



BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL
Notice of Meeting
July 6, 2016
8:00 PM

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall will meet Wednesday, July 6, 2016, at 8:00 PM, at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for a regular meeting.

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING
July 6, 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 June 15, 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. Library – Barton, Book, DePuy
 - B. Planning & Zoning – DePuy, Veith, Book
 - C. Public Works – Book, Barton, Nagy
 - D. Public Safety – Veith, McKown, Barton
 - E. Recreation – Nagy, DePuy, McKown
 - F. Administrative Services – McKown, Veith, Nagy
- X. Delegate Reports:
 - A. Allegheny County Boroughs Association – Book, DePuy
 - B. Chamber of Commerce – Veith, McKown
 - C. Economic Development South -Nagy
 - D. Medical Rescue Team South Authority – McKown, Lahr
 - E. South Hills Area Council of Governments – Veith, Lahr
 - F. 3 Rivers Wet Weather –Book
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BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL

Regular Meeting July 6, 2016

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall met at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, July 6, 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: Linda J. Book
Kathleen N. DePuy
Philip J. Lahr
Glenn P. Nagy
William J. Veith
James F. Nowalk, Mayor
Irving S. Firman, Solicitor
Bryan W. Flaugh, P.E. – Gateway Engineers

Absent: Ryan Barton
Robert J. McKown
Ruthann Omer, Engineer

STAFF:

James E. Leventry, Manager
Donald R. Dolfi, Chief of Police
Scott Dellett, Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer
Courtney M. Wertz, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Leventry introduced the Borough's new Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer, Scott Dellett. He previously worked for Gettysburg Borough and has 17 years of experience.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS & PAYROLL

- M-1 Mr. Veith moved, seconded by Ms. Book, that the bills contained on the bill list presented to Council on July 6, 2016 for \$389,011.76 from the General Fund, \$13,681.67 from the Storm Sewer Fund, \$33,769.90 from the Sanitary Sewer Fund and \$11,983.74 from the Capital Projects Fund be approved. The motion carried unanimously.
- M-2 Mr. Veith moved, seconded by Ms. Book that checks and transfers for \$7,201.07 from the General Fund and \$71,471.76 from the Payroll Fund be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.

M-3 Mr. Veith moved, seconded by Ms. Book, that General Fund payroll for the period ending June 24, 2016 for \$163,558.66, as presented to Council on July 6, 2016, be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mayor Nowalk had an edit on page 5 related to the situation on Doverdell Drive.

M-4 Mr. Nagy moved, seconded by Ms. Book to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2016 meeting with discussed changes. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS:

Robert Kauer, 4350 E. Barlind, appeared before Council with concerns about curb restoration work done at the bottom of his driveway. The contractor installed a new curb that is now much higher than his driveway. Gateway Engineers will look into the matter. Mr. Kauer also stated that a porta john has been left in his neighbor's yard. Mr. Flaugh stated that he will have the contractors remove it.

MAYOR:

Mayor Nowalk reported on the following items:

- Mayor Nowalk stated that a resident of South Emblem wrote a letter commending Officer Bowman and Officer Boyle for their quick action in treating his life threatening injury which he sustained in a home remodeling accident. Chief Dolfi stated that he received a call from Mercy Hospital staff saying that there is no doubt that our officers helped save that man's life.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that he received a letter from Brentwood Police Chief Zeppuhar, commending Sergeant Gagorik and Officer Lacko for their assistance at a fatal shooting in their community.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that the Chief reports that the department received the eight new Taser Less Lethal weapons that were ordered. Sergeant Allebrand will conduct officer training and familiarization on these weapons in house over the next 60 days.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that he approved a block party on Bauman Road. It was a nice event.

- Mayor Nowalk stated that he received a request from the Steeplechase Association to close Hennig Drive for an hour on July 16th for a dedication ceremony for their new entrance sign. He will speak with Chief Dolfi to see if that is possible.
- Mayor Nowalk requested that the Borough pay his conference fee for the State Mayor's Association Conference. The cost is \$225.00.

M-5 Mr. Nagy moved, seconded by Ms. Book to pay the conference fee for the State Mayor's Association Conference. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Dolfi stated that Mrs. DePuy inquired about NIMS certification at a past meeting. Chief Dolfi is certified in NIMS. Elected officials should go through the course, although it is not required or tracked. In the event that federal money is needed it would be helpful for elected officials to have the certification. Chief Dolfi will send the information to Mr. Barton since he is the newest elected official and may not have it.

Mr. Lahr recommended that residents call the professionals in an emergency situation rather than transporting injured people in personal vehicles.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Firman stated that he had prepared an ordinance regarding the placement of a stop sign on Lantern Hill Drive.

M-6 Ms. Book moved, seconded by Mrs. DePuy to read the ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

M-7 After the reading of the ordinance, Mrs. DePuy moved for adoption. Mr. Veith seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Ms. Book, Mrs. DePuy, Mr. Lahr, Mr. Nagy and Mr. Veith voted yes. The motion passed unanimously. The Ordinance No. is 1088.

Mr. Firman stated that he has also prepared an ordinance regarding trailers and recreational vehicles in the Borough. He recommended assigning it to a committee for further review. Mr. Lahr placed it with the Administrative Committee.

ENGINEER:

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

- Doverdell Drive Watershed Project – Gateway Engineers is continuing to work with the Solicitor to secure easements. Residents were sent information about how to get the easement agreements notarized earlier this week. Mr. Leventry stated the he and Ms. Omer met with representatives from Senator Reschenthaler's office regarding a Flood Mitigation Program grant. There were receptive and supportive of our application.
- Operations & Maintenance Plan – The 2016 Sanitary Sewer Excavation Repair Contract is underway. Roto Rooter is completing the work.

M-8 Mr. Veith moved, seconded by Ms. Book to approve Payment Application No. 1 in the amount of \$64,591.20 to Roto Rooter Service Company. The motion carried unanimously.

- Operation & Maintenance Plan – The 2015 Sanitary Sewer Excavation Repair Contract has been completed. Mr. Flaugh recommends payment subject to the approval of the maintenance bond by the Solicitor.

M-9 Mr. Nagy moved, seconded by Ms. Book to approve Payment Application No. 6 and Final in the amount of \$32,382.83 to Roto Rooter Service Company. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2016 Road Program – Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc. has completed the work on Barone, Bauman, Maryal, Carlyn, Del Rio, Wakefield and East Barlind. They are currently working on Windvale and Glen Robin. Azalea will be paved after the water company completes their work there.

M-10 Ms. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Veith to approve Payment Application No. 3 in the amount of \$177,566.98 to Michael Facchiano Contracting, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lahr stated the water company needs to come back and fill in a few holes on Daube Drive. Mr. Leventry is working to get in touch with someone at PA American Water.

MANAGER:

Mr. Leventry reported on the following items according to the written report given to Council:

- Doverdell Grant – Mr. Leventry stated that he was informed by Senator Reschenthaler's staff that Whitehall did not receive the Gaming Economic Development Fund Grant from Allegheny County.

- Bid Concurrence – The Borough is again participating in the SHACOG Join O&M Preventative Maintenance project. Bids for the project were opened on June 8, 2016, with State Pipe Services, Inc. being determined to be the low responsible bidder. The total bid submitted was \$112,675.00, of which roughly \$54,160.00 is expected to be Whitehall's share. Council will need to concur with the awarding of this contract.

M-11 Mr. Veith moved, seconded by Ms. Book to concur with the awarding of the contract. The motion carried unanimously.

- Inter-municipal Agreement – The Brentwood Borough Council approved the inter-municipal agreement with Whitehall to conduct flow monitoring and some construction to correct a sewer problem at or near 2851 Clairton Blvd. Council will need to approve the agreement and authorize the proper officials to sign.

M-12 Mr. Veith moved, seconded by Ms. Book to approve the agreement and authorize the proper Borough officials to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

- Investment Policy – Mr. Leventry stated that the Investment Policy remains under legal review.
- Executive Session - Mr. Leventry requested an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss ongoing negotiations towards a new labor agreement with Local 1058 and the public works employees.

Mayor Nowalk asked if the taxes on a property on Echo Glen had been paid. Mr. Leventry stated they had not been paid in at least 3 years.

LIBRARY

Mr. Leventry stated that the Library Improvement Project has been put out to bid.

PLANNING & ZONING

Mr. Dellett provided an update on the three agenda items the Planning Commission is set to review tomorrow evening. He also sent Council a list of all the ongoing projects in the Borough. Mr. Dellett provided updates on the development of the Swim Club property and Bank property.

Mayor Nowalk stated that he received a call from a resident that no one in the Code Enforcement Office has returned his call. It has been 4 weeks. Mayor Nowalk stated that customer service needs to be improved in the Code Office.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Ms. Book stated that Public Works crews cleaned up the streets after a rain storm on June 16th. She thanked them for their help in preparing for the Caste Village Fireworks celebration. They continue to work in the parks and hanging Military Banners.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mr. Veith stated that the Chief and Deputy Chief will be attending the PA Chiefs' Association Conference in Erie from July 10-14.

Mr. Veith stated that Mr. Barker, Lantern Hill Drive, contacted Deputy Chief Henderson regarding the intersection of Weyman Road and Hennig Drive. Specifically, he requested an evaluation as to the site distance for vehicles exiting Hennig onto Weyman. Sergeant Gaebel conducted the survey and determined that there has been no significant change to that intersection since the state evaluated it a number of years ago. Sergeant Gaebel did suggest that the Stop Bar on Hennig be moved slightly closer to Weyman to remind motorists on where to stop. Deputy Chief Henderson contacted the Public Works Supervisor and provided him with the needed information.

RECREATION:

Mr. Nagy stated that the Farmers Market continues. He stated the movie night was successful despite smaller crowds due to Kennywood Day.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

No report.

DELEGATE REPORTS

ACBA – Ms. Book stated that Act 89 of 2013 was discussed at the last meeting. One of the provisions in Act 89 called for the elimination of the issuance of vehicle registration stickers by 2017. PennDOT announced an expected savings of \$3 million annually through the elimination of printing and mailing costs. Those savings were intended to be used for a grant program for police departments to apply for license plate reader technology. ACBA believes it is much easier for police officers to visually notice expired stickers, along with a potential of uncovering other infractions by motorists as well. ACBA supports HB 1154 that would rescind the registration sticker elimination component from Act 89. Chief Dolfi is in favor of the use of vehicle registration stickers.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mr. Veith stated that the golf outing is August 22 at the South Hills Country Club.

EDS – Mr. Nagy stated that ground has been broken on the new Senior Living Center in Brentwood.

MRTSA- Mr. Lahr stated that the concrete pad work is completed.

SHACOG- Mr. Veith stated that the golf outing is July 21. He stated a survey was sent to Borough Managers about gas and electric bills. SHACOG is researching the possibility of purchasing those utilities jointly.

3RWW- Ms. Book provided an update from John Schombert.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Book stated that she will present Mr. Lahr and Mr. McKown with PSAB awards at the next meeting.

Mr. Lahr stated that former Councilman Harold Berkoben's wife Joanne passed away suddenly last Friday.

ADJORNMENT:

Mr. Lahr adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

READ AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF JULY 20, 2016:

Manager

