

**THE TOWN OF WHITEHALL  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE  
WHITEHALL, NY 12887  
7:00PM  
April 15,2026**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Rozell, Town Supervisor  
Christopher Dudley, Councilperson  
Stephanie Safka, Councilperson  
Francis Wilbur, Councilperson

**ABSENT:** David Hollister, Councilperson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Erika Seller-Ryan, Town Attorney; Louis D Pratt II, Superintendent of Highways; Jamie Barnhill, Town Clerk; E.J. Conzola, Sentinel- Times; Joe and Hillary Rozell; Gavin Boule; Scott Tracy; Shelby Stach; Lukas Longtin

Supervisor Rozell called the April 15,2026, Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Opening of Sealed Mowing Bids for Sciota Cemetery:**

Town Supervisor Rozell opened the first and only sealed bid from Generous Family Mowing Service for a total of \$ 2,854.80.

**MOTION** to accept the Generous Family Mowing Service to mow the Sciota Cemetery for a maximum of 12 times for \$2,854.80 and we received their Certificate of Liability made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

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

**MOTION** to approve the monthly minutes from March 18, 2026, Town Board regular meeting motion made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Supervisor Rozell

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

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Town Recreation Report** by Timothy Martindale- Written

Youth League President spoke about a \$7,200 grant from Washington Co. Youth Bureau for new playground equipment and wood chips for the Rec Center playground

**MOTION** to approve the Youth League to install the new playground equipment and woods chips for the area made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

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

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

**Town Compliance Report** by Jessie Neddo- Written Notes and an Order of Remedy Letter to send to a landowner

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**MOTION** to approve the Compliance Officer to send the Order of Remedy Letter to a landowner made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

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                         **NAYS 0**

**Town Clerk Report** by Jamie Barnhill – Written

Tax Collection has ended in the Town Office and went very smoothly

**Town Assessor Report** by Roberta Stone – Written

**Town Supervisor’s Report** by John Rozell

DEC flood Local Law the county does not want to comply, unsure what to do. Need a Code Enforcer over the flood zone

**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

-The Highway Crew has been busy sweeping roads; Lawnmowers are all set for the summer season

-In a couple weeks the crew will put the docks in the canal

-Needs a new Tandem Truck, cab and chassis \$199,000 and 3-6 months out, order body and a year out.

**MOTION** for Superintendent of Highway to pursue the purchase of a Tandem Truck made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

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

Councilperson Dudley stated they are not opening the Union Contract to review Health Insurance

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

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

**BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:**

**MOTION** to approve Resolution #35, Mowing Contract between the Town of Whitehall and Washington County made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

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

**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:**

-Received letters wanting a 10,000 sq. ft animal shelter be built for Washington & Warren counties, cost \$3 million. The counties do not have the funds to build. Saratoga has an animal shelter and they are going broke.

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**ABSTRACT #4 OF 2026**

General Fund No.1 through 25     \$ 43,670.12  
Highway Fund No.1 through 11     \$ 34,109.22  
Youth Budget No.1 through 6       \$ 492.96

**MOTION** to approve the Monthly Abstract #4 of 2026 made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Supervisor Rozell

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 8:21 pm to discuss litigation made by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Supervisor Rozell

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

**MOTION** to come out of Executive Session at 10:28 pm with a decision to move forward in litigation made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Supervisor Rozell

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

**MOTION** to adjourn the Regular Town Board meeting at 10:30 pm made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Supervisor Rozell

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

**ADJOURNED**

Respectfully Submitted



Jamie Barnhill  
Town Clerk