

BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL
Notice of Meeting
July 3, 2019
7:00 PM

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall will meet Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at 7:00 PM, at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for a regular meeting.

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING
July 3, 2019

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. 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
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Consideration of Bills and Payroll – Wertz
- VI. Consideration of the Minutes of June 19, 2019
- VII. Citizens' Requests
- VIII. Reports of the Following Officers:
 - A. Mayor - Nowalk
 - B. Solicitor - Firman
 - C. Engineer – Rusmiser
 - D. Manager – Leventry
 - E. Assistant Manager - Wertz
- IX. Reports of the Following Committees:
 - A. Recreation – Wotus, McKown, Lahr
 - B. Administrative Services – Nagy, Lahr, Wotus
 - C. Library – McKown, Book, Wotus
 - D. Planning & Zoning – Lahr, Book, DePuy
 - E. Public Works – Book, Nagy, DePuy
 - F. Public Safety – DePuy, McKown, Nagy
- X. Delegate Reports:
 - A. Allegheny County Boroughs Association – Book, DePuy
 - B. Chamber of Commerce – Wotus, McKown
 - C. Economic Development South -Nagy
 - D. Medical Rescue Team South Authority – McKown, Lahr
 - E. South Hills Area Council of Governments – Veith, Lahr

New Business

Adjournment

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Regular Meeting July 3, 2019

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall met at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at 7:00 PM, for a regular meeting. President Veith called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Kathleen N. DePuy
Philip J. Lahr
Glenn P. Nagy
William J. Veith
John A. Wotus
James F. Nowalk, Mayor
Daniel C. Conlon, Tucker Arensberg, P.C
Scott Rusmiser, Engineer

Absent: Linda J. Book
Robert J. McKown
Irving S. Firman, Solicitor

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

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS & PAYROLL

- M-1 Mr. Lahr, moved, seconded by Mr. Wotus, that the bills contained on the bill list presented to Council on July 3, 2019 for \$95,290.87 from the General Fund, \$88,914.86 from the Storm Sewer Fund, \$157,248.51 from the Sanitary Sewer Fund, \$2,000.00 from the Doverdell Drive Storm Sewer and \$455,880.45 from the Capital Projects Fund be approved. The motion carried unanimously.
- M-2 Mrs. DePuy moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr, that checks and transfers for \$15,575.75 from the General Fund and \$65,572.00 from the Payroll Fund be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.
- I-3 Mr. Lahr moved, seconded by Mr. Wotus, that General Fund payroll for the period ending June 21, 2019 for \$165,868.94, as presented to Council on July 3, 2019, be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

M-4 Mr. Lahr moved, seconded by Mr. Wotus to approve the Minutes of the June 19, 2019 Council Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS:

None.

MAYOR:

Mayor Nowalk presented his report for June 2019:

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| EMS Assists..... | 146 |
| Court/Hearings/Pretrial | 96 |
| Accidents | 29 |
| Criminal Arrests (1 DUI). | 20 |
| Traffic Stops | 158 |
| Traffic Details | 75 |
| Written Traffic Citations. | 106 |
| Written Warnings Traffic Violations. | 94 |

Total amount of money collected and turned over to the Borough during June 2019, amounted to \$4,339.42 the breakdown is as follows:

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| MVC from District Magistrate | \$1,157.56 |
| Crimes Code and Code violations from District Magistrate | \$1,267.91 |
| Parking Fines | \$1,440.00 |
| Copies | \$240.00 |
| Fines from Clerk of Courts..... | \$233.95 |

Mayor Nowalk reported on the following items:

- Mayor Nowalk stated that the Chief reports that last week Sergeant Budd attended a 40-hour class sponsored by the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police for the CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM.

- Mayor Nowalk stated that the Chief reports that Officer Meyer and Officer Korey attended training for SOCIAL NETWORK INVESTIGATIONS. The Officers learned techniques for investigating crimes committed over social media platforms including search warrants and extracting data.
- Mayor Nowalk stated that the Chief would like residents to be safe and display common sense when using fireworks and be aware that current Pennsylvania law regarding fireworks state that fireworks cannot be discharged as follows:
 - Within 150 feet of an occupied structure.
 - Without permission of the landowner.
 - By anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
 - From a moving vehicle or at a moving vehicle.
- Mayor Nowalk provided an update on RADAR.
- Mayor Nowalk requested that Council authorize payment for him to attend the Mayor's Conference from July 18-21.

M-5 Mr. Lahr moved, seconded by Mr. Wotus to authorize payment to send Mayor Nowalk to the Mayor's Conference from July 18-21. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR:

No report.

ENGINEER:

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

- Doverdell Drive Watershed Project – A final punch list was issued to Merante on June 24th. Gateway Engineers continues to address resident claims as they are brought to their attention. Mr. Rusmisl met with Mr. Williams at 4554 Doverdell prior to the Council meeting to review a drainage issue there. It is a private matter.
- Operations & Maintenance Plan – All 2019 contracts have been signed and returned. Preconstruction meetings have been scheduled for next Thursday.

- Salt Storage – Site plans were submitted to the Planner on June 14th and will be presented to the Planning Commission on Wednesday, July 10th. Bids will be received on July 17th for the storm and sanitary sewer relocation work needed for the salt shed building. The project will be advertised once the Planning Commission approves. The new salt storage shed will allow the Borough to store 2,000 ton more salt.
- Streets Run Storm Sewer Construction – A neighborhood project meeting was held on June 20th with residents in the Streets Run Storm Sewer Project. The scope of the project was discussed, and draft easement documents were distributed to those in attendance. Gateway will be meeting with numerous residents on July 9th.

MANAGER:

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

- McKee Paving – After informing the Manager of Baldwin Borough of Council's desire to participate in the paving of Gardenville Road, he informed Mr. Leventry that they will also be paving McKee. A 170-foot section of that portion of McKee is in Whitehall and he asked if the Borough wanted to participate with that road as well. The cost would again be about \$9,000.00. It is in pretty bad shape.

M-6 Mr. Lahr moved, seconded by Mr. Wotus to participate in the paving of McKee with Baldwin Borough. The motion carried unanimously.

- SHACOG Award and Concurrence – SHACOG recently opened bids for the Preventative Maintenance Year-9 Project. The low bidder was Insight Pipe Contracting at \$73,231.25, of which \$32,340.00 is Whitehall's share. Council will need to concur with the award.

M-7 Mr. Wotus moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr to concur with the awarding of the SHACOG Preventative Maintenance Year-9 Project. The motion carried unanimously.

- Release Agreement – The Borough has received the signed release agreement with the Costanzos regarding final restoration of their yard and driveway. Council will need to authorize the execution of the agreement.

M-8 Mr. Wotus moved, seconded by Mrs. DePuy to authorize the execution of the agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

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- Reid MOU – Officer Reid has signed the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the cessation of his Heart and Lund Benefits effective September 30, 2019. Council will need to authorize execution of the agreement.

M-9 Mr. Lahr moved, seconded by Mr. Wotus to authorize the execution of the agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

- Recycling Update – Recently, several SHACOG communities met with Waste Management to review how the new service is going. The hot topic was recycling. The good news is that overall contamination has been reduced from 30% to 18% since the first of the year. The goal is to try to get it down to 8% by the end of the year. To that end, beginning the week of July 8th, Waste Management will be tagging and leaving behind containers that contain obvious contamination. They are specifically looking for the plastic bags and glass. Per the contract, communities with 40% contamination will be fined and no community is close to that number.
- Sign Post Art – A local resident and artist is asking Council for permission to decorate the posts of some stop signs as a way to draw attention to them. As long as the actual sign is not obscured, it appears to be legal. Council appreciated the sentiment but were opposed to the project on a 5-0 vote.
- On Monday, Stewart Bridge will close for 10 days to glaze the surface.

ASSISTANT MANAGER:

Ms. Wertz reported that the Parks Committee met prior to the Council meeting to finalize details for Frank Park Phase II. The path around the park will be asphalted. Gateway will look at labeling the pathway with mile markers of some sort. There is a possibility that Public Works can install the new playground equipment which would provide significant cost savings. The plan is to bid the project at the end of July/early August and start construction in September.

RECREATION:

Mr. Wotus provided updates on several upcoming recreation activities.

ADMINISTRATION

o report.

LIBRARY

No report.

PLANNING & ZONING:

Mr. Lahr stated that the salt dome will be discussed at the next Planning Commission meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

DELEGATE REPORTS

ACBA – Mrs. DePuy stated that she tallied the results from the Sustainability survey she gave to Council. Whitehall ranks in the middle at the “Silver Certificate” level. Thought should be given to energy saving buildings in the future.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mr. Wotus stated that a meeting will be held on July 17th at Gianna Via where the new EDS Director will be speaking. There is a women’s luncheon on July 12th at South Hills Country Club.

EDS – Mr. Nagy stated that the new Executive Director for EDS is setting up meetings with municipalities to introduce herself.

MRTSA – Mr. Lahar stated that things are going well at MRTSA.

SHACOG – Mr. Veith stated the hot topic of the meeting was still recycling. There is no profit to be made in the recycling industry currently. North Strabane has expressed interest in joining SHACOG. Discussions are ongoing. There is concern about new members not attending meetings but retaining benefits of membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Wotus asked for an update on McAnulty Road. Mr. Leventry stated that the gas company is working there now. They will be there for 30 days then paving will start.

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Mayor Nowalk stated that he has copies of Chelsea Wagner's latest report if anyone wants to review it. He also stated that the Whitehall Wildlife Management Committee is looking at environmental issues related to recycling. Just because recycling isn't profitable, doesn't mean it shouldn't be done.

RECESS

The meeting recessed to executive session for a matter of litigation at 7:35 PM.

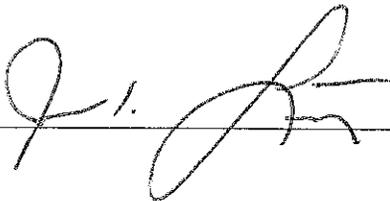
ADJORNMENT:

M-10 Mrs. DePuy moved, seconded by Mr. Wotus to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

READ AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF JULY 17, 2019:

Manager

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

