

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF
THE TOWN OF WHITEHALL
57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE
WHITEHALL, NY 12887**

7:00PM

December 17, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Rozell, Town Supervisor
David Hollister, Councilperson
Christopher Dudley, Councilperson
Stephanie Safka, Councilperson
Francis Wilbur, Councilperson
Louis D Pratt II, Superintendent of Highways
Jamie Barnhill, Town Clerk
Timothy Martindale, Rec. Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: E.J. Conzola, Sentinel- Times; Joe Rozell, Hillary Rozell, Randy Lambert, Scott Tracy, Barb Tracy, Brian Brooks Sr., Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Supervisor Rozell called December 17, 2025, Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

-Several residents still concerned over the Assessment performed by the Assessor, and what the Town is going to do regarding a Re-Assessment to fix this. They are not going away they will be attending every meeting to make sure something is done. They would like to know exactly what the Assessor has been doing when she is here in the office. She is supposed to be working on leveling this Assessment out to be fairer and more consistent across all parcels. One resident has been researching the guidelines of the State Re-Assessment to get the facts about performing a re-assessment. They want the Town to explore their options now and do not keep putting this off. Whether it is to have two Assessors for the Town, obtain quotes from assessment companies or have another assessor from Washington County do a re-assessment (possibly the Hampton Assessor).

-Also, residents have requested to see the meeting agenda on the website prior to night of the meeting and all monthly reports.

-Mr. Brooks from the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company Inc. spoke about the need of members and gave an example of the serious motor vehicle accident the night before, and how only one member responded on scene, and after the 5-minute mark is when Mutual Aid is sent. He stated the LOSAP program is much needed as an incentive to recruit members. He is still interested in the Mountain St. Property and the Town Board's decision on the matter to let them use it as a training facility. Some Town Board members brought up the DEC and in the past, they did not do anything with it, too much of a liability.

MOTION to approve the monthly minutes from November 19, 2025 Town Board regular meeting motion made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Town Recreation Report by Timothy Martindale- Written & Verbal

-Tim asked about the parking lot lights. The lightbulb out front is out, and on Tues. & Thurs. there are about 75 kids and families arriving or leaving in the dark. Safety Hazard. Tim also said there have been many compliments on all the playground improvements.

Town Dog Control Report by Kathy Hall-No Report

Town Compliance Report by Jessie Neddo – No Report

Town Clerk Report by Jamie Barnhill – Written & Verbal

-Ms. Barnhill told everyone the Town Clerk's Office will be open on Fridays 9am-4pm for the Tax Season. I will collect taxes Mondays to Fridays 9am to 2pm.

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Town Assessor Report by Roberta Stone – No Report

Town Supervisor's Report by John Rozell- Verbal

-Supervisor Rozell said he voted "No" for the 16.9% Budget that was passed. He stated he was on the Audit Committee and they just made a motion to save money that all lawyers (public defenders) come from Washington County first then look elsewhere if needed.

Town Budget Officer's Report by Joel Carpenter – Written

Town Planning Board Report by Gregg Chappell – Written

Town Highway Report by Louis D Pratt – Written & Verbal

-Mr. Pratt told the Town Board all is well with the Highway Dept and asked if they had any questions for him.

MOTION to approve the Monthly Reports made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

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

NAYS 0

OLD BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:

MOTION to keep the Mountain Street Property building as is for storage and not to use it as a training facility for the Whitehall Vol. Fire Co. Inc. made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

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

NAYS 0

BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:

-The Town Board decided to have the Yearly Organizational Meeting on January 5th at 6pm.

-No Incoming Correspondences

ABSTRACT #12 OF 2025 : General Fund No. 1 through 21 \$ 4,082.52
Highway Fund No. 1 through 5 \$ 9,732.53
Youth Fund No. 1 through 4 \$ 322.24

MOTION to approve the Monthly Abstract #12 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 8:28 pm made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by

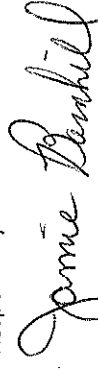
Councilperson Dudley

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

NAYS 0

ADJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted



Jamie Barnhill

Town Clerk