

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

June 18, 2025

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Erika Seller-Ryan, Town Attorney; Louis D Pratt II, Superintendent of Highways; Jamie Barnhill, Town Clerk; E.J. Konzola, Sentinel- Times; John Hoagland; Cheryl Putorti; Tammy Rocque; Lukas Longtin; Dana Gordon; Timothy Martindale, Rec. Supervisor; Shelby Stach; Pam Bolton; Martin Rocque, Town Compliance Officer

Supervisor Rozell called the June 18, 2025, regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Supervisor Rozell asked John Hoagland if he wanted to speak. John is from the Booster Club and wanted to let the board know they are available if needed to help, they have all new board members.

Cheryl Putorti had a few announcements of events happenings to share. She handed the board members the flyer of the music series events and a flyer with entertainment for the Whitehall Festival happening on Sat. June 21st. She had been in the park preparing for the festival, and mentioned the open deck needed painting. Also, there will be extra Sheriff's on duty after the fireworks to help with traffic control. On June 28, 2025, a Walking Club will be here in Whitehall. On June 29, 2025, the Washington County 250th Committee will honor when Lafayette passed through Whitehall by having a wreath ceremony at Riverside Park at 11:00 am.

Tammy Rocque came to ask about the status of Solar Law. Supervisor Rozell explained there will not be a vote held tonight as scheduled. The town board agreed to have it held at the next board meeting in July. Erika explained the county still has the M-239 referral under review.

Shelbie Stach spoke regarding the playground at the Rec Center and the status of the new swings, and she let the board know the slide is cracked and the walkway to enter has a 5-6" drop that is too much for the children to do. She stated that somebody is going to fall and get hurt. She also inquired about the status of the wood chips or rubber mat for the entire area. Louis Pratt had dropped a load of wood chips under the swings for now. Supervisor

Rozell said he was looking into a grant and needs to get quotes. He said he will get a list together of what needs to be repaired and get fixed.
Pam Bolton had a few questions regarding the Out of the Box Worship to be held in July in the park. She asked about parking at the Rec. Center on the first night and asked the board where to park others. Also, discussed trash can's location, porta johns and having the road one way. A local resident Dana Gordon said he would help her after the meeting.

MOTION to approve the monthly minutes from May 21, 2025 Town Board regular meeting motion made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Town Recreation Report by Timothy Martindale – Written/ Verbal

-Tim wanted to know about any updates to overhead lighting and security cameras. Tim along with the county's help, are working on a \$5,000 funded grant.

Town Dog Control Report by Kathy Hall- No Report

Town Compliance Report by Martin Rocque – Verbal

- No new complaints currently. Many inquiries for the village

Town Clerk Report by Jamie Barnhill – Written

Town Assessor Report by Roberta Stone – Written

Town Supervisor's Report by John Rozell- Verbal

-Next year would like the Town to step up for the Memorial Day parade and help the American Legion in hanging the veteran banners up

Town Budget Officer's Report by Joel Carpenter – Written
Resolution #33 Budget Transfer

MOTION to approve Resolution #33 Budget Transfer made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

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

Town Planning Board Report by Gregg Chappell – Written

Town Highway Report by Louis D Pratt – Written/Verbal

Superintendent of Highway Pratt discussed the black top prices between several vendors.
MOTION for Superintendent of Highway Pratt needs to make an Amendment to the 284 Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway monies made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

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

MOTION to approve Resolution #35 Authorize the Superintendent of Highway to purchase highway materials at State and County bid prices and use NYS General Municipal Law SS103 (16) aka piggyback law made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Supervisor Rozell

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

Superintendent of Highway Pratt has a meeting on Monday June 23rd with the inspector regarding our Fire Extinguishers

BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:

-Supervisor Rozell stated no action to be taken at this time on RESOLUTION #34 AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2025 ENTITLED "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW #7 OF 1990, SITE PLAN REVIEW, TO REGULATE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS, INCLUDING BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEMS, IN THE TOWN OF WHITEHALL."

Motion to have a discussion on the Healthcare Coalition for the North Country made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

The county passed a different resolution than Resolution #36 states. Supervisor Rozell to get a copy of the County's Resolution for more discussion before a Resolution can be made. Councilperson Dudley opened the discussion by saying we elected politicians to do this job and we shouldn't be telling them how to do it. These are his personal thoughts on these.

MOTION on Resolution #36 for the Town of Whitehall to agree with the Healthcare Coalition for the North Country opposing the federal and state budget cuts to Medicaid program made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

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

Park and Pavillion Requests: Our Lady of Hope Festival on 7/12/25, Heather Michaud on 7/13/25, Out of the Box Worship Center on 7/17-7/20, Whitehall Festival Music Series on 8/8/25 as a fundraiser for Skene Manor at 5pm in front of boat

MOTION to approve all park requests made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

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

ABSTRACT #6 OF 2025

General Fund V/ 1-27	\$ 4,839.66
Highway Fund V/ 1-5	\$ 7,053.52
Youth Budget V/ 1-7	\$ 637.64

MOTION to approve the Monthly Abstract #6 of 2025 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Supervisor Rozell

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

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

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

Superintendent of Highway Pratt had one last thing to say about July 13th, the day of the Children's Party, there will be the opening of the Time Capsule using an excavator behind the boat. Mr. Mowatt has never told the town about this.

MOTION to go into Executive Session at 7:58pm for personnel to hire and fire made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

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

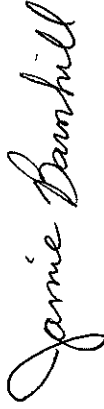
MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 8:09pm with action taken to hire Patrick Huntington as a Call In for Maintenance at the park made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

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

MOTION to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 8:10pm made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

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

Adjourned
Respectfully Submitted



Jamie Barnhill
Town Clerk