

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

July 16, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS' PRESENT:

John Rozell, Town Supervisor
David Hollister, Councilperson
Christopher Dudley, Councilperson
Stephanie Safka, Councilperson
Francis Wilbur, Councilperson

OTHERS PRESENT: Erika Seller-Ryan, Town Attorney; Louis D Pratt II, Superintendent of Highway; Jamie Barnhill, Town Clerk; E.J. Conzola, Sentinel- Times; Martin Rocque, Town Compliance Officer; Tammy Rocque; Debby Cline; Shelby Stach; Ernie Steves; Nancy Steves; Jessie Neddo; Randy Lambert, WIN Group; Lucas Longtin, Deputy Superintendent of Highway.

Supervisor Rozell called July 16, 2025, Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

-Randy Lambert explained the Community Pool Project starting in 2026, asking if the Town might be able to help with cost, (also asked Village) in partnership with School for youth swimming lessons in summer. Have the Rec Center be the central location to meet and bus the kids to Hulett's Landing. The Town Board is interested in hearing more. Randy discussed a Community Garden looking for ideas on properties to have for next summer. Also, looking at putting a Welcome to Whitehall sign up coming in from Vermont, Louis to assist in this request.

- Shelby Stach thanked the board for the new swings at the playground, and Louis fixing the walkway. Shelby asked for another load of wood chips.

MOTION to approve the monthly minutes from June 18, 2025 Town Board regular meeting motion made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Town Recreation Report by Timothy Martindale- Written

MOTION to purchase two replacement slides for the playground quoted from Jeffrey Recreation for \$3,700.00 made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

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

Town Dog Control Report by Kathy Hall-

Town Compliance Report by Martin Rocque – Verbal - Martin gave his resignation.

Town Clerk Report by Jamie Barnhill – Written

Town Assessor Report by Roberta Stone – Written

Town Supervisor's Report by John Rozell- Verbal

Supervisor Rozell explained the Governor's law which moves elections for several local offices to even numbered years.

MOTION to amend the clerical error of the 2025 Organizational Meeting Minutes for the hourly wage for Rec. Attendants from \$15.50/hr. to \$15.97/hr. made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

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

MOTION to table the surveillance cameras at the Rec Center to next month since the 2 quotes are not for the same scope of work made by Supervisor Rozell and Councilperson Hollister.

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

Town Budget Officer's Report by Joel Carpenter – Written

Town Planning Board Report by Gregg Chappell – Written

Town Highway Report by Louis D Pratt –Verbal

- Superintendent of Highway Pratt stated that his crew will be black topping next month.

MOTION for Superintendent of Highway Pratt to pick up a load of wood chips for the playground made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

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

MOTION to approve Superintendent of Highway Pratt to sell ODB a surplus property to Auctioneers International made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

<u>ADOPTED</u>	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	

BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:

-Tsk force member Tammy Rocque stated the law is largely based upon NYSERDA. This law is to protect the landowner and the municipality. The current law is from 1990 and needed to be updated to make companies more accountable to landowners.

-Ernie Steves talked about the application fee of \$10,000 and the Planning Board can approve or deny the application and the fee is not returned. Erika Seller-Ryan, the Town Attorney, stated this fee amount is normal, and to the companies this is nothing.

MOTION to approve 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." made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Rozell – AYE
Councilperson Hollister- AYE

Councilperson Dudley- NAY
Councilperson Safka-AYE
Councilperson Wilbur- NAY

ADOPTED AYES 3 Rozell, Hollister, Safka
 NAYS 2 Dudley, Wilbur

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

- Reduce Speed Limit from NYS Dept. of Transportation Traffic Operations Bureau -Notice of Action Taken on Welch Rd. 40 MPH, and a Notice of Order for Wash. County. Rte. 9A, 45 MPH. New signs are up according to Superintendent of Highway Pratt.

PARK REQUEST:

-Jessica Dean Wedding Ceremony @ the Amphitheater, Aug.22,2026, 1-3pm, 25-30 people
-Donations Park/Dock YTD \$59.00 & Rec. Ctr. Lunch Program YTD \$95.00
- Per Cheryl Purtorti report for Sasquatch Festival is growing as of July, 125 vendors and 15 food trucks

MOTION to approve all Park Requests made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

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

ABSTRACT #7 OF 2025

General Fund V/ 1-28	\$ 8,917.59
Highway Fund V/ 1- 7	\$ 29,968.63
Youth Budget V/ 1- 11	\$ 1,365.08

MOTION to approve the Monthly Abstract #7 of 2025 made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

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

MOTION to adjourn the Regular Town Board meeting at 8:45 pm made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

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

ADJOURNED
Respectfully Submitted



Jamie Barnhill
Town Clerk