

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

MARCH 19, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Rozell, Supervisor
 David Hollister, Councilperson
 Christopher Dudley, Councilperson
 Stephanie Safka, Councilperson
 Francis Wilbur, Councilperson

OTHERS PRESENT: Patti Gordon, Town Clerk; Erika Seller-Ryan Town Attorney, Louis Pratt II, Highway Superintendent; Martin Rocque, Town Compliance Officer; Timothy Martindale, Rec Leader; David Rathbun; Randy Lambert W.I.N.; Phil Smith, Village Mayor; E.J. Conzola Sentinel-Times.

Supervisor Rozell Called the March 19, 2025, regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Randy Lambert asked the Town Board for permission to place bike racks with an anchor design in front of the Museum.

MOTION to allow the placement of bike racks in the form of an anchor in front of the Museum in some portion in agreement with the Historical Society and Canal Corporation made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

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

Supervisor Rozell also discussed the Bike Trail project which was not completed due to the Grant ending last year. New possible routes are being considered if the project starts up again.

Mayor Phil Smith explained that several of the "Village DPW" crew maybe leaving, leaving them extremely short handed. Mayor Smith asked the Town Board if it is necessary would the "Town DPW" be able to help out if an emergency arose. Supervisor Rozell asked what would be needed and Mayor Smith was not exactly sure at this time. Councilperson Wilbur asked if the water and sewer maps were up to date, and Mayor Smith was unsure of the where are abouts or condition of said maps. Highway Superintendent Louis Pratt stated that there is a shared service agreement in place with the Village and that the Highway Department would help if needed.

MOTION to approve the monthly minutes from the February 19, 2025, Town Board meeting made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Town Recreation Report by Timothy Martindale – Written

The Whitehall wrestling team would like to use the Senior Center on 3/20/25 for their annual wrestling banquet.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rozell to allow the Whitehall Wrestling team to use the Senior building for the banquet on 3/20/2025 and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

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

Town Dog Control Report by Kathy Hall – No Report

Town Compliance Report by Martin Rocque – Verbal

-Asked about a court date for Mr. River's property. Supervisor Rozell stated the Town Court needs to be contacted so they can schedule a court date and have him served.

Town Clerk Report by Patti Gordon – Written
-Letter of resignation

Town Assessors Report by Roberta Stone – No Report

Town Supervisors Report by John Rozell – Verbal

-Spoke with an individual concerning possibly putting storage container units on County Route 18, he referred to the Planning Board Secretary.

-Was able to locate the Comprehensive Plan at the County, it was last done in 1969 and will need to be re-done.

Town Budget Officer Report and Transfers by Joel Carpenter – Written

Town Planning Board Report by Gregg Chappell – Written

Town Highway Report by Louis D. Pratt II – Written

-Spoke Ann Coulter from the Senior Building regarding the old fan that the Seniors would like to have removed. He stated that he went and looked at it and feels that it would not be an issue to remove it since it does not appear to be currently being used for ventilation as previously thought.

BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:

Park Requests:

Festival and Fireworks Committee on June 21, 2025

Our Lady of Hope Church on July 12, 2025

MOTION to approve both park requests made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

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

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

<u>ADOPTED</u>	AYES 5	Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Wilbur
	NAYS 0	

ABSTRACT #3 OF 2025

General Fund V/ 1-25 **\$ 13,996.13**

Highway Fund V/ 1-10 **\$ 11,483.10**

Youth Fund V/ 1-4 **\$ 491.45**

MOTION to approve the monthly vouchers and Abstract #3 of 2025 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

MOTION to go into Executive Session for contract negotiations made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Supervisor Rozell.

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

MOTION to come out of executive session with no action taken and close the Town Board meeting at 8.35pm made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

<u>ADOPTED</u>	AYES 5	Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Wilbur
	NAYS 0	

**Adjourned
Respectfully Submitted**


Patti Gordon

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Town Clerk