

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

April 16, 2025

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamie Barnhill, Deputy Clerk; Erika Seller-Ryan, Town Attorney; Louis D Pratt II, Highway Superintendent; E.J. Konzola, Whitehall Times; Randy Lambert; Mike Lipka; Cindy Lipka

Town Supervisor Rozell asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 7:00pm and called the meeting to order.

Opening of Sealed Mowing Bids for Sciota Cemetery:

Town Supervisor Rozell opened the first sealed bid from Nathan Williams for \$ 4,800. The second sealed bid was from Robert Martell D.B.A Skene Valley Landscaping for \$ 4,200. The last sealed bid was from Generous Family Mowing Service for a total of \$3,124.80.

MOTION to accept the Generous Family Mowing Service to mow the Sciota Cemetery for a maximum of 12 times for \$3,124.80 and upon receiving their Certificate of Liability made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Town Supervisor Rozell.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Lipka on behalf of Shelby wanted to know the status of the woodchips for the playground at the Recreation Center. Town Supervisor Rozell stated he is doing the research and working with the Insurance Inspector. The inspector recommended the use of rubber instead of woodchips which would cost between \$5,000 to \$10,000. He explained he is looking into a grant program from the Municipal Parks and Recreation. Mike Lipka said he was satisfied with the update from Town Supervisor Rozell.

Randy Lambert stated he also came wanting an update on the woodchips at the Recreation Center upon discussion he was also satisfied.

MOTION to approve the monthly minutes from March 19, 2025 Town Board regular meeting motion made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Town Recreation Report by Timothy Martindale – Written

Town Dog Control Report by Kathy Hall- No Report

Town Compliance Report by Martin Rocque – Verbal-Received many calls not of them related to compliance.

Town Clerk Report by Patti Gordon – Written

Town Assessor Report by Roberta Stone – No Report

Town Supervisor's Report by John Rozell

- Town Supervisor John Rozell announced a public invitation from the Whitehall Historical Society to celebrate the 250th Celebration of the capture of Skenesborough and the first US Navy ship Liberty on May,10,2025 at 11a.m. at the Skenesborough Museum. RSVP by April 30, 2025 at 518-260-0437

- Town Supervisor John Rozell thanked Randy, Fra, Cheryl, and Denise for all their hard work on stone tiles at the museum and all they are doing to improve our community.

MOTION to schedule Public Hearing Local Law #1 of 2025 regarding Commercial Solar, Wind Energy and Battery Storage Systems for May 21, 2025, at 7:05 p.m. made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

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

Town Budget Officer's Report by Joel Carpenter – No report

Town Planning Board Report by Gregg Chappell – Written

Town Highway Report by Louis D Pratt – Written/Verbal

- Highway Superintendent Pratt discussed working on the Salt Bids he has chosen Atlantic Salt as his vendor

- Highway Superintendent Pratt stated the docks into the canal will be done next week

- Highway Superintendent Pratt stated he finally has a full crew of three full time men plus himself.

-Highway Superintendent Pratt received two quotes for an Alamo RM1902S Flail Mower. One quote from Capital Tractor Inc. for \$22,823.45 with no setup or delivery. The other from Salem Farm Supply for \$22,723.45 including set up and delivery.

MOTION to allow Highway Superintendent Pratt to purchase an Alamo RM1902S Flail Mower Salem Farm Supply for \$22,723.45 and to be delivered made by Town 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

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

BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:

MOTION to authorize Highway Superintendent Pratt to enter into an agreement with Washington County for the 2025 Mowing Contract made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

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

Incoming Correspondence:

MOTION to write a letter of support for the Fort Ann Rescue Squad for an expansion of its Ambulance Service Certificate made by Town Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

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

ABSTRACT #4 OF 2025

 General Fund V/#1-22 \$ 7,369.23
 Highway Fund V/#1-9 \$ 12,337.10
 Youth Budget V/#1-4 \$ 289.62

MOTION to approve the monthly abstract #4 of 2025 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

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

Town Supervisor Rozell stated no reason to go into Executive Session

MOTION to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 7:50 pm made by Town Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

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

Adjourned
Respectfully Submitted



Jamie Barnhill
Deputy Clerk