BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL
Notice of Meeting
April 19, 2017
8:00 PM

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall will meet Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 8:00 PM, at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for a regular meeting.

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING
April 19, 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. Swearing In Ceremony – Deputy Chief of Police Jason C. Gagorik

VI. Consideration of Bills and Payroll – Veith

VII. Consideration of the Minutes of April 5, 2017

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. Library – Lahr, Barton, McKown
- B. Planning & Zoning – Book, Veith, Lahr
- C. Public Works – Nagy, Book, Barton
- D. Public Safety – McKown, Veith, Book
- E. Recreation – Barton, Nagy, Lahr
- F. Administrative Services – Veith, McKown, Nagy

XI. New Business

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Regular Meeting April 19, 2017

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall met at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 8:00 PM, for a regular meeting. President DePuy called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: 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
Bryan W. Flaugh, P.E. – Gateway Engineers

Absent: Ryan Barton
Ruthann Omer, Engineer

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

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mayor Nowalk administered the oath of office to Jason C. Gagorik for the position of Deputy Chief of Police.

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 April 19, 2017 for $249,684.96 from the General Fund, $238,799.39 from the Storm Sewer Fund, $182,679.62 from the Sanitary Sewer Fund and $31,290.25 from the Capital Projects Fund be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

M-2 Mr. Veith moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr that checks and transfers for $6,795.97 from the General Fund and $48,046.83 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 April 14, 2017 for $131,458.72 as presented to Council on April 19, 2017, be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

M-4 Ms. Book moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr to approve the Minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS:

Gemma Churik, 4812 Doverdell Drive, appeared before Council to inquire about the start date of the Doverdell Drive Storm & Sanitary Sewer Project. The project is to be bid in June. Mr. Lahr stated that the project could not be bid until all residents signed their agreements. Ms. Churik also had concerns about parking during construction. Mr. Flaugh stated that residents will have access to their properties during construction.

MAYOR:

Mayor Nowalk reported on the following items:

- The Borough reported 9.13 percent of the calls to animal control services in March.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that the Chief reports that over the past two weeks 9 officers attended 1 hour blocks of SIMTAC Training which was offered by the SHACOG Police Chiefs Advisory Committee. This is interactive, scenario based, simulated firearms training.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that the Chief reports that during the first quarter of 2017, the Department has collected 63 pounds of unwanted prescription drugs through the Safer Communities Drug box located in the lobby of the police station.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that Sergeant Kurt Gaebel and Officer Joseph Lacko attended a workshop for Accident Reconstructionist offered by the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office this past week.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that he received a letter from Representative Kortz congratulating Whitehall Borough on being named a Banner Community.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that Earth Day Clean –Up is on Saturday, April 22nd. The bus leaves at 9 AM.

- Mayor Nowalk stated that the Whitehall Wildlife Management Committee met. The group will have a booth at Community Day on June 3rd. No other communities are offering residents a forum for wildlife discussion like Whitehall's group.

- Mayor Nowalk stated that the Whitehall Public Library will have information on candidates for the upcoming election.

- Mayor Nowalk requested that Council stay after the meeting so he could discuss a personal matter with them.

- Mayor Nowalk stated that Person of the Year will be discussed at the May 3rd Council Meeting. Other Community Day award nominations are due by May 26th.

Mrs. DePuy inquired about drones in the community. Chief Henderson stated that SHACOG has a drone with an infrared camera. There are no FAA rules regulating drones because they are so new. Chief Henderson said that the Police Department did recover a drone on the grounds of the South Hills Country Club recently.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Firman requested an executive session after the meeting to discuss a matter of litigation.

ENGINEER:

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

- Doverdell Drive Watershed Project – Bids will be opened on June 1, 2017. Gateway Engineers is working with the Borough Manager on a communications plan.

- Operations & Maintenance Plan – The 2017 Sanitary Sewer CCTV contract specifications are currently being prepared. The bid opening will be May 15, 2017.

- Route 51 Sanitary Sewer Repair – All easements have been obtained. Bids will be opened on June 1, 2017.

- Echo Glen Project- Rudzik Excavating plans to be finished by next week, depending on the weather.

- 2017 Road Program – The 2017 Road Program street list has been finalized. Bids will be opened on May 1, 2017. The additional parking spaces at Highland Park are being added to this project.

Mr. McKown stated that Baldwin Borough is planning on paving Gardenville this summer. He asked that the Manager inquire about having Baldwin pave the length of the road into Whitehall and Whitehall would reimburse them.

MANAGER:

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

- PSAB Resolution – Per Council's direction from the previous meeting, Mr. Leventry prepared the Resolution supported by PSAB to eliminate the ceiling on payouts covered by the Small Games of Chance legislation.

M-5 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book to the read the Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

M-6 After the reading of the Resolution, Mr. McKown moved for adoption. Ms. Book seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Ms. Book, Mrs. DePuy, and Mr. McKown voted yes. Mr. Lahr, Mr. Nagy and Mr. Veith voted no. Mayor Nowalk voted no. The motion did not pass. The failed Resolution is labeled No. 942.

- Mon Valley Expressway Resolution – Representative Kortz, in conjunction with State Senators Brewster and Costa, are asking their member municipalities to adopt a Resolution supporting the completion of the Mon Valley Expressway.

M-7 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book to the read the Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

M-8 After the reading of the Resolution, Mr. McKown moved for adoption. Ms. Book seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Ms. Book, Mrs. DePuy, Mr. Lahr, Mr. McKown, Mr. Nagy and Mr. Veith voted yes. The motion carried unanimously. The Resolution No. is 943.

- Streets Run/Glass Run Roads Meeting – A meeting to review PennDOT's revised plans concerning work on these two roads is scheduled for April 28th. It will be held at the Baldwin Borough Building and will commence at 2 PM. All public officials are invited to attend.

- PennDOT Roadwork – PennDOT plans to sealcoat Stilley Road in the coming month. Council's objections have been presented.

Mrs. DePuy asked Council if they would be opposed to using water bottles instead of glasses at the meetings. Council had no objection.

LIBRARY:

Mr. Lahr introduced Tara Abbott from the Library Board to give a report.

PLANNING & ZONING:

Mr. Lahr stated that he attended the meeting.

Ms. Book stated that she encountered members of Castle Shannon Council at a recent conference. She suggested a meeting with their officials to discuss development on our shared border.

Ms. Book requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Leventry stated that Public Works has been unable to drag all the ballfields due to the wet weather.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mr. McKown stated that the Chief requests that the Manager notify the Civil Service Commission to test and establish an Eligibility List for the Rank of Sergeant in the Police Department.

M-9 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr to instruct the Manager to notify the Civil Service Commission to test and establish an Eligibility List for the Rank of Sergeant in the Police Department.

RECREATION:

Mr. Nagy stated that there is a Senior Social next Thursday. The Spring "Shop and Hop" Tour is next month.

Mrs. DePuy stated that the Recognition Dinner is next Friday, April 28th. She suggested the chairs of the respective boards and commissions say a few words about the work they do and introduce their fellow committee members. Some Council members expressed reservations about the idea.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Veith stated that there is a telephone scam in the area that residents should be aware of. Chief Henderson stated that the caller will inquire about the warranty on a resident's home security system. Residents will tell the caller they don't have one and alert them to the lack of security at the residence. The Whitehall Borough Police Department will post a notice on their Facebook page. There have been no burglaries reported after the calls were received.

Ms. Book stated that the 14th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be on May 29th. She also stated that the Whitehall Military Banners are starting to be installed. She will have a booth at Community Day with information about the Banner Program.

ADJORNMENT:

M-10 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr to recess the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 9:28 PM.

M-11 Mr. Lahr moved, seconded by Ms. Book to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM.

READ AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF MAY 3, 2017:

Manager