

BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL
Notice of Meeting
January 4, 2017

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall will meet Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for a reorganization meeting.

AGENDA FOR REORGANIZATION MEETING
 January 4, 2017

- 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. Christmas Decoration Contest Awards – DePuy
- VI. Reorganization of Council – Election of Officers - Nowalk
- VII. Consideration of Bills and Payroll - McKown
- VIII. Consideration of the Minutes of December 21, 2016
- IX. Citizens' Requests
- X. Other Business Properly Brought Before Council:
 - A. Committee Assignments
 - B. 2017 Salary and Wage Ordinance
- XI. New Business
- XII. Adjournment

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BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL

Reorganization Meeting January 4, 2017

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall met at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 8:00 PM, for a reorganization meeting. President Lahr called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST AWARDS:

President Lahr turned the meeting over to Mrs. DePuy to recognize the winners of the Borough's annual Christmas Decoration Contest. After explaining the judging process, Mrs. DePuy recognized the Dalessandro Family of 4804 Old Boston Road for The Best White Lights and the Brodzinski Family of 31 Woody Crest Drive for Best Light Combination.

Those unable to attend were the Mazzocco Family of 1250 Prospect Road for Best Daytime Display, the Lazic Family of 5341 Orchard Hill Drive for Best Blow-Up Decoration, the O'Black Family of 4831 Doverdell Drive for Best Traditional Display, the Bigley Family of 5000 Dolores Drive for Honorable Mention and the Hettich Family of 4771 Baldwin Manor Road for Honorable Mention.

REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

Per standard procedure, Mr. Lahr resigned as President of Council.

Mr. Lahr turned the meeting over to Mayor Nowalk to conduct the election of officers for 2017.

Mayor Nowalk called for nominations for President of Council for 2017. Ms. Book nominated Mrs. DePuy. Mr. McKown seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Mayor Nowalk asked for a vote on Mrs. DePuy's nomination. The vote was unanimous for Mrs. DePuy to serve as President of Council in 2017.

Mayor Nowalk called for nominations for Vice-President of Council for 2017. Mr. Veith nominated Ms. Book. Mr. McKown seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Mayor Nowalk asked for a vote on Ms. Book's nomination. The vote was unanimous for Ms. Book to serve as Vice-President of Council in 2017.

Mayor Nowalk turned the meeting over to President DePuy.

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 January 4, 2017 for \$192,548.02 from the General Fund, \$21,057.37 from the Storm Sewer Fund, \$35,927.64 from the Sanitary Sewer Fund and \$60,910.00 from the Capital Projects Fund be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

M-2 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book, that checks and transfers for \$25,159.23 from the General Fund and \$71,686.11 from the Payroll Fund for a total of \$96,845.34 be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lahr stated that the Borough was sued by Mr. Martin Schmotzer who claimed that the Borough was spending taxpayer money on Election Day by providing sign boards for candidates to post on. The sign boards were purchased over 40 years ago by the Democratic and Republican Committees. Whitehall Borough Public Works stores the boards and puts them up as needed/requested. It cost the Borough \$2,600.00 of taxpayer money to defend the suit against Mr. Schmotzer.

M-3 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book, that General Fund payroll for the period ending December 23, 2016, for \$152,488.06, as presented to Council on January 4, 2017, be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2016

M-4 Ms. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr, to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2016 Council meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS:

Bruce Bryce, 86 Hennig Drive, appeared before Council looking to develop a partnership for "The Year of the Family" program to begin in September 2017. He provided Council with a handout containing more detail. Mr. McKown suggested that Mr. Bryce get in contact with Paula Kelly of the Library to partner with and reach out to the immigrant population in the Borough.

Judy Lampart, 4594 Doverdell Drive, appeared before Council to inquire about the status of the Doverdell Drive Sewer Project, specifically estimates for those with decks. Ms. Lampart also wanted to know if the project can be bid without all the easements signed and if that will happen in 2017. Ms. Omer stated that homeowners with decks will receive a letter in the coming week. Council wants all the easements signed before they bid the project. They are optimistic the project will be bid in 2017.

OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL:

Mrs. DePuy stated the Committee Assignments for 2017 are not finished yet. She will email them to Council by the end of the week.

Mr. Leventry stated that the 2017 Salary and Wage Ordinance has been on public display for 2 weeks.

M-5 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr to read the Ordinance in summary form. The motion carried unanimously.

M-6 After the reading of the Ordinance, Mr. McKown moved for adoption. Mr. Lahr 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 Ordinance No. is 1093.

NEW BUSINESS:

M-7 Mr. Veith moved, seconded by Ms. Book to authorize the Manager to contact the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission and request that they conduct testing to establish a certified eligibility list for the position of Police Patrol Officer. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Dolfi stated that there will be two vacancies in 2017.

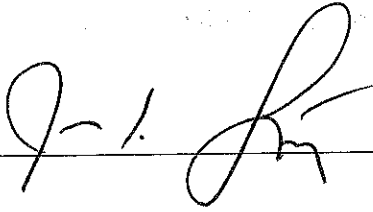
Mr. Firman requested an executive session after the meeting to discuss matters of potential litigation.

ADJOURNMENT:

President DePuy adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM.

READ AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF JANUARY 18, 2017

Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. DePuy", written over a horizontal line.