

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

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Rozell, Supervisor  
Christopher Dudley, Councilperson  
Stephanie Safka, Councilperson

**ABSENT:** David Hollister, Councilperson  
Timothy Kingsley, Councilperson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Patti Gordon, Town Clerk; Erika Seller-Ryan, Town Attorney; Louis Pratt II, Highway Superintendent; Caton Deuso, Whitehall Times; Dana Grant, Chamber of Commerce, Bethe Reynolds; Chamber of Commerce, Genny Hollis, Rec Leader; John Huggins, Glens Falls Hospital

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

Supervisor Rozell asked the Town Board and members of the audience to take a moment of silence for Mr. Richard Bruce who passed away recently. He was a member of the Board of Assessment Review for the Town for many years.

Supervisor Rozell introduced Mr. John Huggins from Glens Hospital. He spoke about four grants from the New York State Department of Health that are available. They are for safety, tobacco related, healthy schools and communities to improve walking in Washington/Warren County, and one for history. He is currently working on the Healthy Schools and Community Improvement grant. That would be for improving/repairing sidewalks in the community. Supervisor Rozell asked Mr. Huggins if he has spoke with the Village because the majority of sidewalks are in the village, he said he had not as of yet but plans to attend their next Village Board meeting. Councilperson Dudley asked where the funds would come from and Mr. Huggins stated New York State. Mr. Huggins said the grant also covers signage for trails within the Town and Village as well lighting where necessary. Mr. Huggins stated that he will be in contact with the Town in the near future to see what projects can be completed within the parameters of the grant.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Barbara Spoor addressed the Town Board via telephone about the upcoming Sasquatch Festival. She just wanted to confirm that public could use the recreation center parking lot for the festival as well as the boulevard and other lots around town. She also asked if an individual who owns local landscape company could mow Skenesborough Park ahead of the festival, after discussing it with the Town Attorney they decided not to allow it at this time.

**Motion** to approve the monthly minutes from the August 17, 2022 Regular Town Board meeting made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

**ADOPTED**      **AYES**    **3** Rozell, Dudley, Safka  
                     **NAYS**      **0**

**Town Highway Report** by Louis Pratt II – Written and Verbal

-The Highway Garage Roof project is in progress and should be started by the beginning of November. The color will be maroon or chocolate brown.

-Salt price has increased 29% this year. It will be approximately \$83.00 a ton.

-Joel Carpenter, the Town's Budget Officer, will be applying for the CHIPS money around the 1<sup>st</sup> of November and should be reimbursed around December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

-The Highway crew has relocated the furnace in the garage themselves saving the Town extra expense of having it done.

-Resolution #38 Speed Reduction for Holcombville Road.

Highway Superintendent told the Town Board that he is trying to get the speed limit reduced on Holcombville Road from 55 to 35. He has received several complaints about speeding on the road, there have been animals hit and killed and a child was hit by a car and paralyzed. There is suggested sign of 45mph but Town roads are 55 unless otherwise posted.

**Motion** to adopted Resolution #38 to reduce the speed limit on Holcombville Road from 55mph to 35mph made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

**ADOPTED**      **AYES**    **3 Rozell, Dudley, Safka**  
**NAYS**

-The resolution will now go to Washington County and they will have to approve it before it can go to New York State DOT for review.

-NYMIR did their annual inspection at the Highway Garage and said they need to work on signage on the roads.

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

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

-She is currently having issues with the rule that if you are under 13 you need to be accompanied by an adult. There is a sign posted on the door and it is posted on the Recreation Center face book page about the rule. There are a couple children that have been not behaving accordingly and are doing dangerous things that can harm them. After discussing the situation with the Town Board and Town Attorney, Supervisor Rozell told the Recreation Leader to document the incidents and if needed to call the Police and have them removed from the premises and take them home.

-Rec Leader Hollis asked if the Board could go into Executive Session for personnel reasons.

**Town Dog Control Report** by Kathy Hall – No Report

**Town Compliance Officer Report** by Martin Rocque – Verbal

-Nothing to report at this time other than working on the ongoing violations.

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

-Town Clerk Gordon handed all the Town Board members a copy of the tentative budget for 2023. The Budget Workshop will be schedules for October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00pm.

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

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

-Currently working the electric bills- suppliers and prices.

-Working on getting estimates for the eaves on the museum.

-Historical Society contacted the Town about some improvements they would like done around the building.

-At the County Level, Supervisor Rozell is on a working committee for Emergency Services as well as a committee for upgrading the Washington County campus.

**Town Budget Officer Report** by Joel Carpenter – Written

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

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

**ADOPTED**      **AYES**    **3 Rozell, Dudley, Safka**  
                         **NAYS**     **0**

**BUSINESS TO DISCUSS**

Recreation Center request for Kilene Chambers on 11/5/2022 for birthday party.

**Motion** to allow Kilene Chambers to use the Recreation Center on 11/5/2022 for a birthday party made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

**ADOPTED**      **AYES**    **3 Rozell, Dudley, Safka**  
                         **NAYS**     **0**

Park/Dock donations from August 17<sup>th</sup> to September 19<sup>th</sup> total \$159.00.

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

-The Town received a letter from the Historical Society/Museum Board thanking the Town for it's cooperation in communicating with them and the maintenance of the building but they have several other concerns that need to addressed. The letter will be included in the minutes.

-The Town received a letter from the Emergency Squad requesting financial support. Supervisor Rozell will contact them to discuss the matter. The letter will be included in the minutes.

-The Town was contacted by CVE Group that is interested in purchasing one of the golf courses for a solar project.

**Abstract #9 of 2022**

**General Fund V/# 1-21 \$ 11,68.25**  
**Highway Fund V/# 1-8 \$198,775.82**

**Motion** to approve the monthly vouchers Abstract #9 of 2022 made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

**ADOPTED**      **AYES**    **3 Rozell, Dudley, Safka**  
                         **NAYS**     **0**

**Motion** to go into Executive Session at 8:45pm for personnel issues made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Councilperson Safka,

**Motion** to come out of Executive Session at 9:30pm made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Councilperson Safka with no action taken.

**Motion** to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 9:31pm made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

**ADOPTED**      **AYES**    **3 Rozell, Dudley, Safka**  
                         **NAYS**     **0**

**Adjourned**  
**Respectfully Submitted**

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

