

THE TOWN OF WHITEHALL
57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE
WHITEHALL, NY 12887
Regular Town Board Meeting
7:00 PM
May 20, 2026

PRESENT: John Rozell, Town Supervisor
David Hollister, Councilperson
Christopher Dudley, Councilperson
Francis Wilbur, Councilperson
Jamie Barnhill, Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Erika Seller-Ryan, Attorney for the Town
Louis D Pratt II, Superintendent of Highways
Jessie Neddo, Compliance Officer

ABSENT: Stephanie Safka, Councilperson

OTHERS PRESENT: E.J. Conzola, Sentinel- Times; Joe & Hillary Rozell; Scott & Barbara Tracy; Brian Brooks; Lukas Longtin; Jim McCabe; Dennis & Carrie Downs; Randy Lambert, Village Mayor

Supervisor Rozell called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR / PUBLIC COMMENT

-Mr. Brooks from Whitehall Volunteer Firefighters stated he went through Troy Shirt Factory records and found no reason the Firefighters could not use that building for training. A few months ago, Town Board voted No to anybody using the building

- Carrie Downs from the Rec. Center told Town Board a few items; the building entrance light is broke, should be a policy about workplace violence, wrote Rec Center guidelines and rules for the Town Board to look at. Asked about having a sewing class and cooking class on the Senior Citizen side. Supervisor Rozell said he would check with Anne Coulter the one in charge there.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the monthly minutes from April 15,2026, Town Board meeting motion made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

ADOPTED **Ayes 4 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Wilbur**
 Nays 0
 Absent Safka
 Motion Carried 4:1

MONTHLY REPORTS

Town Recreation Report by Timothy Martindale-No Report

MOTION to approve the First Baptist Church to use the Rec Center on Sunday, June 28th from 3-5:30pm for their play and BBQ made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

ADOPTED **Ayes 4 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Wilbur**
 Nays 0
 Absent Safka
 Motion Carried 4:1

Town Dog Control Report by Kathy Hall- No Report

Town Compliance Report by Jessie Neddo-Written Report, read by Jessie

Town Clerk Report by Jamie Barnhill – Written

Town Assessor Report by Roberta Stone – Written

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Town Supervisor's Report by John Rozell-

The County is doing a Fire Inspection in August here at Town building
County Board meeting Friday they awarded Patricia Norton with an award for Senior of the Year
Read Letter of Resignation from Court Clerk Debra Loomis for April of 2027

Town Budget Officer's Report by Joel Carpenter – Written

Town Planning Board Report by Gregg Chappell – Written

Town Highway Report by Louis D Pratt

Explained Resolution #36, and everything is under warranty once in service.

MOTION to approve Resolution #36 AUTHORIZING PROPOSALS TO PURCHASE A NEW 2026 INTERNATIONAL MODEL HX620 SBA 6X4 HEAVY DUTY TANDEM AXLE TRUCK CAB & CHASSIS, AND A 2026 HEAVY DUTY TANDEM DUMP BODY & SANDER AND PLOW & WING_made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Wilbur

ADOPTED **Ayes** 4 **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Wilbur**
 Nays 0
 Absent **Safka**
 Motion Carried 4:1

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

ADOPTED **Ayes** 4 **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Wilbur**
 Nays 0
 Absent **Safka**
 Motion Carried 4:1

BUSINESS DISCUSSED

-Supervisor Rozell spoke on needing to Modify and schedule a Public Hearing on Local Law #1- FEMA & NYSDEC have implemented regulations concerning the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which requires towns to enact a local law adopting floodplain management regulations. We are not signing the intermunicipal agreement with the County since they do not want any part of it.

MOTION to schedule a Public Hearing on Local Law #1 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

ADOPTED **Ayes** 4 **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Wilbur**
 Nays 0
 Absent **Safka**
 Motion Carried 4:1

MOTION to change the administrator of the Local Law to be the Supervisor or Acting Supervisor made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

ADOPTED **Ayes** 4 **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Wilbur**
 Nays 0
 Absent **Safka**
 Motion Carried 4:1

PARK REQUEST

-Sunday, June 7th- 4pm to 6pm- 78-year-old birthday party for David Manell- BBQ area

MOTION to approve the Park Request made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

ADOPTED **Ayes** 4 **Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Wilbur**

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AUDIT OF CLAIMS

MOTION made by Councilperson Dudley and Seconded by Councilperson Wilbur that the bills contained on the below Abstracts #5-2026 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payments in the below amounts.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Wilbur
Nays 0
Absent Safka
Motion Carried 4:1

ABSTRACTS #5 OF 2026

General Fund No.1 through 26 \$ 11,684.40
Highway Fund No.1 through 17 \$ 17,901.50
Youth Budget No.1 through 7 \$ 567.02

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION to go into Executive Session at 8:33 P.M. for Litigation and Hiring/Firing made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Wilbur
Nays 0
Absent Safka
Motion Carried 4:1

MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 10:00 PM with action taken to approve Town Lawyer to hire an appraiser for a parcel made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Wilbur
Nays 0
Absent Safka
Motion Carried 4:1

MOTION to adjourn the Regular Town Board meeting at 10:05 PM made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Wilbur
Nays 0
Absent Safka
Motion Carried 4:1

ADJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted


Jamie Barnhill
Town Clerk