

TOWN OF WHITEHALL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

TOWN HALL, 57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE
JANUARY 2, 2024 @ 7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Town Supervisor, John W. Rozell
Town Councilperson, David Hollister
Town Councilperson, Christopher Dudley
Town Councilperson, Stephanie Safka
Town Councilperson, Vacant

PRESENT/ABSENT

YES
YES
YES
YES

Others Present: Patti Gordon, Town Clerk; Louis D. Pratt, Highway Superintendent;
Kathy Hall, DCO; Shawn Hall, E.J. Conzola, Whitehall Times

Call to order: Supervisor Rozell called he January 2, 2024 Organizational meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Public Comments: Town Dog Control Officer Kathy Hall asked the Board to the review the current dog law and fee schedule on her contract. DOC Hall feels some of the fees are extremely low for what they would actually cost now. DOC Hall stated that she would research current fees from a few local vets and pass it on to the Board.

Resolution # 1

OFFICIAL UNDERTAKING- TOWN LAW MANUAL PAGE 12

The Town Board must adopt and file an official undertaking according to Town Law Section 25. This section states that town supervisor (as well as the town clerk, collector, receiver of taxes, town justice, constable, superintendent of highways), and such other officers and employees as the town board may require, shall execute and file an official undertaking in the town clerk's office, in a form, sum and sureties directed and approved by the town board as indicated on such undertaking. The official undertaking must be filed within 30 days of taking office or notification of appointment.

MOTION to accept Resolution #1 of 2024 Official Undertaking made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

ADOPTED **AYES** **4 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka**
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Appointed Offices will be notified by Town Clerk

Oath of office forms will be signed and notarized and will be filed in the Town Clerk's Office as well as the County Clerk's Office. (Town Law Sec. 25)

Town Supervisor Appointments:

- Deputy Supervisor, David Hollister
- Budget Officer, Joel Carpenter
- Supervisors Part-time clerk, Patricia Kingsley
- Town Historian, Gary Hart (Arts & Cultural Affairs Law Sec.57.07)

Town Highway Superintendent Appointments:

- Working Supervisor

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Vital Registrar Appointments:

- Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar, Patricia Kingsley
Duties assigned by Town Clerk to be the same duties as performed by the Town Clerk.
(Town Law Sec. 30(10).

Town Board Appointments: 2024 Adopted Budget

Resolution # 2 Resolution to approve the salaries as per 2024 budget

BOARD APPOINTMENTS	AMOUNT BUDGETED	
POSITIONS FOR 2024	CODE	PAID 2024- PAY
<u>ELECTED TOWN BOARD-4 YEAR TERM</u>		
Christopher Dudley, term ending 12/31/27	A1010.1	Monthly \$2,804.25
David Hollister, term ending 12/31/25	A1010.1	Monthly \$2,804.25
Stephanie Safka, term ending 12/31/27	A1010.1	Monthly \$2,804.25
<u>ELECTED TOWN JUSTICES-4 YEAR TERM</u>		
Thomas Nichols, term ending 12/31/26	A1110.1	Monthly \$8,153.50
<u>APPOINTED TOWN JUSTICE 1-YEAR TERM</u>		
Susan Johnson, term ending 12/31/2024	A1110.1	Monthly \$8,153.50
<u>PART-TIME COURT CLERK</u>		
Debra Loomis, Term ending 12/31/2024	A1110.6	Hourly \$3,311.00 15.92/hr.
<u>ELECTED TOWN SUPERVISOR-2 YEAR TERM</u>		
John W. Rozell, term ending 12/31/25	A1220.1	Monthly \$ 6,482.00
PT Clerk, P. Kingsley term ending 12/31/24	A1221.1	Hourly \$ 2,070.00 \$15.50
Dep. Sup, David Hollister ending 12/31/2024	A1220.5	Monthly \$ 296.00 \$24.67
<u>APPOINTED BUDGET OFFICER</u>		
Joel Carpenter, term ending 12/31/24	A1340.1	Weekly \$27,874.00
Audit	A1320.4	\$ 2,000.00

APPOINTED TOWN ASSESSOR-6 YEAR TERM
 Roberta Stone, term ending 9/30/25 A1355.1 Weekly \$27,583.00

ELECTED TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR-4 YEAR TERM
 Patti Gordon, term ending 12/31/27 A1410.1 Weekly \$33,026.00
 Dep Town Clerk, Pat Kingsley A1410.5 Hourly \$ 8,300.00
 Deputy Tax Collector/Deputy Vital Registrar \$15.50

DOG CONTROL OFFICER A3510.1
 Kathy Hall 1/1/24-12/31/24 Monthly \$ 4,526.00
 Sheltering Agreement A3510.1 Monthly \$ 1,000.00

APPOINTED BOARD OF REVIEW-5 YEAR TERM
 Penny Hollister term ending 9/30/28 A3610.1 Yearly \$ 900.00
 Patricia Kingsley term ending 9/30/25 Paid \$180.00 per person
 Nancy Brooks-Smith term ending 9/30/24 Paid in June
 Sally Raino term ending 9/30/26 by claim voucher

ELECTED HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-4 YEAR TERM
 Louis Pratt II, term ending 12/31/27 A5010.1 Weekly \$59,442.00

Working Supervisor, _____ DA5142.1 Weekly _____
 pr wk. \$ _____

Split between two accounts DB5110.1

WATER NAVIGATION A5710.1 \$ 115.00

PARK ATTENDANT
 @ \$15.00/hr. (minimum wage) A7110.1 \$16,950.00

PART -TIME MAINTENANCE
 @ \$20.00hr. A1620.5 Hourly \$ 2,000.00

PART-TIME CLEANER
 @ \$15.00/hr. (minimum wage) A1620.1 \$ 1,560.00

APPOINTED REC. LEADER
 Timothy Martindale -1/01/24-12/31/24 A7140.5 Weekly \$18,204.00

REC. ATTENDANTS
 Must be certified in CPR/AED
 @ \$15.500/hr. A7140.1 Hourly \$29,600.00
CEMETERIES-MOWING
 @ \$15.00/hr. A8810.1 Hourly \$ 1,000.00

APPOINTED COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Martin Rocque, term ending 12/31/24 B3620.1 Monthly \$ 2,529.00

APPOINTED REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

Patti Gordon B4020.1 Weekly \$ 611.00

APPOINTED PLANNING BOARD-5 YEAR TERM-B8020.1

Chairman-Andre Hagadorn term ending 12/31/26 \$1,401.35 yr. \$ 5,857.00

Secretary-Gregg Chappell term ending 12/31/24 \$3,471.43 yr.

George Enny, term ending 12/31/2025 \$386.31 yr.

Howard Hunt, term ending 12/31/2026 \$386.31 yr.

Sally Raino, term ending 12/24/2024 \$386.31 yr.

_____, alternate

THESE SALARIES PER APPROVED UNION CONTRACT

<u>TOWN HIGHWAY</u>	<u>PAID</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Lucas Longtin	Hourly	\$22.68
Gavin Boule	Hourly	\$22.68
Keith Sayers	Hourly	\$22.68
Per Diem W/CDL	Hourly	\$19.00-\$20.50
All other per diem wages under discretion of Highway Superintendent	Hourly	\$17.51-\$19.00

MOTION to change per diem w/cdl rate to \$20.50 and all other per diem from minimum wage up to \$19.00 made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

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

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Resolution # 3

LIST OF OFFICERS AND ASSESSORS

On or before January 10th, the town clerk shall file a certificate with the State Dept. of Audit and Control, specifying the names and addresses of all town officers, whether elected or appointed, and must also file a certificate with the State Board of Equalization and Assessment specifying the names of all assessors, with their post office addresses, date of appointment or election and expiration of term of office. [Town Law Sec. 30(3)]

LIST OF APPOINTED OFFICERS; NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES AND

RESIGNATIONS

The town clerk must certify to the county clerk, within 20 days after their appointment, the names and addresses of all appointive town officers, date of appointment, expiration of term of office. The town clerk also required to notify the county clerk immediately of the existence of any vacancy. (Town Law Sec. 30(3))

Resolution # 4

PAYROLL DATES FOR THE YEAR 2024

01/05/2024	05/10/2024	09/13/2024
01/12/2024	05/17/2024	09/20/2024
01/19/2024	05/24/2024	09/27/2024
01/26/2024	05/31/2024	10/04/2024
02/02/2024	06/07/2024	10/11/2024
02/09/2024	06/14/2024	10/18/2024
02/16/2024	06/21/2024	10/25/2024
02/23/2024	06/28/2024	11/01/2024
03/01/2024	07/05/2024	11/08/2024
03/08/2024	07/12/2024	11/15/2024
03/15/2024	07/19/2024	11/22/2024
03/22/2024	07/25/2024	11/29/2024
03/29/2024	08/02/2024	12/06/2024
04/05/2024	08/09/2024	12/13/2024
04/12/2024	08/16/2024	12/20/2024
04/19/2024	08/23/2024	12/27/2024
04/26/2024	08/30/2024	
05/03/2024	09/06/2024	

Employees paid monthly will receive
their checks on the last Friday of the
month.

**TOWN OF WHITEHALL
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF NEW YORK
RESOLUTION # 5**

Duly adopted January 2, 2024

STANDARD WORK DAY RESOLUTION FOR EMPLOYEES:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Whitehall, Location code 30609, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the

time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STANDARD WORK DAY</u> <u>(HRS/day)</u>
Town Supervisor	6
Town Councilperson	6
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	6
Deputy Town Clerk	6
Part-time Clerk	6
Town Highway Superintendent	8
Highway Workers	8
Budget Officer	6
Town Assessor	6
Town Justice	6
Dog Control Officer	6
Board of Assessment Review	6
Park Employee	6
Part-time Cleaner/Maintenance	6
Recreational Leader/Rec. Attendants	6
Compliance Officer	6
Vital Registrar	6
Planning Board Employees	6

Town must establish a standard work day for each employee title, even if you do not have any full-time employees in that title. Minimum # that can be established for a standard workday is six, while the maximum is eight. Standard workday is the denominator to be used for the days worked calculation; it is not necessarily always the number of hours a person works.

Resolution # 6

CONTRACTS FOR 2024

	<u>CODE</u>	<u>PAID</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u>
Budget Officer/Sup. Clerk Joel Carpenter	A1340.1	Weekly	\$ 27,874.00
Auditor	A1320.1	Yearly	\$ 2,000.00
Attorney for the Town-Erika Sellar Ryan	A1420.4	\$150/hr.	\$ 10,000.00
		Paid by voucher	

Festival				
1 st Responders Whitehall Fire Company	A1989.4	Yearly		\$ 1,500.00
(Paid to the Village)	A4540.4	Yearly		\$ 11,937.00
Whitehall Public Library				
Museum-Historical Society of Whitehall-	A7410.4	Yearly		\$ 10,000.00
Museum Equipment	A7510.4	Yearly		\$ 5,000.00
(This is paid to Village of Whitehall)	A7997.2	Yearly		\$ 2,500.00
Fire Protection-Whitehall Volunteer				
Fire Company (Paid to the Village)	SF3410.4	Yearly		\$136,163.00
Animal Control Officer Kathy Hall	A3510.1	Monthly		\$ 4,526.00
(Also, have a contract with Kathy Hall for harboring dogs picked up by dog control officer).	A3510.4	Monthly		\$ 1,000.00

Contracts for 2024 have been typed and handed over to Supervisor for approval. The contracts will be filed in the contract book when approved by each party.

Resolution # 7

TOWN BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP DATES FOR THE YEAR 2024 TOWN LAW SEC. 62 & 63

“Regular” town board meetings will, throughout the year 2024, be held at 7 P.M., on the third Wednesday in the Town Hall, located at 57 Skenesborough Drive of the Town of Whitehall. Auditing of bills for the prior month will begin at 6:30 PM.

Regular Board Meeting Dates

January 17, 2024
February 21, 2024
March 20, 2024
April 17, 2024
May 15, 2024
June 19, 2024

July 17, 2024
August 21, 2024
September 18, 2024
October 16, 2024
November 21, 2024
December 18, 2024

Workshops will be conducted on an as needed basis.

Resolution # 8

VOTING PREMISES FOR ELECTIONS

District 1,2,3	will now be combined into District 1	Recreational Center
District 4	will now become District 2	Recreational Center
District 5	will now become District 3	Recreational Center

Resolution # 9

OFFICIAL TOWN NEWSPAPER

The Whitehall Times will be the official town newspaper. [Town Law Section 64(11)]

The Post Star will also be used as needed to meet certain deadline dates.
RESOLUTION # 10

**DESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY BANK AS THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY
FOR THE TOWN OF WHITEHALL**

WHEREAS, all town officers shall deposit all moneys coming into their hands by virtue of their offices, as well as the security, if any, to be given by the depository for the protection of town funds. [Town Law Section 64 (1)].

WHEREAS, Community Bank will continue to be the official bank for the Town of Whitehall for all checking and savings accounts.

WHEREAS, The Town of Whitehall has the following accounts with Community Bank:

Capital Projects Acct	General Townwide	Health Reimbursement
Consolidated Acct	General Outside	Health Insurance-Lane
Escrow Acct	Highway Townwide	Health Insurance-Sayers
Escrow Acct (CHPE)	Highway Outside	Trust & Agency Acct

WHEREAS, whenever a signature is required for the Town of Whitehall accounts listed above, only the Whitehall Town Supervisor, **John Rozell** or Deputy Supervisor, **David Hollister** shall have authority to sign.

FURTHERMORE, the Town Clerk of the Town of Whitehall has the following accounts with Community Bank:

Town Clerk General	Tax Collector
Town Clerk /Hunting & Fishing	
Town Dog Licenses	

WHEREAS, whenever a signature is required for these accounts only the Whitehall Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Town Supervisor, Deputy Town Supervisor shall have the authority to sign. Town Clerk accounts shall require two signatures on all checks.

RESOLUTION # 11
NYCLASS NEW YORK COOPERATIVE LIQUID ASSEST SECURITIES SYSTEM

WHERE AS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 100-O (Section 199-O Empowers municipal corporations (defined in Article 5_G, Section 199-N to include school districts boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages) and themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS, the **TOWN OF WHITEHALL** wishes to invest certain of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to a municipal cooperation agreement;

WHEREAS, the **TOWN OF WHITEHAL** wishes to assure the safety and liquidity of its funds.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:

The TOWN SUPERVISOR, JOHN ROZELL, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Cooperative Investment Agreement in the name of and on the behalf of the **TOWN OF WHITEHALL**

Resolution # 12
RETURNED CHECK FEE AMOUNTS

A charge of \$50.00 on each check tendered as payment and returned for insufficient funds (General Municipal Law Section 85). Board amended 2014 to include second payment to town to be in the form of cash. Board amended fee increase 2024. Notice to be posted on Town Clerk's Signboard.

Resolution # 13
PETTY CASH FUND

A petty cash fund in the amount of \$200.00 will be used for making change during the year for the town clerk/tax collector and for small purchases as needed during the year.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY TOWN SUPERVISOR (TOWN
LAW SECTION 63).

Rec. Committee/Museum: C. Dudley, S. Safka
Park Committee/Levies: J. Rozell, D. Hollister
Highway Committee: C. Dudley, D. Hollister
Senior Citizen Committee: S. Safka, J. Rozell
Union & Labor: D. Hollister, C. Dudley

Resolution # 14
MILEAGE ALLOWANCE 2024

Mileage reimbursement allowance for 2024 \$.067 state rate. This will be paid after audit of properly submitted claims for the use of privately owned vehicles on official Town business, provided that the funds are provided in the current budget. Last year set max. \$500 for attendance to meetings or training, and meal allowance for persons participating in said approved Town business at \$4.00 breakfast, \$6.00 lunch, \$12.00 dinner for local area (within 45-mile radius of town property), and \$5.00, \$9.00 and \$20.00 for distant travel. All of these subject to Board review and approval.

Resolution # 15
REQUIRED IN-SERVICE TRAINING/EDUCATION

All elected or appointed Town of Whitehall officials are to successfully complete within a reasonable time frame the necessary in-service training programs to ensure proper compliance with the duties/responsibilities of the office to which each is

electd/appointed. Included in this requirement are all in-service programs required by the County, State or Federal mandates and any other in-service programs deemed appropriate by the Town Board of Whitehall. Any costs associated with these in-service training programs, including travel expenses, will be the responsibility of the Town of Whitehall.

Resolution #16 Rules of Procedure

RULES OF PROCEDURE - TOWN LAW SECTION 63

The Rules of Procedure for regular and special Town Board meetings, workshops, and executive sessions follow and replace and suspend all prior town board rules of procedure
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

A regular town board meeting is one in which the town board meets once a month at a fixed time and place throughout the year to conduct town business. In the case of the Town of Whitehall, regular town board meetings will be held once a month on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. The board will audit the bills prior to the meeting between 6:30 and 7:00 PM.

NOTICE OF REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

After the town board establishes by resolution a regular fixed time and place for its meetings throughout the year, no other notice need be given to the members of the board. The Town Clerk is authorized by the Town Board to publish one Public Notice for the year stating the day, time and place for all regular Town of Whitehall Board Meetings.

RULES OF CONDUCT AT A REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

- The supervisor, when present, shall preside and act as chairperson. In his/her absence, his/her deputy shall act for him/her.
- Members of the board are to be recognized by the chairperson before addressing the rest of the board or the public.
- No member of the public shall be permitted to address the town board unless recognized by the chairperson. In that event, the person must identify himself/herself by clearly stating his/her full name and address and then stating the nature of his/her business.
- A period of 10 minutes will be set aside at the start of each meeting for public comment or questions. Members of the public will be given 5 minutes each to ask their question or make their comment. A sign-in sheet will be located on the table for those attending the meeting.
- The chairperson may set a limit on the time on each occasion which each member of the public addresses the board.
- Persons speaking to the town board with the consent of the chairperson shall address their remarks to the town board, not to other members of the audience.
- No such person has the right to demand an answer to a specific question from a member of the board. All such questions shall be directed to the chairperson, who

may either answer them or refer the questions to a board member or the attorney for the town, if present. The answer may be deferred and subject to further review or study and answered at a later date.

- No member of the public or board shall engage in any demonstration, booing, hand clapping, or otherwise disrupt the formality of a town board meeting.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTIONS

The adoption of resolutions is the most frequent type of formal action taken by the town board in its legislative and administrative capacities. Resolutions are often confused with motions. The latter are the vehicle by which resolutions are brought before the town board for action. The two can be used interchangeably. Typical examples of actions that require resolutions are as follows:

- Transferring money from one budget to another
- Establishing a salary
- Designating depositories
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TOWN BOARD VOTING AT A TOWN BOARD MEETING

The voting on every issue requiring a resolution, ordinance, or law shall be "ayes" and "nays" and the names of the members present and their votes shall be entered in the minutes of the town board.

- The supervisor is a member of the town board and therefore must vote. He/she may also move or second resolutions.
- The town clerk or (in his/her absence) his/her deputy calls a roll of town board members on every issue in question before the town board.
- The town clerk must take minutes and keep a record of all proceedings of the board meetings, even though he/she is not a board member and does not have a vote.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDAS

- A preliminary agenda will be developed by the supervisor and/or board members prior to the meeting and published via posting on the town signboard.
- Because urgent issues may not be presented to the board until shortly before the meeting, a final agenda may not be adopted by the supervisor until shortly before the meeting.
- No additional matters are to be considered until each matter on the agenda has been acted on by the town board.

Members of the public are invited to bring an issue, questions, or comments before the board in one of the following ways:

1. By written request to be put on the formal agenda at least five business days before the scheduled regular board meeting, or
2. By addressing the board at a segment set aside per the agenda at the end of the meeting specifically for that purpose. The supervisor may set a time limit for each speaker.
3. Members of the news media may have ten minutes at the conclusion of the meeting to ask questions concerning matters presented at the board meeting.

MINUTES OF REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The town clerk, when present, will record the minutes of the meetings proceedings as prescribed by law and shall make such minutes available within two weeks of the meeting. In the absence of the town clerk, his/her deputy or another person appointed by the board shall take his/her place.

TOWN BOARD WORK SESSIONS

A town board work session is held to discuss and deliberate matters that are coming up at the next regular board meeting, special meeting, or public hearing. No votes will be taken at work sessions. As with all public meetings, the public is free to attend these sessions, but are not to participate or ask questions. Members of the board are expected to attend work sessions when called for by the supervisor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS BY THE TOWN BOARD

A public hearing is a meeting of the town board and the public regarding an important issue that may have a significant economic, environmental, or other serious impact on the town and its residents.

- The purpose of a public hearing is to give the public an opportunity to express its views.
- The public has a right to appear and give evidence and the right to hear and examine witnesses regarding the issue at hand.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The supervisor will give notice of public hearings in writing to the board and the town clerk ten days before the hearing, when possible. The town clerk will then post a notice of the hearing in at least one public location and will give notice to the news media at least 72 hours prior to hearing.

RULES AND CONDUCT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Comments and Questions

- Oral Comments. The town clerk will maintain a sign-in-sheet at the table for each person who wishes to make oral comments. Anyone who wants to do so must enter his/her full name and address on the sheet, in the spaces provided. ANYONE NOT SIGNING THE SIGN-IN-SHEET WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ADDRESS COMMENTS TO THE BOARD.
- Questions. The chairperson will entertain questions from the floor. Questions will be for the sole purpose of obtaining information about the subject matter of the public hearing or clarifying its provisions. Questions shall not have the intent of provoking a debate between the questioner and the Town Board or any individual in the audience.
- Written Comments. The Town Board will accept written comments on the subject matter of the public hearing PROVIDED ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS ARE GIVEN TO THE CHAIRPERSON BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

PRESENTATION OF COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Presiding Officer, the Town Supervisor or designee will preside over the public hearing, and act as Chairperson. In his/her absence, the Deputy Town Supervisor or designee will act as Chairperson.

GROUND RULES FOR THE PRESENTATION OF COMMENTS

The purpose of the public hearing is to gather public comment (on subject of Public Hearing). The Board encourages all in attendance to offer comments and ask questions.

However, a successful public hearing requires that some simple ground rules be followed. These ground rules will ensure that all in attendance are treated in a respectful and courteous manner, and that all who desire to speak will have the opportunity to be heard:

- No one may speak unless recognized by the Chairperson for that purpose. Upon recognition, the person must identify him/herself by clearly stating his/her full name and address.
- Anyone choosing to speak must address his/her remarks to the Town Board, and not to other members of the audience. Any debate between those “for” and those “against” the proposal must be strictly avoided.
- Oral comments can generally be delivered in 5 minutes. If there are a large number of persons wishing to speak, the Chairperson reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to strictly enforce the 5-minute rule, so that all who wish to speak will have the opportunity to do so.
- The Town Board is here to listen to the public’s comments, and to answer questions about only the matter at hand. The Board is NOT here to express its own views or opinions thereon. The Board will NOT participate in a debate of the issues. We want your advice and assistance in coming to the proper conclusion on the issues involved. If you are in favor, simply tell us and give us your reasons why; and likewise, if you are opposed.
- No person has the right to demand an answer to a specific question from a member of the Board. As noted earlier, questions should seek clarification and information and should not lead to a debate on the issues. All questions are to be directed to the Chairperson, who may either answer or refer to a Town Board member or the Attorney for the Town. The answer may be deferred and subject to further review or study and answered at a later date.
- No member of the public or Town Board shall engage in any demonstration, booing, handclapping, or otherwise disrupt the formality of the public hearing.

The Town Clerk will be responsible for ensuring that these rules are followed. ANYONE VIOLATING ANY OF THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE ASKED TO REFRAIN FROM DOING SO, AND MAY, IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON, BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

Special town board meetings may be called by the supervisor at any time for urgent or lengthy issues or for any other important reason determined by the supervisor. Notice of special town board meetings and rules of conduct are the same as for public hearings.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Executive sessions may be held only after an open meeting is convened and a motion to hold an executive session, identifying the area or subject to be considered in such Executive session is adopted by the majority vote in the open meeting.

Executive Session matters are restricted to:

- A matter which will imperil the public safety if disclosed.
- A matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer.
- Information with respect to investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would jeopardize effective law enforcement if disclosed.
- Discussions relating to litigation.
- Matters relating to collective negotiations under the Taylor Law.
- Medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, or removal.
- Preparation, grading, or administration of examinations.
- Acquisition, lease, or sale of real property or securities when publicity would substantially affect the value.

Attendance is restricted to town board members and any other persons authorized by the board.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PROCEEDINGS

Summary minutes must be made of any final determination taken by formal vote, including the date and the vote thereon; however, such summary should not include any matter which is not required to be made public under the Freedom of Information Law. Such summary minutes shall be available to the public within one week from the date of executive session. If no formal action was taken in executive session, then no executive session minutes' need be taken.

Resolution # 17

PREPAYMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS

Certain invoices are regularly received by the Town and delaying payment of same for Board approval results in interest being charged and at times loss of discounts to the Town, the Supervisor, as chief financial officer of the Town or in his absence the Deputy Town Supervisor, are hereby authorized to prepay those certain regularly-occurring claims prior to the monthly Town Board meeting; and the Town Board, at its regularly-scheduled monthly meeting, will approve vouchers for said claims.

Resolution # 18

VOUCHER CALENDAR

Vouchers should be submitted before or on the scheduled dates below to the Supervisor's office.

Submit by:

January 12, 2024
February 16, 2024
March 15, 2024
April 12, 2024
May 10, 2024
June 14, 2024
July 12, 2024
August 16, 2024
September 13, 2024
October 11, 2024
November 15, 2024
December 18, 2024

Board Meeting

January 17, 2024
February 21, 2024
March 20, 2024
April 17, 2024
May 15, 2024
June 19, 2024
July 17, 2024
August 21, 2024
September 18, 2024
October 16, 2024
November 20, 2024
December 18, 2024

Additional payments from time to time throughout the year will need to be paid before board approval to avoid late fees and other charges. These bills will be approved by the Town Supervisor.

Resolution # 19

ANNUAL ACCOUNTING FOR OFFICERS RECEIVING OR DISBURSING MONEY

On or before January 20, each town board must meet for the purpose of an annual accounting by each officer or employee who has received or disbursed any moneys, except in towns having a comptroller or which have engaged the services of a certified public accountant or public accountant to make an annual audit to be completed within 60 days after the close of the town's fiscal year. [Town Law Section 62(1), 123]
If the board wishes to audit books must set a date in January to perform the audit. Furthermore, pursuant to Sec. 29 sub. 10A of the Town Law, the Supervisor is directed to submit to the Town Clerk within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year, a copy of the report to the State Comptroller which is required by Sec. 30 of the General Municipal Law and the Town Clerk shall cause a summary of such report to be published in the town newspaper within 10 days after the receipt thereof.

Resolution # 20

DELEGATING ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Pursuant to Town Law, Sec. 29(16), the Town Board hereby authorizes and delegates to the Town Supervisor powers and duties of day-to-day administration and supervision of all town and special district facilities and employees consistent with and in furtherance of any and all State and Federal laws applicable thereto and with any and all local laws, resolutions or policies heretofore or hereafter adopted by this Town Board.

Resolution # 21

SUBMISSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for monthly meetings will be submitted to the board by the Thursday before the monthly board meeting in writing. Failure to submit a monthly report will result in the holding of their paycheck until a report is filed. Furthermore, all members submitting reports should try to attend the regular monthly board meetings, unless excused by the supervisor.

Monthly reports:

Recreation Report	Supervisors Report
Dog Control Report	Budget Officer Report
Compliance Officer Report	Planning Board Report
Assessor Report	Highway Superintendents Report

Resolution # 22

PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT BY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

The town board may authorize the Town Superintendent of Highways and Town Supervisor to purchase equipment, tools and implements during the year without prior approval of the town board in the amount of \$ 1,499.00] so long as it agrees with the Town Procurement Policy. Any other purchases over \$500.00 made by any other departments should be brought before the Town Board for prior approval before such purchases are made as stated in the procurement policy.

Resolution # 23

EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEYS

The town board and the highway superintendent should enter into an agreement relative to the expenditure of highway moneys for repair and improvement of town highways. The agreement must be prepared in duplicate, signed by a majority of the town board members and the highway superintendent, and filed in the town clerk's office and the office of the county superintendent (Highway Law Section 284). Sum of \$234,256.00 May be expended for general repairs upon 35.29 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges.

Town highway superintendent explained that this is an agreement between the town board and him. He is allowed to spend for general repairs on roads during the summer time the amount of \$234,256.00 of which, \$165,000.00 is CHIPS money. This agreement must be signed by all board members and the highway superintendent and filed with the town clerk. This does not have to be filed with the county clerk's office. This will need to be amended throughout the year. Town board members signed agreement at meeting.

Resolution # 24

GENERAL INSURANCE PROVIDER

Board hereby appoints NYMIR-Northern Insuring:
Agent Melissa Davidson will provide the Town's insurance coverage for structures, vehicles, equipment and general liability.

RESOLUTION # 25

PROCUREMENT POLICY-CURRENT POLICY GIVEN TO ALL BOARD

MEMBERS

VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE and SEXUAL HARRASSMENT POLICY

These are requirements for all employees and MUST either participate in a classroom seminar given by authorized personnel or complete on-line training with a quiz as proof of completion to be turned into the Town Clerk for your personnel file.

Resolution # 26

CODE OF ETHICS #

State Comptroller's office has recommended that each town update the town's code of ethics. A new Code of Ethics was adopted at the 2012 Organizational Meeting. The model was taken directly from the State Comptroller's Office. All employees should receive a copy of this when hired. All employees must sign that they have read and agree with it. Signatures and copy of code must be posted on the town clerk's signboard. It is up to the Board if they would like to establish a Board of Ethics. Town does not currently have a Board of Ethics.

Resolution # 27

Adopt a resolution that the Tax Collector deposit in her name as Tax Collector of the Town of Whitehall at Community Bank, Whitehall Branch if available, within 24 hours after receipt, all monies collected by her which are due to the Supervisor. All monies so deposited shall be paid to the Supervisor weekly in January until the current town budget monies are fulfilled. Any additional money collected shall be remitted to Washington County Treasurer the first week of February, March and April as directed by the Treasurer's Office. All records as required by the Treasurer's office shall be handed over The first week in April as per their instructions. ALL penalties and bank interest shall be remitted to the Town Supervisor on the first week of February, March and April. The Tax Collector's Account shall have a -0- balance by the end of these transactions in April.

Resolution to adopt Records Retention and Disposition Schedule LGS-1 This model resolution was used from www.archives.nysed.gov. Resolution is needed before any records can be disposed of. Town Clerk is in charge of maintaining town records.

Resolution # 28

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of Whitehall, that Records Retention and Disposition Schedule LGS-1, issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts & Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for municipal government; records is hereby adopted for use by all municipal government records listed therein and that the Town Clerk of Whitehall is to be named as Records Management Officer and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 57-A:

(a) Only those records will be disposed of that are described in Records Retention Disposition Schedule LGS-1 after they have met the minimum retention period prescribed therein;

(b) Only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established time periods.

**POLICY OF THE TOWN OF WHITEHALL REGARDING USE OF TOWN
PROPERTY AND PERSONAL VEHICLES**

Resolution # 29

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Whitehall, held at the Town Hall, on the 12th day of November, 2008 at 7:00 PM, the Town Board of the Town of Whitehall duly adopted a resolution to approve a policy regarding the use of personal vehicles for Town business and the use of Town property for any purpose other than Town business. and

WHEREAS, this policy will state the following:

PERSONAL VEHICLES: Use of personal vehicles by any Town employee, officer or elected official for Town business is prohibited except (1) when such use has been specifically authorized by the Town Supervisor; or (2) in an emergency.

USE OF TOWN PROPERTY: The use of Town of Whitehall property of any kind, including, but not limited to fuel, equipment, tools, materials or supplies, for any purpose other than Town business is prohibited. All Town property shall be stored on real property owned by the Town of Whitehall unless specifically authorized by the Town Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the Town Board of the Town of Whitehall will continue this policy until further notice.

MOTION to adopt resolution #1 Official Undertaking made by Supervisor Rozell and
Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

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

MOTION to adopt resolutions #2-29 with corrections as requested by the Town Board made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

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

Supervisor Rozell was given all contracts for 2024 prior to the 2024 Organizational Meeting for review.

MOTION to accept all contracts as written and allow Supervisor Rozell to sign them once they have been executed made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

MOTION to schedule the Town Audit with Joel Carpenter on January 15, 2024 at 9:00am made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Supervisor Rozell.

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

MOTION to adjourn the Organizational Meeting at 9:05 made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Gordon
Town Clerk

TOWN BOARD OF WHITEHALL

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION # 1 OF 2024

INTRODUCED BY 

SECONDED BY 

REAFFIRMING TOWN PROCEDURES FOR OFFICIAL BLANKET UNDERTAKING

WHEREAS, Section 25 of the Town Law provides that each Supervisor, Town Clerk/ Tax Collector, Town Justice, Superintendent of Highways and other such officers and employees as the Town Board may require, shall execute and file an official undertaking in the Town Clerk's Office, in a form, sum and with sureties directed and approved by the Town Board as indicated on such undertaking within 30 days of assuming office by election, re-election or appointment; and

WHEREAS, Public Officers Law Section 11(2) provides that in lieu of any undertaking as required by law, The Town Board may approve the procurement of a blanket undertaking; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board maintains a Comprehensive Liability Insurance Coverage package through NYMIR including bonding of the appropriate town officials as designated by the Town Board and which NYMIR is a duly authorized corporate surety covering the officers, clerks and employees of the Town of Whitehall; and

WHEREAS, such blanket undertaking must be approved as to form, manner of execution and sufficiency of surety by the Town of Whitehall and filed in the same manner as individual undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the section further provides that any blanket undertaking entered into must indemnify against losses caused by failure of the officers or employees to faithfully perform their duties or by their fraudulent or dishonest acts; and

WHEREAS, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to procure a blanket undertaking for all Town Officers and employees, for the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) the cost of which the blanket undertaking shall become a Town charge.

FURTHERMORE, additional coverage for the following positions of the Town will be to indemnify against losses through the failure of the officers, clerks and employees covered thereunder faithfully to perform their duties or to account properly for all monies or property received by virtue of their positions of employment, and through fraudulent or dishonest acts committed by the officers, clerks and employees covered there under:

Town Supervisor \$15,000 Deputy Town Supervisor \$15,000

Budget Officer \$15,000 Town Justices \$10,000

Town Clerk/Tax Collector \$100,000

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector \$10,000

NOW THEREFORE, we as respective officers, do hereby undertake with the Town of Whitehall that we faithfully perform and discharge the duties of our office, and will promptly account for and pay over all moneys or property received as a Town Officer, in accordance with the law; and this undertaking of the Town Supervisor, Deputy Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent is further conditioned upon that they will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property, including any special district funds, belonging to the Town and coming into their hands; and this undertaking of the Town Justices is further conditioned upon that they will and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property belonging to the Town coming into their hands as such Town Justices; and this undertaking of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Budget Officer is further conditioned that they will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property belonging to the Town coming into their hands.

TOWN OF WHITEHALL

John Rozell
John Rozell, Town Supervisor

1/2/24
Date

Brenda Woodruff
Notary

David P. Hollister
David Hollister, Deputy Town Supervisor

1/2/24
Date

Brenda Woodruff
Notary

Louis D. Pratt II
Louis D. Pratt II, Highway Superintendent

1/2/24
Date

Brenda Woodruff
Notary

Sworn to before me 1/2/2024

Notary

BRENDA WOODRUFF
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF NEW YORK
QUALIFIED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY
NO. 01W0465438
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 31, 2026

**TOWN BOARD
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE
WHITEHALL, NY 12887**

7:00PM

AGENDA

**DATE: JANUARY 2, 2024
CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Organizational meeting for 2024

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

SWEARING IN OF TOWN OFFICIALS:

Board members received a copy of the draft for the Organizational Minutes for 2024 with new salaries, etc. to review before tonight's meeting.

**BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:
Scheduling of Town Audit for January 2023**

Any other business to come before the Town Board

Adjournment

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Whitehall Times

State of New York,

County of, Washington,

The undersigned is the authorized designee of **Whitehall Times**, a Weekly Newspaper published in **Washington County, New York**. I certify that the public notice, a printed copy of which is attached hereto, was printed and published in this newspaper on the following dates:

December 21, 2023

This newspaper has been designated by the County Clerk of **Washington County**, as a newspaper of record in this county, and as such, is eligible to publish such notices.

Christina Henke Rea

Signature

Christina Henke Rea

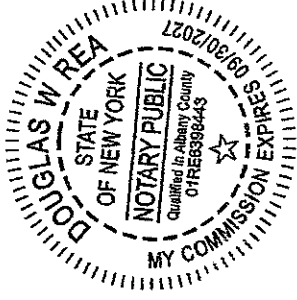
Printed Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

This 29 day of December 2023

[Signature]

Notary Signature



Notary Public Stamp

Town of Whitehall

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Whitehall Times

Town of Whitehall

Legal Notice

The Town of Whitehall

Organizational

meeting for 2024 will

be held January 2,

2024 at 7:00pm at the

Whitehall Municipal

Center located at 57

Skenesborough Drive,

Whitehall NY. The

purpose of this

meeting is to swear in

nearly elected

officials, establish

Town business rules

for 2024 and any other

business that shall

come before the Town

Board.

By Order of the Town

Board

12/21/2023

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townofwhitehall@live.com

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January 04, 2024

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Christina Henke Rea

Signature

Christina Henke Rea

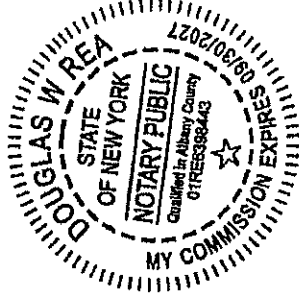
Printed Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

This 04 day of January 2024

[Signature]

Notary Signature



Notary Public Stamp

Town of Whitehall

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Town of Whitehall

Legal Notice

**TOWN OF WHITEHALL NOTICE OF RECEIPT
OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT**

TAKE NOTICE, I Patti Gordon, the Tax Collector for the Town of Whitehall, Washington County, State of New York have duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the Collection of the 2024 Town and County taxes and that I will attend at the Whitehall Municipal Center located at 57 Skenesborough Drive, Suite 1 Whitehall NY from January 2, 2024 thru April 1, 2024. Taxes will be collected at the municipal center Monday thru Thursday 9:00pm to 2:00pm either in-person, drop box or mail to the Whitehall Tax Collector at 57 Skenesborough Dr. Whitehall, NY 12887.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes can be paid on or before January 2, 2024 thru January 31, 2024 without penalty or interest. Taxes received from February 1, 2024 thru February 29, 2024 a penalty of 1% will be added and from March 1, 2024 thru April 1, 2024 a penalty of 2% will be added. An additional percent for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid until the return of the unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to the law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE pursuant to the provision of the law the tax roll of the Town of Whitehall will be returned to Washington County Treasurer on the 5th day of April 2024. The failure of the property owner to receive a tax bill SHALL NOT in any way affect the validity of the taxes, of penalties, or relieve the owner of tax obligation.

Patti Gordon

Collector of Taxes, Town of Whitehall

12/21/23

12/28/23 (12/4/23)

Town of Whitehall