

**BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL**  
**Notice of Meeting**  
**January 6, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall will meet Monday, January 6, 2021, at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for a reorganization meeting.

**AGENDA FOR REORGANIZATION MEETING**

January 6, 2021

- 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 – Veith
- VIII. Consideration of the Minutes of December 16, 2020
- IX. Citizens' Requests - Call In  
United States:+1 (872) 240-3412  
Access Code: 840-157-933
- X. Other Business Properly Brought Before Council:
  - A. Committee Assignments
  - B. 2021 Wage & Salary Ordinance
  - C. 2021 Tax Millage Ordinance
- XI. New Business
- XII. Adjournment

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## BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL

Reorganization Meeting January 6, 2021

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall met at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Monday, January 6, 2021, at 7:00 PM, for a reorganization meeting. President Nagy called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Linda J. Book  
Kathleen N. DePuy  
Philip J. Lahr  
Robert J. McKown  
Glenn P. Nagy  
William J. Veith  
John A. Wotus (via telephone)  
James F. Nowalk, Mayor  
Irving S. Firman, Solicitor  
Scott Rusmisl, Engineer

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST AWARDS:

Mrs. DePuy recognized the winners of the Borough's annual Christmas Decoration Contest. This year the judging process was done separately and a Zoom meeting was held to select the winners. There were over 40 nominations this year and letters were sent to all nominees. This year's winners were as follows:

Best Christmas Party - 4296 Seton Street – Kevin & Claire Kehr – “The Kehr House”  
Best White Decorations - 4698 Echo Glen Drive – Michael & Deloris Kadrie “The Kadrie House”  
Best Light Show - 4673 Echo Glen Drive – Adrienne Delallo – “The Delallo House”  
Best Colored Lights - 315 Maxwell Drive – Richard & Jennifer Colwell – The Colwell House”  
Best Classic - 4560 West Lawnview Avenue – Adam & Kathleen Barone – “The Barone House”  
Spirit of Christmas - 4836 Frich Drive – Scott & Louise Wolf – “The Wolf House”  
Honorable Mention - 5150 McRoberts Road – Jonathan Lippert – “The Lippert House”  
Honorable Mention for Largest Deer - 4445 E. Barlind Drive – Donald Madeja Jr. “The Madeja House”

REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

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

Mr. Nagy turned the meeting over to Mayor Nowalk to conduct the election of officers for 2021.

Mayor Nowalk called for nominations for President of Council for 2021. Mr. Lahr nominated Mr. McKown. Mr. Veith seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Mayor Nowalk asked for a vote on Mr. McKown's nomination. The vote was unanimous for Mr. McKown to serve as President of Council in 2021.

Mr. Wotus will remain Vice President of Council for 2021.

Mayor Nowalk turned the meeting over to President McKown.

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 January 6, 2021 for \$185,961.94 from the General Fund, \$23,579.64 from the Storm Sewer Fund; \$35,800.02 from the Sanitary Sewer Fund and \$9,863.19 from the Asset Forfeiture Fund be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

M-2 Mr. Veith moved, seconded by Ms. Book, that checks and transfers for \$56,950.01 from the General Fund; \$479.67 the Sanitary Sewer Fund, \$4,430.00 from the Capital Projects Fund and \$116,164.48 from the Payroll Fund be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.

M-3 Mr. Veith moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr, that General Fund payroll for the period ending December 18, 2020, for \$138,437.41 as presented to Council on January 6, 2021, be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.

M-4 Mr. Veith moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr, that General Fund payroll for the period ending December 31, 2021, for \$161,067.02 as presented to Council on January 6, 2021, be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

M-5 Mr. Lahr moved, seconded by Mr. Veith to approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2020 Council Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously

CITIZENS' REQUESTS:

None.

MANAGER:

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

- Wage/Salary Ordinance – The 2021 Wage & Salary Ordinance has been on public display for the past three weeks. It will be presented to Council in summary form for adoption.
- M-6 Mr. Lahr moved, seconded by Ms. Book to read the Ordinance in summary form. The motion carried unanimously.
- M-7 After the reading of the Ordinance, Mr. Lahr moved for adoption. Ms. Book seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Ms. Book, Mrs. DePuy, Mr. Lahr, Mr. McKown, Mr. Nagy, Mr. Veith and Mr. Wotus voted yes. The motion carried unanimously. The Ordinance No. is 1139.
- Tax Levy Ordinance – The 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance has been on display for the past three weeks. It calls for a tax rate of 4.42 mils, which is the same as the past few years.
- M-8 Mr. Lahr moved, seconded by Ms. Book to read the Ordinance in summary form. The motion carried unanimously.
- M-9 After the reading of the Ordinance, Mr. Lahr moved for adoption. Ms. Book seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Ms. Book, Mrs. DePuy, Mr. Lahr, Mr. McKown, Mr. Nagy, Mr. Veith and Mr. Wotus voted yes. The motion carried unanimously. The Ordinance No. is 1140.
- MOU – Three Rivers Wet Weather has prepared a Memorandum of Understanding between Baldwin Borough, Brentwood Borough, the PWSA, the West Mifflin Sanitary Sewer Authority and Whitehall. The MOU outlines the process that the entities would take to apply for an ALCOSAN GROW grant to make repairs to the Streets Run Interceptor prior to ALOCSAN assuming ownership of the line. The MOU does not obligate the entities to perform the repairs, it simply spells out the various responsibilities each faces with respect to the grant application. A separate MOU will be required should the grant be approved.
- M-10 Mr. Lahr moved, seconded by Mr. Veith to authorize Council President and Borough Manager to sign the MOU. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL:

Mr. Lahr read the names of the officers of the Library Board for 2021.

Mayor Nowalk read a letter from a resident on Frich Drive applauding the two gentlemen that collect trash in the Borough for purchasing toys to be given out to children in the are for Christmas.

Mayor Nowalk stated that he was asked to help celebrate a resident's birthday by writing a letter.

Mayor Nowalk read a letter from a resident thanking Officer Morosetti for his assistance in a recent matter.

President McKown announced the committee assignments for 2021 as follows: Administrative Services – Chair Mr. Wotus; Public Safety – Chair Mr. Lahr; Public Works – Chair Mr. Nagy; Planning and Zoning – Chair Mrs. DePuy, Library – Chair Ms. Book and Recreation – Chair Mr. Veith.

2021 Agenda Items for each committee are as follows:

Administrative Services – Pool Financing, Manager succession plan and Administrative Assistant hire.

Public Safety – Chief succession plan, Deputy Chief succession plan, ongoing contract negotiations and civil service testing.

Public Works – Potential sale of the sanitary sewer system and Streets Run Road project.

Planning and Zoning – Fireworks Ordinances

Recreation – Parks projects and grant management, Pool Design.

Delegates/Alternates to related organizations for 2021 are as follows:

ALOM/ACBA – Ms. Book/Mrs. DePuy

PSAB – Ms. Book/Mrs. DePuy

Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Wotus/Mr. McKown

MRTSA – Mr. McKown/Mr. Lahr

SHACOG – Mr. Veith/Ms. Book

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. DePuy stated that there was recently an article in the PSAB Magazine about Mr. Firman, noting his expertise in zoning matters. She is looking forward to working with him on the Planning & Zoning Committee this year.

Mr. Lahr inquired about getting a cost estimate from Gateway Engineers to demo the existing pool and prepare the ground for a new pool. Mr. Rusmisl stated that he could procure a cost for demo and stabilization. This would expedite the process for work in 2022. Council agreed.

Elected officials and staff reminisced on the important contributions of former Chief Schmitt

ADJOURNMENT:

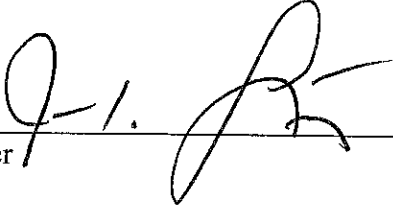
Mr. Firman requested an executive session.

M-11 Mr. Veith moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr to adjourn the meeting in honor of Chief Schmitt. The motion carried unanimously.

President McKown adjourned the meeting at 7:49 PM.

READ AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF JANUARY 20, 2021.

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Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. L. Schmitt", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

