

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

MAY 18, 2022

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 Pratt II, Highway Superintendent; Erika Seller-Ryan, Town Attorney; Martin Rocque, Town Compliance Officer; Genevieve Hollis Rec Leader; Cheryl Putorti, Chamber of Commerce; Erik Ross, Chamber of Commerce, Caton Deuso; Whitehall Times

Supervisor Rozell called the May 18, 2022 regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Cheryl Putorti from the Whitehall Chamber of Commerce addressed the Town Board about items that they feel need to be taken care of before the Festival on June 11th which included painting of the picnic tables, trimming tree limbs, replacing missing block from the steps of amphitheater, debris in various places that needs to be picked up and the shrubs behind the museum and near the Sasquatch need to be cleaned up as well. One other issue is lack of lighting in the amphitheater and the electricity issue. Mrs. Putorti said that the Chamber of Commerce we could get volunteers that would help in the process if the Town would allow them too. Supervisor Rozell said that the Town would be able to do the most of the items on her list and should be able to have them completed before the Festival. The electricity issue was addressed this winter and lack of lighting would most likely be the NYS Canal Corporation's Responsibility. Town Attorney Erika Seller-Ryan will draw up a waiver between the Town and The Chamber of Commerce to allow volunteers work on Town property.

Erik Ross, the Chamber of Commerce President stated they were told the Museum would not be open for the Festival, it is not scheduled to open until July and would like to know what could be done to open it sooner. Supervisor Rozell said that he would contact Mr. Mowatt, who is the Historical Society President and discuss it with him.

The Board members, Mrs. Putorti, Mr. Ross and Highway Superintendent Pratt all discussed what they thought needed to be addressed and what they could do. Highway Superintendent Pratt said that they would be able to remove the shrubs with the excavator sometime next week and work on trimming the trees in the park. The Chamber of Commerce will work on the planting of the flowers and any other clean up that still needs to be done. Supervisor Rozell will be in contact with the Canal Corporation in regards to the possibility of additional lighting.

Motion to approve the monthly minutes from the April 20, 2022 regular Town Board meeting made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

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

Town Heritage Report by Carol Greenough – No Report

Town Recreation Report by Genevieve Hollis – Written

Supervisor Rozell told Rec Leader Hollis that the John Molinero Memorial sign has been redone and just needs to be reinstalled.

Town Dog Control Report by Kathy Hall – No Report

Town Compliance Report by Martin Rocque – Nothing to report at this time.

Supervisor Rozell asked what has taken place with the other two properties that the Town is currently having issues with. Town Attorney Seller-Ryan stated that she thought we did not discuss them at the last meeting. Supervisor Rozell stated that we were going to move forward and Town Compliance Officer Rocque was supposed to re-do the paperwork for Route 4 and deliver it because the mail sent to the current address was returned to the Town. Compliance Officer Rocque stated he did not know he was supposed to re-do the paperwork. Attorney Seller-Ryan told Compliance Officer Rocque to get together with her so they can discuss it.

Town Clerk Report by Patti Gordon – Written

Town Assessors Report by Roberta Stone – Written

Town Supervisors Report by John Rozell – Verbal

Nothing to report on the Town level, everything going well just normal daily issues. On the County level everything is going well. Budget looks good. They will be paving from County Route 21 to County Route 18 and from Upper Turnpike on County Route 12 to Hatch Hill Road.

Budget Officers Report and Transfers by Joel Carpenter – Written

Resolution #34 Budget Transfer

Motion to approve Resolution #34 budget transfer made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

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

Town Planning Board Report by Gregg Chappell – Written

Town Highway Report by Louis D. Pratt II – Written

Water will be turned on on the canal wall by Friday 5/20/2022

P.O.P. (pave our pot holes) money was approved for an additional \$19,500.00 and black top prices from March to May a total of \$6.00 a ton. We are still waiting on the culverts to come before any black topping can be done.

The garage is still down to two men, looking to hire one more person. (The Town Clerk will run another help wanted ad for two weeks).

Received approximately \$3,400.00 from the Village of Whitehall for snow removal.

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

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

BUSINESS TO DISCUSS

Resolution #35 Standard Workday Resolution for newly elected and appointed officials in the New York State Retirement System.

Motion to approve Resolution #35 Standard Workday Resolution may by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

Motion to allow Regina Jones/Christopher Hobson to use Skenesborough Park for a Wedding on 8/27/2022 made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Supervisor Rozell.

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

Abstract #5 of 2022

General Fund V/# 1-22 **\$29,940.77**
Highway Fund V/# 1-9 **\$ 5,567.96**

Motion to approve the monthly vouchers Abstract #5 of 2022 made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

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

Motion made to go into Executive Session at 7:57pm for hiring and firing of personnel made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:26 made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

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

No votes, decisions or motions were made at tonight’s meeting,

Motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:28pm made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

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

Adjourned
Respectfully Submitted

Patti Gordon
Town Clerk

