

November 9, 2020 the regular town board meeting was held in the town hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. with all members in attendance. Highway Superintendent Hobus was absent from the meeting. Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag. At this time Sup. Ferguson opened the Public Hearing for the acceptance of the 2021 Preliminary Town Budget. After no comments from those in attendance the hearing was closed and a vote ensued to accept the preliminary budget with all in favor.

A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

Old Business: SLIC is to begin sometime during the next few weeks and hope to be started by December. Sup. Ferguson said that Governor Cuomo will be having a reimbursement program to the residents that want to plug into the lines that SLIC will be putting in town. Under old business is the resolution that has been tabled from the previous board meeting. **Resolution #13-2020** titled **Adirondack Park Review Board Agreement Vote**, authorizes an appropriation in the sum of \$300 for services of the Review Board in representing the town in matters relating to the Adirondack Park. A motion was made by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

New Business: **Resolution #14-2020** titled **Budget Transfer, SD#1** to reallocate monies for repairs and has zero impact on the budget. A motion was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor. The financials were given to the board and are on file in the Town Clerk's office. Jim Hudson presented himself to the board and the idea of a committee being established to see what can be done to have a good system for the education of our students in the Whitehall Central School. He is interested in finding some ways to reduce our portion of the school tax and look at legal options to leave the system. If anyone has questions and are interested in becoming part of the committee may contact him and he handed the board his business card with his contact information. The 2018 AUD has begun and will be filed when complete. There is a vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review and Jim Hudson has expressed his interest in becoming part of it. The TDI line is set to begin as soon as possible pending the weather conditions.

County Business: The dredging project at the Washington County Beach is complete.

Coun. Barber was recognized for his attendance during this month's meeting and was thankful for the support he and his family have received during his recovery from his stroke.

Public Comment: Discussions ensued about the centralization of Whitehall Central School and the Town of Dresden. It is presumed that it happened around 1958.

A motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel issues was made at 7:23 p.m. The board made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. and those who remained returned to the meeting. There were more discussions about the centralization of the town to the school. Can the town be decentralized? The town board and the WCS school board along with NYS would have to vote on it. This is just a discussion about the future for the town and the WCS. The monthly bills for the Highway is high this month because of the paving project completed recently and the cost will be covered by the Pave NY program for reimbursement.

There were no further discussions and a motion to adjourn was made by and unanimously seconded at 7:40 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk.

Attendance: Paul Ferguson, jr. Lauren Shendan, Walter Tupper, Jim Hudson, Jay Mullen-Whitehall Times, Linda Barber, Bob Weilacher

November 19, 2020 the Town Board met in the Town Hall for the Public Hearing to adopt the 2021 Budget at 7:00 p.m. with all members in attendance. The hearing was called to order and Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag. Sup. Ferguson announced three times asking if there were any comments or questions in regards to the budget. Upon hearing none a call to vote was made and is as follows: Coun. Greenough-AYE; Coun. Raymond-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Barber-AYE. The 2021 Town Budget was adopted and a call to adjourn was made by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Raymond, and all were in favor. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk