

## BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL

Regular Meeting September 1, 2021

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall met at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 7:00 PM, for a regular meeting. President McKown called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President McKown 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  
John A. Wotus  
James F. Nowalk, Mayor  
Irving S. Firman, Solicitor  
Scott Rusmiser, Engineer

STAFF:

James E. Leventry, Manager  
Courtney M. Wertz, Assistant Manager  
Jason C. Gagorik, Chief of Police  
Alyssa M. Rogalla, Administrative Assistant

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS & PAYROLL:

- M-1 Mr. Wotus moved, seconded by Ms. Book, that the bills contained on the bill list presented to Council on September 1, 2021 for \$77,286.60 from the General Fund, \$30,160.05 from the Storm Sewer Fund, \$124,159.78 from the Sanitary Sewer Fund, \$1,930.00 from the Doverdell Drive Storm Sewer Fund, and \$36,254.43 from the Capital Projects Fund be approved. The motion carried unanimously.
- M-2 Mr. Wotus moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr, that checks and transfers for \$11,401.44 from the General Fund, and \$48,801.36 from the Payroll Fund be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.
- M-3 Mr. Wotus moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr that General Fund payroll for the period ending August 27, 2021 for \$151,439.56 as presented to Council on September 1, 2021 be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

M-4 Mr. Lahr moved, seconded by Ms. Book to approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2021 Council Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS:

Earl Danielson, 300 Weyman Road, appeared before Council representing Caste Village and businesses there. Mr. Danielson explained that due to an Ordinance in Whitehall, some game machines located in his business are considered illegal. Mr. Danielson stated these machines are registered by the Borough and would like Council to review the document he has prepared and get back to him with a decision.

Mr. McKown stated Council will take this under consideration.

MAYOR:

Mayor Nowalk presented his report for August 2021:

EMS Assists .....	176
Court/Hearings/Pretrial . . . . .	65
Accidents . . . . .	14
Criminal Arrests.(DUI - 4) . . . . .	17
Traffic Stops . . . . .	97
Traffic Details . . . . .	37
Written Traffic Citations. . . . .	60
Written Warnings Traffic Violations. . . . .	71

Total amount of money collected and turned over to the Borough during August 2021, amounted to \$4,374.98 The breakdown is as follows:

MVC from District Magistrate .....	\$977.26
Crimes Code & Code Violations from District Magistrate....	\$908.83
Parking Fines .....	\$600.00
Copies .....	\$345.00
Fines from Clerk of Courts .....	\$1,443.89

Mayor Nowalk stated that Chief Gagorik reports Deputy Chief Gaebel and Sergeant Budd attended a one-day course on Crisis Management for school incidents. The program discussed how to effectively respond to an emergency involving a school facility, specifically the importance of establishing a reunification center for children and parents.

Mayor Nowalk stated that Chief Gagorik reports tomorrow is the first day of school for the Baldwin-Whitehall School District. Chief Gagorik met with all school administrators last week to review school operation plans for the new year.

Mayor Nowalk stated that he received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe with a \$6,000 donation to benefit the K-9 program.

Mayor Nowalk stated that he received a letter from a Baldwin resident with an enclosed check of \$100 for the Police Department. The resident thanked the Whitehall Police, specifically Sergeant Budd for his assistance.

Deputy Fire Chief, Nick Price, gave a fire report.

Mr. Price stated the Fire Company had a total of 11 calls during the storm today.

Mayor Nowalk discussed the Whitehall Committee for Environmental Action Facebook page. The Mayor's office is responsible for this account.

Mayor Nowalk introduced a Resolution to be adopted honoring Shirley A. Warner on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

M-5 Mr. Lahr moved, seconded by Mr. Wotus for Mayor Nowalk to read the Resolution in full. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Nowalk read the Resolution in full.

M-6 Mr. Wotus moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr to adopt the Resolution as is. Mr. McKown asked for a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously. The Resolution No. is 1000.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Firman requested an Executive Session after the meeting for matters of litigation.

ENGINEER:

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

- Streets Run Storm Sewer Construction – A. Folino reconstructed the sidewalk and driveway at 406 Street Run. The wall cap was poured at 396. Additional asphalt is needed at 406 and 407 Street Run. Engineers received the certified payroll from the landscaper the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> and can now approve Pay Application No. 4.
- M-7 Moved by Mr. Wotus, seconded by Ms. Book to approve Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$106,954.33 for the Streets Run Storm Sewer Improvements Contract to A. Folino Construction, Inc. Mr. Lahr opposed the motion. The motion passed 6-1.
- Pool Evaluation – Pool Demolition has been completed. Engineers are finalizing the NPDES permit plans and application for submission to Allegheny County Conservation District. Engineers are finalizing the land development plans for submission to the planning commission.

Mr. Rusmisl asked Council if they would like to review samples for the pool at the September 15, 2021 Council Meeting.

Council will review the samples from Gateway at the next meeting.

MANAGER:

Mr. Leventry stated Council, Staff, and Engineers have done good work with storm sewer projects over the years as there was minimal damage to homes during the storm.

ASSISTANT MANAGER:

- Prospect Park Phase II – Public Works employees have confirmed they are willing and able to perform the work necessary for Prospect Park Phase II. However, the infield demolition/grass replacement is more extensive than originally thought. Topsoil, fertilizer, and seed will be needed at an estimated cost not to exceed \$8,000. This is not in the 2021 Budget.
- M-8 Moved by Mr. Wotus, seconded by Ms. Book to authorize the additional expenditure for Prospect Park Phase II. The motion carried unanimously.

- Union Park Phase I – The Parks Committee recommends authorizing Gateway Engineers to design Union Park Phase I this Fall so the project may be put to bid in early 2022.
- M-9 Moved by Mr. Wotus, seconded by Mr. Veith to authorize Gateway to proceed with the design for Union Park Phase I contingent on a cost estimate. The motion carried unanimously.
- Brennan Plaza – The Parks Committee discussed the need for improvements at Brennan Plaza, specifically – landscaping, expansion of the bleacher seating, removal and replacement of existing concreted areas and new electrical/lights for the flag. Ms. Wertz prepared two options for consideration as an Add Alternate in the Pool Construction bid.
- M-10 Moved by Mr. Veith, seconded by Ms. Book to authorize proceeding with adding option 2 as an Add Alternate to the pool construction bid. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

No Report.

PLANNING & ZONING:

No Report.

LIBRARY:

Ms. Book stated the Love Your Library program began this week.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mr. Lahr stated that Chief Gagorik reports the Police Department will be reimbursed for overtime expenses related to civil disturbance and unrest activities that occurred in 2020. The reimbursement will be awarded through the Emergency Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Grant. The Police Department should receive approximately \$1,500, which equals 50% of the costs incurred by the Department.

RECREATION:

Mr. Veith stated that the Touch-a-Truck event will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021.

DELEGATE REPORTS

ACBA – Ms. Book stated that the membership meeting will be held at the South Hills Country Club on December 2, 2021. The annual banquet will be held on February 5, 2022.

PSAB – Ms. Book referenced an article from the Borough News about a service that sends text message and email alerts for legislative updates.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Mr. McKown stated that the golf outing is September 13, 2021 and there are over 100 participants.

MRTSA – None.

SHACOG – Mr. Veith stated that there was no quorum at the recent meeting, therefore no action could be taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Lahr thanked Council, Mr. Leventry, Administration, and Engineers for all their achievements for the Borough of Whitehall.

ADJORNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

READ AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2021:

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Manager