

**TOWN OF WHITHALL
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025
PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET
AND REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE
WHITEHALL, NY 12887
7:00PM**

OCTOBER 16, 2024

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Patti Gordon, Town Clerk; Town Attorney, Erika Seller-Ryan; Louis Pratt, Highway Superintendent; Lukas Longtin, TWH Highway; Martin Rocque, Town Compliance Officer; E.J. Conzola, Whitehall Times.

Town Supervisor Rozell asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag before opening the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Town Budget.

Supervisor Rozell opened the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Town Budget at 7:04pm. Supervisor Rozell asked if there were any comments on the Preliminary Budget once, twice and a third time. There were not comments.

Supervisor Rozell closed the Public Hearing at 7:05pm on the Preliminary Town Budget.

Supervisor Rozell opened the Regular Town Board meeting at 7:05pm.

Resolution #44 of 2024 Adoption of the 2025 Preliminary Town Budget as Final Budget
MOTION made to accept the 2025 Preliminary Town Budget adopted as Final Budget made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL: **AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Wilbur**
 NAYS 0

MOTION to approve the monthly minutes from the September 18, 2024 regular Town Board meeting made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Town Recreation Report by Timothy Martindale – Written

Town Dog Control Report by Kathy Hall – No Report

Town Compliance Report by Martin Rocque – Verbal

Looking for an update on Burdick Property on State Route 4 clean-up.

Supervisor received an estimate from Goodspeed Dumpster & Clean Outs for \$9,990.00 to clean out the property of all debris including vehicles and camping trailer(s). (Supervisor Rozell contacted three companies for estimates and only received one written estimate).

MOTION to accept the estimate of \$9,990.00 from Goodspeed Dumpster & Cleanouts to clean up the property located at 10098 State Route 4, Whitehall, NY 12887 under the condition that they are fully insured made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

Town Clerk Report by Patti Gordon – Written

Town Assessors Report by Roberta Stone – Written

Town Supervisor Report by John Rozell – Verbal

-Budget time at the County- they are pushing for the 8% sales tax again.
- Working on the clean up for Miss Kitties.

Town Budget Officer Report by Joel Carpenter – Written

Town Planning Board Report by Gregg Chappell – Written

Town Highway Report by Louis D. Pratt II – Written

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

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

BUSINESS TO DISCUSS

Resignation letter from Judge Thomas Nichols.

The Town received a letter of resignation for Judge Thomas Nichols, the Town accepted Judges Nichols resignation with a date of 12/31/2024.

Dock and park donations were \$5.00 for September thru October 2024 with a total of \$219.00 for the year. Donations are down from last year, mostly likely due to the issues the town has been having in the “park” with vandalism and the “Youths” congregating in the park and pavilion throughout the summer.

Supervisor Rozell explained to the Board that he was approached about having a Village employee previously employed by the Police Department possibly watching the surveillance cameras.

Councilperson Wilbur discussed the roof repair on the north end of the building over the Town Offices. He had an individual inspect the roof and gave his opinion of the condition and repairs needed; he did not give an actual estimate just suggested what he felt what was needed. The Town Board discussed the issue and have decided to get another estimate. At this time, this is considered an “emergency repair” situation due to the time of year and the Town hopes to have the repairs done as soon as possible.

MOTION to introduce a Local Law to extend the Solar Moratorium and to set a Public Hearing on said Law on November 20, 2024 at 7:00pm made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

ABSTRACT #11

GENERAL FUND V/#1-27 \$26,541.28
HIGHWAY FUND V/#1-12 \$ 5,435.27

MOTION to approve the monthly abstract #11 of 2024 made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

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

MOTION to go into Executive Session at 7:50 for personnel and contract negotiations made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

MOTION to come out of Executive Session with no action taken and to adjourn the Town Board meeting made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

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

ADJOURNED
Respectfully submitted

Patti Gordon
Town Clerk