see what else can be done. Dana Grant also asked about "Miss Kitty's" on Route 4, which Supervisor Rozell stated that that property is currently in litigation.

**Motion** to approve the monthly minutes from November 17, 2021 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

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

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

**Town Recreation Report** by Genevieve Hollis – Written

Discussed with the Town Board how they will run the Christmas activities with COVID protocol in place.

The Mobile Health Unit will be at the recreation center on 12/17/21 and again on 1/7/2022 and will start accepting patients on 1/14/2022.

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

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

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

**Town Assessors Report** by Roberta Stone – Written

The assessor will be changing her day to Wednesday instead of Thursday beginning in January.

Resolution #48 appointing Roberta Stone as Sole Assessor.

**Motion** made to appoint Roberta Stone as sole Assessor from January 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2025 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded Councilperson Dudley.

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

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

- Lights and electricity in working order at the park.
- The parade will be 12/18/2021 with the lighting of the Christmas tree.
- Woodruff farm issue with the animals has been resolved.
- County budget passed with no tax hike.

**Town Budget Officer and Transfers** by Joel Carpenter

**Resolution # 49 Transfer**

**Motion** to approve Resolution #49 budget transfer made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

**Town Planning Board Report** by Gregg Chappell – No Report

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

New truck is in.

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

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

**Incoming Correspondence:**

The Town received a letter from Skene Country Club giving notice that they are intending to apply for a liquor license beginning April 1,2022 thru October 31, 2022.

The Town received a letter from Nancy Brooks-Smith expressing an interest in becoming a member of the Board of Assessment review.

**Motion** to appointment Nancy Brooks-Smith to the Board of Assessment Review term beginning 12/15/2021, term ending 9/30/2024 made by Councilperson Kingsley and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

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

**Abstract #12 of 2021**

**General Fund V# 1/21    \$ 10,235.77**

**Highway Fund V# 1/7    \$ 122,001.97**

**Motion** to approve the monthly vouchers Abstract #12 of 2021 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

**Public Comments Cont.**

Amy Michaud had questions concerning the Christmas decorations in the park, she asked about the restrictions being in place. Supervisor explained there were not restrictions on how much they could decorate but there were dates agreed upon when the lights would be turned on and turned off with the Christmas decorating committee representative. The reason behind the dates of the lights was because

three years ago the lights were left and the decorations were up until sometime in February and the electric bill was extremely high.

Dana Grant asked if any of the COVID relief money could go toward a new roof on the amphitheater. Supervisor Rozell explained that there are only certain things that money can be used for. The Town will get approximately \$142,000.00, \$70,000.00 of which has already been received and the other portion will be received next June or July. The Town hired a private firm to go through our AUD's for the last three years (our financial standing). It showed that the Town has lost a \$113,000.00 because of COVID. The money received will go back into the general fund. If it not used it will be taken back. Supervisor Rozell suggested that possibly the remaining balance could be given to the Village the for the water & sewer infrastructure but will need to discuss it further with the Board and see if that's even option. Amy Michaud ask if any money could go toward the rescue squad because they have lost money because they have not been able to do any coin drops. Supervisor Rozell asked Ms. Michaud if she could show proof of the loss if so he will look into it at the County level to see if they would be eligible for any of the funds.

Reporter Caton Deuso asked the Board for quotes about the 2021 year and what it meant to them and what they were looking forward to in 2022.

Councilperson Dudley said "He would look forward to getting rid of masks".

Supervisor Rozell said "We should work together with the Village more in the future".

Councilperson Kingsley said "he would like to see some improvements at the rec center like a cooling station and anything else to improve Whitehall".

**Motion** to go into executive session for personnel and litigation made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

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

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

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

**Motion** to have Attorney Erika Seller-Ryan to write up a memorandum to present to Keith Sayers to submit to the Union for a dollar a more an hour on their base pay starting January 1 2022 made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

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

The organizational meeting will be Monday January 3, 2022 at 7:00pm.

**Motion** to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:40pm made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Chris Dudley.

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

**Adjourned**  
**Respectfully Submitted**

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