

BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL
Notice of Meeting
November 2, 2016
8:00 PM

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall will meet Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at 8:00 PM, at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for a regular meeting.

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING
November 2, 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 October 20, 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. Recreation – Nagy, DePuy, McKown
 - B. Administrative Services – McKown, Veith, Nagy
 - C. Library – Barton, Book, DePuy
 - D. Planning & Zoning – DePuy, Veith, Book
 - E. Public Works – Book, Barton, Nagy
 - F. Public Safety – Veith, McKown, Barton
- 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
- XI. New Business
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Regular Meeting November 2, 2016

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall met at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, November 2, 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
Ruthann Omer, Engineer
Gavin A. Robb - Tucker Arensberg, P.C

Absent: Irving S. Firman, Solicitor

STAFF:

James E. Leventry, Manager
Keith P. Henderson, Deputy Chief of Police
Courtney M. Wertz, Administrative Assistant

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 November 2, 2016 for \$92,340.14 from the General Fund, \$93.62 from the Storm Sewer Fund and \$768,375.91 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 \$5,258.32 from the General Fund and \$51,025.83 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 October 28, 2016 for \$141,387.72, as presented to Council on November 2, 2016, be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Mayor Nowalk stated that Peter Koltas is a Boy Scout seeking to become an Eagle Scout. Miss Wertz will make the correction.

M-4 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book to approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2016 meeting as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS:

Judy Lampart, 4594 Doverdell Drive, appeared before Council to inquire how many easements have been signed for the Doverdell Drive Sewer Project, specifically the properties with decks. Ms. Omer stated that 25 of the 39 easements have been signed. Of the 5 properties with decks, 3 have submitted estimates so far and are expected to sign the easements once their estimates are reviewed.

MAYOR:

Mayor Nowalk presented his report for October 2016:

EMS Assists.....	137
Court/Hearings/Pretrial	118
Accidents	17
Criminal Arrests (2 DUI).	22
Traffic Stops	214
Traffic Details	98
Written Traffic Citations.	144
Written Warnings Traffic Violations.	90

Total amount of money collected and turned over to the Borough during October 2016, amounted to \$4,913.88; the breakdown is as follows:

MVC from District Magistrate	\$1,209.73
Crimes Code and Code violations	
from District Magistrate	\$974.90
Parking Fines	\$940.00
Copies	\$210.00
Fines from Clerk of Courts	\$1,579.25

Mayor Nowalk reported on the following items:

- Mayor Nowalk stated that on October 26th the movie “Chasing the Dragon” was presented by the Baldwin Whitehall School District at the high school auditorium. This joint venture by the DEA/FBI was intended to raise awareness to the ever growing Opioid epidemic. The Chief and the Mayor were among the approximately 150 students and adults who attended the program.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that the Chief reports that six officers completed Advanced Active Shooter training this past week. This training was developed and taught by SHACOG officers and utilizes “Simunition” (Non-Lethal Training Ammunition) as participants go through live scenarios.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that he addressed Harrison Middle School on October 25 regarding Red Ribbon Week. He issued a proclamation and asked Council to concur.

M-5 Ms. Book moved, seconded by Mrs. DePuy to concur with the Mayor’s Red Ribbon Week Proclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

- Mayor Nowalk stated that the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives failed to consider State Senate Bill 535 regarding Radar.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that he presented Resolution No. 930 to the Whitehall Fire Company on Saturday at their 70th Anniversary Banquet.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that he will be speaking at the Veterans’ Day Ceremony on November 11th at 11 AM in the Community Room.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that he will be speaking at the Naturalization Ceremony on November 21st in the Community Room.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that Tax Collector Kelly Sgattoni’s father works for a company called Gemco Sales. They have a program in which they fund the installation of lights for monuments and flags. He asked Council to think of some places in Whitehall that could be submitted. The program runs until the end of the year.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that he received two calls from residents on Sherwood Drive and Doverdell Drive regarding deer.

Mrs. DePuy stated that she saw a story on the news about the use of a K-9 dog to make an arrest on Fieldcrest Drive. Deputy Chief Henderson stated that the County provided the K-9 and an arrest was made.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Robb requested an executive session after the meeting relating to matters of litigation.

ENGINEER:

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

- Steeplechase Lot 504 Revised – This plan was previously approved by Council at the September 7th meeting. A new, private easement has been discovered and added to the plan.

M-6 Mrs. DePuy moved, seconded by Mr. Veith to approve Steeplechase Lot 504 Revised. The motion carried unanimously.

- Operations & Maintenance Plan – The 2016 Sanitary Sewer CCTV Contract is underway. Roto Rooter is completing the work.

M-7 Ms. Book moved, seconded by Mrs. DePuy to approve Payment Application No. 2 in the amount of \$8,852.45 to Roto Rooter Service Company. The motion carried unanimously.

- Backflow Valves – Bids were received. Roto Rooter Service Company had the low bid at \$53,850.00.

M-8 Mr. Barton moved, seconded by Ms. Book to award the Backflow Valve Project to Roto Rooter Service Company in the amount of \$53,850.00. The motion carried unanimously.

- Project Status Report – Ms. Omer provided Council with copies of project status reports for various projects in the Borough. In regards to the Echo Glen Project, the Borough is ready to start work. The Country Club has to approve the project at their next board meeting. Construction is slated to start in January if approved. It could take 4-5 months to complete depending on weather.

Mr. Nagy asked Council to think about authorizing a road sealing program next year.

MANAGER:

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

- Revised Resolution – At the last meeting, Council passed a resolution authorizing the application for an ALCOSAN GROW Grant. The amount of the grant requested was incorrect. A new resolution will be presented to Council authorizing an application in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 rather than the one passed last week for \$850,000.00. Ms. Omer stated that her team found new money the Borough could ask for and increased the requested amount.

M-9 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book 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 933.

- Meeting Reminder – Council received the information for the first budget session, scheduled for Saturday.

RECREATION:

Mrs. DePuy stated that the Parks Committee received a proposal from Jim Pashek. Mr. Leventry stated that Mr. Pashek has not been hired or retained by the Borough. The proposal will be discussed at budget time under capital projects. Ms. Omer will be meeting with Mr. Leventry on Friday to discuss options for a Master Park Plan.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

Mr. McKown stated that he attended a meeting with Jefferson Regional Foundation Communities last week. He received copies of a community snapshot for the region that will be available at the Library.

Mrs. DePuy inquired about the status of the Investment Policy. It is still under legal review.

LIBRARY

Mr. Barton stated that the recent fundraiser at Tracey's Boutique netted over \$250.00. The Library will be hosting a bake sale on Election Day.

PLANNING & ZONING

Mrs. DePuy stated that that Planning Commission meets tomorrow night. Ms. Omer will be attending. The three major agenda items are (1) Steeplechase Lot 503 (2) Gatekeeper Developers and the bank property (3) potential R7 zoning changes.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Ms. Book stated that Public Works crews have been hard at work around the Borough.

Mrs. DePuy inquired about the status of the retaining wall project at the pool. Mr. Leventry stated that it is a 60 day project and the deadline is nearing.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mr. Veith stated that the Chief reports that Sergeant Gagorik has provided him with the six month evaluation of Officer Carl Morosetti. During this period, Officer Morosetti has completed the Departments Field Training Program and all firearm qualifications. He has received satisfactory ratings from his supervisors and field training officers who consistently describe him as very competent, courteous and knowledgeable.

Mr. Veith stated that the three replacement light bars were delivered and the installation process is underway. It is anticipated that this project will be completed by Friday.

DELEGATE REPORTS

ACBA – Ms. Book stated that the Board of Directors meeting is November 10th. The General Membership meeting is December 8th. There will be a legislative reception on January 19th at the Sheraton Hotel in Station Square.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mr. Veith stated that there is a luncheon tomorrow at noon at the South Hills Country Club. Mr. McKown stated that the Chamber golf outing was a success. They had a record year, netting \$30,000.00.

EDS – Mr. Nagy stated that EDS is working on budget and salaries for next year.

MRTSA- Mr. McKown stated that MRTSA submitted a balanced budget. They are hosting a 40th Anniversary Banquet on November 17th at the South Hills Country Club.

SHACOG- Mr. Veith thanked Miss Wertz for her help with the October 20th meeting at Whitehall Borough. He stated that the November meeting presentation will cover MS4. SHACOG is surveying municipalities for their interest in a joint road program bid. Mr. Leventry stated that the Borough's Road Program is too large for a joint bid.

3RWW- Ms. Book stated that there is a meeting on November 30th at the Doubletree in Green Tree. She will be attending.

NEW BUSINESS:

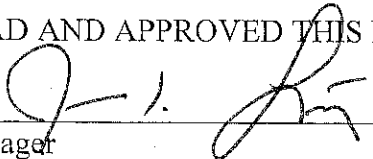
Ms. Book stated that the annual Veterans' Day Ceremony will be November 11th at 11 AM in the Community Room. Representative Kortz, Mayor Nowalk and a war historian will be speaking.

Mr. Veith stated that there is a question on the upcoming ballot regarding the retirement age of judges in Pennsylvania. It is a misleading question as the current retirement age is 70 and the ballot question would increase it to 75.

ADJORNMENT:

Mr. Lahr adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

READ AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF NOVEMBER 16, 2016:



Manager

