



**BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL**  
**Notice of Meeting**  
**April 20, 2016**  
**8:00 PM**

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall will meet Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at 8:00 PM, at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for a regular meeting.

**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 20, 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 April 6, 2016
- VII. Citizens' Requests
- VIII. Reports of the Following Officers:
  - A. Mayor - Nowalk
  - B. Solicitor - Firman
  - C. Engineer – Omer
  - D. Manager – Leventry
- IX. Reports of the Following Committees:
  - A. Administrative Services – McKown, Veith, Nagy
  - B. Library – Barton, Book, DePuy
  - C. Planning & Zoning – DePuy, Veith, Book
  - D. Public Works – Book, Barton, Nagy
  - E. Public Safety – Veith, McKown, Barton
  - F. Recreation – Nagy, DePuy, McKown
- X. New Business
- XI. Adjournment

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## BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL

Regular Meeting April 20, 2016

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall met at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, April 20, 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:

James E. Leventry, Manager  
Donald R. Dolfi, Chief of Police  
Courtney M. Wertz, Administrative Assistant

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS & PAYROLL

- M-1 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Mr. Veith, that the bills contained on the bill list presented to Council on April 20, 2016 for \$127,588.19 from the General Fund and \$127,133.21 from the Sanitary Sewer Fund be approved. The motion carried unanimously.
- M-2 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book that checks and transfers for \$4,762.94 from the General Fund and \$48,334.60 from the Payroll Fund be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.
- M-3 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book, that General Fund payroll for the period ending April 15, 2016 for \$132,237.61, as presented to Council on April 20, 2016, be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- M-4 Mr. Veith moved, seconded by Mr. McKown to approve the Minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS:

None.

MAYOR:

Mayor Nowalk reported on the following items:

- The Borough reported 6.27 percent of the calls to animal control services in March.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that the Chief reports that performance evaluations have been completed on all department members and he is in the process of reviewing them with each individual.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that Sergeants Allebrand and Hudson received training at Mercy Behavioral Health in Crisis Intervention. This training encourages officers to use specific verbal skills to de-escalate situations, thus reducing the need to use force. The course was 40 hours in length.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that the Pennsylvania Game Commission awarded Deputy Chief Henderson a certificate recognizing his 20 years of service to the Hunter-Trapper Education Program.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that Earth Day Clean-up will be on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9AM.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that the Whitehall Wildlife Committee met on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The committee will have a booth at Community Day. The next meeting is May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that Council should come to the next meeting with recommendations for Community Day Awards.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that the Pennsylvania State Mayors Association is supporting M.A.D.D.'s Power Talk 21 initiative to encourage parents and guardians to talk to their kids about alcohol. Mayor Nowalk read a proclamation in support of the initiative.

M-5 Ms. Book moved, seconded by Mrs. DePuy to concur with the Mayor's proclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Firman stated that there is interest in the former school property on Provost Road for redevelopment. He recommended Council authorize the Planning Commission to look at the site for possible rezoning and redevelopment.

M-6 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book to authorize the Planning Commission to look at the site and surrounding area for possible rezoning and redevelopment. The motion carried unanimously.

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.
- Route 51 Sanitary Sewer Repair – The Borough Solicitor prepared the easement agreements for the relocation of the sanitary sewer line. We have signed agreements with 2 of the 4 property owners.
- Echo Glen Watershed Study – The final options for detention on the golf course have been prepared and cost estimates provided to the Manager. A meeting with the Golf Course, Manager, and Engineer was held to review the options. The next step is to determine the costs and discuss who is funding what.
- Norwin/McKee Storm Sewer Project – Restoration work has started. It is anticipated that the project will be completed within three weeks.
- 2016 Road Program – Contract documents were prepared and forwarded to Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc. for signature. A list of possible streets to add to the 2016 Road Program was forwarded to Jim Leventry and Dave King for review.
- TMDL – Gateway Engineers is working with PWSA to gather samples. There is a follow up meeting next week.
- Park Research – Gateway Engineers has compiled all the information they have on the parks. If the committee wants, Ms. Omer could meet to discuss.

- Steeplechase Lot 506 Revised – The subdivision plan has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and Gateway Engineers. Ms. Omer recommended approval.

M-7 Ms. Book moved, seconded by Mrs. DePuy to approve Steeplechase Lot 506 Revised. The motion carried unanimously.

- Ms. Omer provided Council with a written summary of ACHD Consent Order requirements.

MANAGER:

SHACOG Rock Salt Contract – Pursuant to terms of the contract, each participating municipality must give notice to Cargill, Inc. that they intend to extend the agreement for an additional year. This notice must be given by May 1, 2016. Cargill then has until May 10<sup>th</sup> to provide notice that they intend to extend the contract. The per-ton price would be \$69.98.

M-8 Mrs. DePuy moved, seconded by Ms. Book to extend the contract. The motion carried unanimously.

Whitehall also participates in the state COSTARS contract. Mr. Leventry has already informed COSTARS of our intention to continue in that contract.

Grant Resolution – Mr. Leventry presented a Resolution to Council authorizing the application for a grant of \$1 million from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County via the Gaming Economic Development Fund for the Doverdell project.

M-9 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Mrs. DePuy to read the Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

M-10 After the reading of the Resolution, Mr. McKown moved for adoption. Ms. Book seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Mr. Barton, Ms. Book, Mrs. DePuy, Mr. Lahr, Mr. McKown, Mr. Nagy and Mr. Veith voted yes. The motion carried unanimously. The Resolution No. is 925.

Equalization Tank Project – Mr. Leventry received an email today stating that Baldwin Borough has bid the project. The bids will be opened in June. More cost-estimates will be known then.

Mr. Leventry stated that countertops have been selected for the upstairs lobby. They will be installed in the next 3-4 weeks.

Mr. Leventry requested an executive session after the meeting to discuss two personnel matters.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

No report.

LIBRARY:

Mr. Barton introduced George Findlay from the Library Board. Mr. Findlay provided a report to Council.

Mr. Barton stated that he received an email from Paula stating that author/illustrator Will Hillenbrand will be at the Library tomorrow as part of the One Book Every Young Child Program.

PLANNING & ZONING:

Mrs. DePuy stated that she recently returned from a trip to China and had new ideas for an Adult Park.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Ms. Book stated that public works crews have been hanging Military Banners. She stated that banners are hung in the same general area each year but we do not take requests for special placement of banners.

Mr. Leventry stated that the program is starting to cost the Borough money when brackets need to be replaced. Ms. Book stated this was the first time she was hearing about that issue. Ms. Book stated that she will speak to Harry Munson.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mr. Veith stated that police vehicle 41 sustained right front wheel damage on April 7<sup>th</sup> when it struck a concrete post while checking St. Casimir's Cemetery on night turn. The vehicle sustained approximately \$1,900 in damage and has been repaired. The officer was not injured.

Chief Dolfi stated that he has analyzed the results from studies regarding speeding at certain intersections in the Borough. Statistically there is no cause for concern at any of the locations studied.

RECREATION:

Mr. Nagy stated that the Recreation Board is preparing for Community Day and the Farmers Market. There have been some difficulties working with Caste Village regarding the Farmers Market vendors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Book stated that she accepted the Borough's Banner Community certificate on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

ADJORNMENT:

M-11 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Mr. Nagy to adjourn the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

READ AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF MAY 4, 2016:

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Manager

