



BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL
Notice of Meeting
March 16, 2016
8:00 PM

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall will meet Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 8:00 PM, at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for a regular meeting.

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING
March 16, 2016

- I. Announcement - Residents to Sign In to Speak during Citizens' Requests; Speakers Allotted Three Minutes to Present their Initial Comments; All Meetings will be Recorded Auditorily and Visually
- II. Call to Order
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Consideration of Bills and Payroll – McKown
- VI. Consideration of the Minutes of March 2, 2016
- VII. Swearing In of Officer Carl R. Morosetti, Jr.
- VIII. Citizens' Requests
- IX. Reports of the Following Officers:
 - A. Mayor - Nowalk
 - B. Solicitor - Firman
 - C. Engineer – Omer
 - D. Manager – Leventry
- X. Reports of the Following Committees:
 - A. Planning & Zoning – DePuy, Veith, Book
 - B. Public Works – Book, Barton, Nagy
 - C. Public Safety – Veith, McKown, Barton
 - D. Recreation – Nagy, DePuy, McKown
 - E. Administrative Services – McKown, Veith, Nagy
 - F. Library – Barton, Book, DePuy
- XI. New Business
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Regular Meeting March 16, 2016

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall met at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 8:00 PM, for a regular meeting. President Lahr called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Lahr announced that all meetings will be recorded auditorily and visually.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Ryan Barton
Linda J. Book
Kathleen N. DePuy
Philip J. Lahr
Robert J. McKown
Glenn P. Nagy
William J. Veith
James F. Nowalk, Mayor
Irving S. Firman, Solicitor
Ruthann Omer, Engineer

STAFF: Donald R. Dolfi, Chief of Police
Courtney M. Wertz, Administrative Assistant

Absent: James E. Leventry, Manager

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS & PAYROLL

- M-1 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book, that the bills contained on the bill list presented to Council on March 16, 2016 for \$231,675.26 from the General Fund be approved. The motion carried unanimously.
- M-2 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Mr. Barton that the bills contained on the bill list presented to Council on March 16, 2016 for \$26,851.75 from the Storm Sewer Fund and \$47,026.49 from the Sanitary Sewer Fund be approved. The motion carried unanimously.
- M-3 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book that checks and transfers for \$6,523.79 from the General Fund and \$48,923.91 from the Payroll Fund be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.
- M-4 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book, that General Fund payroll for the period ending March 4, 2016 for \$138,445.18, as presented to Council on March 16, 2016, be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

M-5 Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. McKown to approve the Minutes of the March 2, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mayor Nowalk administered the oath of office to Carl R. Morosetti, Jr. for the position of Patrolman.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS:

Chris Lakomy, 4329 Hamilton Road, appeared before Council requesting an advertisement in the Borough Bulletin and Borough Website for the Whitehall AARP Chapter 2050. Mrs. DePuy stated that allowing one organization to advertise in the bulletin would open the door to others. She did not have a problem allowing them to advertise on the Borough website. Mr. Firman stated that the same rule would apply to web advertising. Mayor Nowalk recommended having a booth at Community Day and stated he will write an article for the Fall Borough Bulletin mentioning Whitehall AARP.

Josh Zorich, 1514 Radford Road, appeared before Council to follow up on a littering concern from last summer. He stated there is still a lot of trash along Radford Road and Skyline Drive. Mr. Nagy stated that Public Works could chain a trash can to the one bus stop there and increase patrols of the area. Mayor Nowalk stated that Clean Up Day will be April 23rd and they will clean the area.

Hal Plusa, 4647 Doverdell Drive, appeared before Council to thank them and Chief Dolfi for addressing the traffic congestion and parking issues that are present during dismissal time at Whitehall Elementary, particularly on Locust Street.

MAYOR:

Mayor Nowalk reported on the following items:

- The Borough reported 7.34 percent of the calls to animal control services in February.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that on March 4th the Pennsylvania State Police presented an Active Shooter Course for Dispatch in Bethel Park. All five of our full time dispatchers were enrolled and attended this training.

- Mayor Nowalk stated that on Thursday March 3rd he and the Chief addressed the Baldwin-Brentwood-Whitehall Chamber of Commerce at their monthly luncheon. The Chief spoke on the necessity of businesses establishing a strong crime prevention attitude in their work places. Also, he emphasized the importance of both Law Enforcement and the business community working together to combat crime. Mayor Nowalk spoke about radar, the Whitehall Wildlife Committee, changes in personnel and the upcoming Baldwin High School production of Big Fish. This will be the first time the musical is produced in Pittsburgh. Mr. McKown complimented the Mayor and Chief on their speeches.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that Officer Artman presented Saint Gabriel's fifth grade students with their DARE certificates at a ceremony on Thursday, March 10th. This ceremony was very well attended by parents and grandparents.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that the Whitehall Wildlife Committee recently met and wrote an article for the upcoming Borough Bulletin. The committee is currently looking to see if a deer problem exists in the borough and researching lethal and non-lethal removal options.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that there will be a Rally for Safety at 9:30 AM on April 5th in Harrisburg at the Capital Building.

SOLICITOR:

No report.

Mrs. DePuy congratulated Mr. Firman on his mentor, Mr. Robert McTiernan, being mentioned as one of the best municipal solicitors in Pennsylvania. Mr. McTiernan is a Whitehall Borough resident.

ENGINEER:

Ms. Omer reported on the following items; members of Council received written copies of the Engineer's report:

- Doverdell Drive Watershed Project - Ms. Omer stated that they are continuing to meet with residents on Doverdell Drive about easements.
- Operations & Maintenance Plan – The 2015 Sanitary Sewer Lining project has been completed by State Pipe Services.

- M-6 Ms. Book moved, seconded by Mr. McKown to approve Payment Application No. 4 and Final in the amount of \$34,911.9329 to State Pipe Services. The motion carried unanimously.
- Route 51 Repair Project – Ms. Omer provided an update on the project. Miss Wertz stated that she received a signed Right of Way and Easement Agreement from the Holy Trinity Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church. Council will need to authorize the proper officers of the Borough to sign the agreement.
- M-7 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book to authorize the proper officers of the Borough to sign the agreement. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2016 Road Program – The bid specifications have been completed. Bids are to be received on March 28, 2016 with the contract to potentially be awarded at the April 6, 2016 Council Meeting.
 - McCorkle Plan – The original McCorkle Plan was approved by Council at the September 16, 2015 Council Meeting. It was not recorded due to a mortgage clause issue. The appropriate clause has been added to the plan and signed by the bank. The plan was reviewed again by the Planning Commission at the March 3, 2016 meeting and they recommend re-approval for signature and recording purposes.
- M-8 Mr. Veith moved, seconded by Mrs. DePuy to approve the McCorkle Plan of Lots. The motion carried unanimously.
- Steeplechase Lot 511 Revised – The subdivision plan has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and Gateway Engineers. Ms. Omer recommended approval.
- M-9 Ms. Book moved, seconded by Mrs. DePuy to approve Steeplechase Lot 511 Revised. The motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Book inquired about when the Mock DEP Audit was conducted. Ms. Omer stated she will check on it and report back to Council.
 - Mr. Lahr requested Ms. Omer look at the intersection of Caste Drive and Duncan Lane. The road is dipping in the middle of the intersection. Ms. Omer will follow up with the Manager about this issue.

- Mr. Veith asked for an update on the Echo Glen Watershed Study. Ms. Omer stated that no cost is known yet and Mr. Leventry is working to follow up with the new leadership at the Country Club. Mr. Veith provided Ms. Omer with the new manager's contact information.
- Mrs. DePuy asked Ms. Omer to put together her thoughts on the EPA's extension of ALCOSAN's deadline for compliance and present it to Council at the next meeting. Ms. Omer stated she would do that.

MANAGER:

Recognition Dinner Date – Miss Wertz stated that she spoke with Barb Sachko at South Hills Country Club about hosting the Annual Recognition Dinner. She has April 15th and April 29th available. Council opted for April 29th.

Mr. McKown stated that there is a vehicle parked on Jill Drive with extensive damage to its front end. Miss Wertz will have Code Enforcement look into the matter.

PLANNING & ZONING:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Ms. Book stated that public works crews have been out repairing the parks, pool and streets due to the nicer weather.

Ms. Book stated that Richard Cass has become a certified Tree Tender and Bryan Pearson received his Water Backflow Testing License.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mr. Veith stated that Officer Farrell and the Chief spoke to 31 refugees that live in Prospect Park on Friday March 4th. The topic was personal safety and reporting of criminal activity to the police. SHIM assisted in organizing this event and obtained the three interpreters that were needed. This event was held at SHIM's Family Center on Maple Drive.

Mr. Veith stated that the Chief, Dr. Lutz, and the Vice Principal of Whitehall Elementary School met to discuss the traffic congestion and parking issues that are present during dismissal time at the school, particularly on Locust. Various options were discussed, which are currently being reviewed.

Mr. Barton inquired about the rules for soliciting in the Borough. Chief Dolfi explained the permitting process and stated that residents can call the Police Department if problems arise.

RECREATION:

Mr. Nagy stated that he, Mrs. DePuy and Mayor Nowalk met with representatives from the Baldwin Whitehall Baseball Association. The Mayor is meeting with the Police Department to discuss some of the issues mentioned at the meeting. Mr. Nagy stated that he thinks the Borough should supply toilet paper for the restrooms at Prospect Park like they do at other Borough parks. Council agreed. Miss Wertz will follow up with Dave King.

Mr. Nagy stated that the Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

Mr. McKown stated that Mr. Firman is working on revising the pension ordinance.

LIBRARY:

Mr. Barton introduced Cristina Brady from the Library Board. Ms. Brady updated Council on plans to remodel the Library. She asked that Council authorize work to begin.

M-10 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book to authorize the Library Board to proceed with construction plans. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Book stated that the PSAB Conference will be June 5-8. She and Mrs. DePuy are attending as members of the organization. They requested Council to pay their conference fees and for two nights stay.

M-11 Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Mr. McKown to pay Ms. Book and Mrs. DePuy's conference fees and hotel fees. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. DePuy stated that HB 340 is being considered by the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives. HB 340 would amend the PA Sunshine Act to further restrict executive sessions. Council concurred with Mrs. DePuy's opposition to the bill.

M-12 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book to instruct Mr. Leventry to write a letter to State Representatives voicing Council's opposition to the bill. Ms. Book, Mrs. DePuy, Mr. Lahr, Mr. McKown, Mr. Nagy and Mr. Veith voted yes. Mr. Barton dissented. The motion carried 6-1.

Mr. Nagy stated that Rachel Bricker, 4541 Country Club Drive, has volunteered to serve on the Recreation Board.

M-13 Mr. Nagy moved, seconded by Mr. McKown to appoint Mrs. Bricker to the Recreation Board. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJORNMENT:

M-14 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book to adjourn the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

READ AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF APRIL 6, 2016:

Manager



