

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

**JUNE 19, 2024**

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

**ABSENT:** Francis Wilbur, Councilperson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Patti Gordon, Town Clerk; Martin Rocque, Compliance Officer; Laura Tylek-Rossi, Brian Brooks, President of WVFD; E.J. Conzola, Whitehall Times.

Supervisor Rozell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 7:00pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Brian Brooks from the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Department addressed the Town Board concerning The US Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OASH) has proposed overhaul of 29 CFR 1910.156, the Fire Brigade Standard. President Brooks distributed information concerning these new changes to the Town Board previous to the Town Board meeting which will be included with the minutes. President Brooks summarized someone of the items included in the information provided. In summary, he asked the Town Board members to submit a letter requesting OSHA to extend the comment period.

**MOTION** to approve the monthly minutes from the May 15, 2024 Town Board Meeting made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

**ADOPTED:**   **AYES**   **4 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka**  
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**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Town Recreation Report** by Timothy – Written

-Supervisor Rozell also added: that Cuomo's from Champlain Beef donated several cases of hot dogs to recreation center and the Town has received the Grant money from Washington County totally \$14,804.00 to used from improvements on the fields and sports clinics for the youth in addition to the grant money the Town receives annually from the County.

**Town Dog Control Report** by Kathy Hall – No Report

**Town Compliance Officer Report** by Martin Rocque – No new complaints currently.

-No activity has been made to remedy issues at the State Route 4 property that the Town has a judgement on. That property has a three-step order to have all debris cleaned up within a 180

days of judgement (which should be the end of September 2024) or the Town has the authority to go in and remove such debris at the Town's expense. They also have the authority was it is removed if any other debris is brought on said property the Town clean remove it as well.

-The property on the corner of County Route 12 and Cemetery Lane is still encroaching on County Route 12 again as well as on Town property. Town Compliance Officer Rocque sent a violation notice to remedy with 45 days on May 16, 2024 and no action has been taken by the property owner to do so. Supervisor Rozell will contact DPW department at Washington County due to the fact that the owner is also encroaching on County property as well as Town property. The board discussed moving forward with the next steps to remedy the situation. Supervisor Rozell with contact the Town Attorney, E. Seller-Ryan to discuss.

**MOTION** made to move forward with the next for the property located at 2720 County Route 12 made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

**Town Clerk Report** by Patti Gordon – Written

-Computer upgrade project is completed, as well as the new phone system.

Town Assessor Report by Roberta Stone – No report because no transfers have been received from the County.

**Town Supervisors Report** by John Rozell

-Supervisor Rozell was contacted by Robin Cooper of the Stewarts Corporation and offered to hire any of the employees who lost their jobs due to the fire at Champlain Beef Company. There are jobs available at the Saratoga plant,

-Discussed changing out the phones at the recreation center, park and museum due to the increase of the cost of the phone lines.

-The property owner on 10597 State Route 4 contacted Code Enforcement in Washington County and asked if he has a well and septic system put in, would they allow a double wide on the property. Washington County Code Enforcement (John Graham) contacted Supervisor Rozell to discuss the matter and asked if the Town would allow it. Supervisor Rozell stated that the Town has not received any permit requests pertaining to that but stated that if they cleaned up all the campers and junk that is currently on the property the Town would consider allowing it.

-On 6/19/2024 someone vandalized the park pavilion building twice the same day. Washington County Sheriff's Department was notified and is investigating. Detective Hunt from the Whitehall Police Department reviewed and downloaded the footage from the first incident and sent to it the Sheriff's Department. Later in the day some between 11:30-3:00pm it was vandalized again and appeared to be the same three boys. Supervisor Rozell witnessed said boys riding around the park area and called 911 for assistance. A Sheriff's Deputy arrived on scene and walked through the building with Supervisor Rozell and took photos of all the damage; but the boys left the area. Both incidents are on camera. The only area that isn't visible are the bathrooms which also sustained damaged, but you can see who is going in and out of them. The damage consists of the bird kiosk glass being smashed, a wooden kiosk door was broken off, a hole was kicked in the wall that the Canal Corp just repaired from the previous vandalism, the thermostat was turned down to the lowest it would go, the faucet in the woman's restroom was removed, the toilet in the men's room was stuffed with paper towels and flooded the floor and all the pamphlets on a shelf inside the door were all knocked off and thrown throughout the building. The Sheriff's department asked how the Town would like to

proceed, Supervisor Rozell stated that he would like to have them banned from all Town property including the Recreation Center.

-Currently getting prices on the gutters and the painting of the metal behind them on the Museum.

-The fire extinguisher inspection for Museum was \$116.00.

**Town Budget Officer Report & Transfers** by Joel Carpenter – Written and not transfers.

**Town Planning Board Report** by Gregg Chappell – Written

**Town Highway Report** by Louis D. Pratt II – Written

-Highway Superintendent Pratt would like to permission to pay the Peckham's bill when it comes in in order to complete the CHIPS paperwork.

**MOTION** made to pay the Peckham's invoice when it is received made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

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

**NAYS**    **0**

**MOTION** to approve the monthly reports made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister,

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

**NAYS**    **0**

#### **BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:**

Dock/Park donations to date May-June \$27.00.

Park Request for Sue Hurlburt on 7/13/2024 1:00 to 4:00pm for a family gathering.

**MOTION** to approve the park request for Sue Hurlburt on 7/13/20 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

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

**NAYS**    **0**

#### **ABSTRACT #6 OF 2024**

**GENERAL FUND V/# 1-37    \$13,458.25**

**B FUND v/# 1    \$15,500.00**

**HIGHWAY FUND V/# 1-11    \$ 8,258.15**

**MOTION** to approve Abstract #6 of 2024 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

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

**NAYS**    **0**

**MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:45 for contract negotiations made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

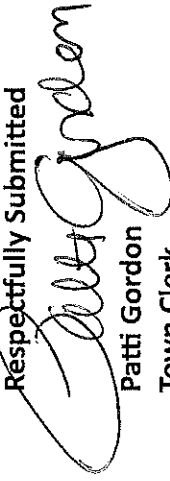
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**MOTION** to come out of Executive at 8:42 with the action on re-negotiating of the Historical Society contract in which Supervisor Rozell will discuss with the Town Attorney E. Seller-Ryan

before acting and adjourned the Town Board meeting made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED    **AYES 4 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka**  
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ADJOURNED  
Respectfully Submitted  
  
Patti Gordon  
Town Clerk