

TOWN OF WHITEHALL
BUDGET WORKSHOP
57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE
WHITEHALL, NY 12887

3:00PM

October 8, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Rozell, Supervisor
David Hollister, Councilperson
Christopher Dudley, Councilperson
Francis Wilbur, Councilperson

ABSENT: Stephanie Safka, Councilperson

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamie Barnhill, Town Clerk; Louis D. Pratt II, Superintendent of Highways, Joel Carpenter, Budget Officer; E.J Conzola, Whitehall Times

Notice about Budget Workshop was posted in the Sentinel Times and the Town Clerk's sign board located at 57 Skenesborough Dr., Whitehall

Supervisor Rozell opened the 2026 Budget Workshop at 3:08 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Supervisor Rozell opened the only sealed truck bid received by Ross Chevrolet. It meets the specs listed in the Sentinel Times which is a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD which is in stock and discounted to \$65,750.00. Two options, Option 1 – Truck price \$65,750.00 deduct \$22,500 the trade in value for a 2016 Silverado 3500, we owe \$43,250.00. Option 2- Straight purchase price of \$65,750.00 no trade in.

MOTION to accept the bid with the Option #1 from Ross Chevrolet made by Councilperson Wilbur and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

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

MOTION to move the 2016 Silverado 3500 into surplus property made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Supervisor Rozell.

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

No Public Comments

The Tentative Budget proposes a 3% increase allowing the budget to stay under the 2.0% percent tax cap. The Town Board and Town Budget Officer discussed the 2026 Tentative Budget and made the following changes:

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General Townwide:

Income:

No changes

Expense:

A1410.1 Wages Town Clerk - \$34,677.00 increase by 5% instead of 3% due to no Deputy Town Clerk position.
A1410.4 Town Clerk Contractual- \$750.00 increased to \$1,300.00
A1410.5 Wages Deputy Town Clerk - \$0.00 decreased from \$9,024.00. (Current Town Clerk does not feel any assistance is needed)
A1480.4 Public Info - \$1,500.00 decreased from \$2,000.00
A1620.4 Buildings Contractual- \$25,000 decreased from \$30,000 (No big repairs scheduled for 2026)
A1910.4 Allocated Insurance- \$32,026.00 increase by 9% estimated for 2026 year
A1330.1 Tax Collector- \$0.00 decreased from \$1,000.00 (Added to Town Clerk Wages)
A6772.4 Program for the Aging Contractual- (fuel bill)- Discussion from Tentative budgeted from \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00 still, a decrease from \$4,200.00. Adding the \$500.00 we are good still under the tax cap.
A7520.4 Historian Contractual- (Gary Hart) Discussion from Tentative Budget of \$0.00 increased to \$750.00 same as the year before.
A9089.8 Medical Insurance Buyout- Budget has estimated 14% increase which it is for exact same plan the Town has now, All Town Board members in agreement to keep same MVP plan for 2026.

General Outside

B3625.4 Rescue Contractual- \$15,810.00 increase by 2% from \$15,500.00

Highway Town Wide

No changes.

Highway Outside

No changes.

Fire Protection

SF3410.4 Fire Protection Contractual- \$144,497.00 increase by 2% from \$141,664.00

Youth Budget

CR7140.4 Playground & Rec Center Contractual- Discussion from Tentative Budget \$9,912.00 decreased to \$9,500.00 since no known big expenses needed.

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MOTION to accept the tentative budget with changes as the 2026 Preliminary Budget and to schedule a Public Hearing on October 15, 2025 at 7pm made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

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

MOTION to adjourn the Budget Workshop at 5:00 pm made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

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

Adjourned
Respectfully Submitted



Jamie Barnhill
Town Clerk