

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

FEBRUARY 19, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

**John Rozell, Supervisor
David Hollister, Council Person
Francis Wilbur, Councilperson
ABSENT: Christopher Dudley, Councilperson
Stephanie Safka, Councilperson**

OTHER PRESENT: Patti Gordon, Town Clerk; Jamie Barnhill, Deputy Clerk; Erika Seller-Ryan, Attorney; Tim Martindale, Rec Leader; Louis Pratt, Highway Superintendent; Martin Rocque, Compliance Officer; E.J. Conzola Sentinel-Times; Randy Lamber, W.I.N.; David Rathbun.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Randy Lambert from W.I.N. (Whitehall Improvement Network group) asked the Town Board if they could use the meeting room for their monthly meetings every second Thursday at 6:00pm and also the Senior Center building if needed. Mr. Lambert spoke with Ann Coulter and she said it that it should be fine as long as there are no other conflicts.

MOTION to allow W.I.N. to use the meeting room at the Whitehall Municipal Center every second Thursday at 6:00pm and the Senior Center building if needed made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Wilbur.

**ADOPTED AYES 3 Rozell, Hollister Wilbur
 NAYS 0**

MOTION to approve the monthly meeting minutes from the January 15, 2025 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Wilbur

**ADOPTED AYES 3 Rozell, Hollister, Wilbur
 NAYS 0**

MONTHLY REPORTS

Town Recreation Report by Timothy Martindale – Written

-Discussed what wood chips need to be purchased for the playground and also discussed looking into “rubber” chips as well.

Town Dog Compliance Report by Kathy Hall – No Report

Town Compliance Report by Martin Rocque – Verbal

-Nothing new to report at this time.

Town Clerk's Report by Patti Gordon – Written

Town Assessor's Report by Roberta Stone – No Report

Town Supervisor's Report by John Rozell

-At the County level:

The Assigned Council fee was increased from \$75.00 to \$158.00. There has not been an increase in 15 years. The County estimated the increase for the budget but not enough. They have estimated that they are \$850,000.00 over budget already. That state will pay 50% of that but, the total is still over \$400,000.00 more than was budgeted for already.

The Department of Social Services is also behind by approximately \$200,000.00 for the year already due to New York state mandates.

Town Budget Officer's Report by Joel Carpenter – Written

Town Planning Board Report by Gregg Chappell – Written

Town Highway Report by Louis D. Pratt II – Written & Verbal

-A new plow blade was purchased for \$3,300.00 which will be in next month's vouchers. I would like to purchase an additional kit for \$3,300.

-The MB broom that was approved at the January 15, 2025 Town Board meeting was not purchased because it was not the correct model. Superintendent Pratt would like the Town Board to rescind the motion to purchase it.

MOTION to rescind the previous motion made and adopted at the January 15, 2025 Town Board meeting to purchase the Hydraulic MB Broom for \$11,700.00 made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

ADOPTED: **AYES 3 Rozell, Hollister, Wilbur**
NAYS 2

Superintendent Pratt presented the Town Board with three quotes for other hydraulic brooms. The first quote is from Salem Farm Supply for \$7,900.00, the second is from Monroe Tractor for \$10,223.02 (minus 757.26 for tax) which equates to \$9,465.76, the third is from SEI (Stephenson Equipment Inc.) for \$11,625.00. All three quotes will be included in the minutes. Superintendent Pratt would like the Town Board to make a motion to approve the purchase of the York YB32 8Ft 3 PT Hitch Broom for \$7,900.00.

MOTION to purchase the York YB32 8FT 3 PT Hitch Broom from Salem Farm Supply for \$7,900.00 made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

ADOPTED **AYES 3 Rozell, Hollister, Wilbur**
NAYS 0

MOTION to approve the monthly reports made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Wilbur.

ADOPTED **AYES 3 Rozell, Hollister, Wilbur**
NAYS 0

BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:

Resolution #31 of 2024, approving the Judicial Audit for 2024

MOTION to accept Resolution #31 Town Justic Audit for 2024 made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

ADOPTED **AYES 4 Rozell, Hollister, Wilbur**
NAYS 0

ABSTRACT #2 OF 2025

General Fund V/1-26	\$ 37,545.46
Highway Fund V/1-12	\$ 31,993.50
Youth Fund V/1-4	\$ 575.43
Fire Protection Fund V/1-1	\$141,664.00
B Fund V/1-1	\$ 15,500.00

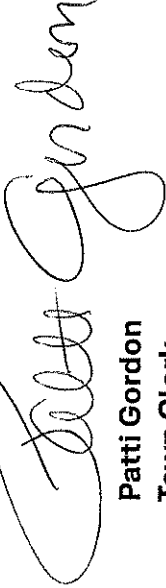
MOTION to approve the monthly abstracts made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

ADOPTED **AYES 3 Rozell, Hollister, Wilbur**
NAYS 0

MOTION to adjourn the February 19, 2025 Town Board meeting at 8:04 made by Councilperson Hollister and Supervisor Rozell.

ADOPTED **AYES 3 Rozell, Hollister, Wilbur**
NAYS 0

Adjourned
Respectfully Submitted



Patti Gordon
Town Clerk

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Councilperson Stephanie Safka	Sole Assessor Roberta Stone	Councilperson Francis Wilbur
	Town Clerk, Patti Gordon	

TOWN JUSTICE AUDIT FOR 2024

RESOLUTION # 31

Motion Made By Supervisor Rozell

Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Whitehall wishes to comply with Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act that requires that the town and villages justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their respective town and village auditing boards; and

WHEREAS, an examination of the criminal and civil dockets of the Town Justices for the year ending December 31, 2024 was duly performed by the Town of Whitehall.

WHEREAS, the criminal and civil dockets presented to be accurate and true; and

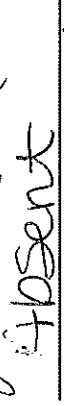
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Whitehall has conducted an audit and found the criminal and civil dockets to be in order for the year 2024, as well as all accounts for the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution and said audit will be forwarded to the NYS Office of Court Administration and NYS Comptroller's Office and will be entered upon the minutes of this preceding a copy of this certificate.

Motion Carried



John Rozell, Supervisor



Christopher Dudley, Town Councilperson



David Hollister, Town Councilperson



Stephanie Safka, Town Councilperson

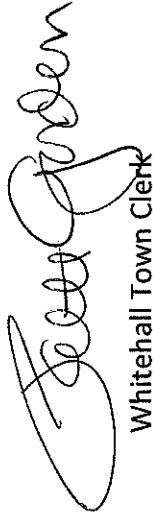


Francis Wilbur, Town Councilperson

CERTIFICATION

I, Patti Gordon, the duly qualified and acting Town Clerk of Whitehall, New York, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at a regular board meeting of the Town Board of Whitehall held on 01/19/2025 and is on file and of record, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Patti Gordon


Whitehall Town Clerk