

BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL

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Reorganization Meeting January 4, 2023

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall met at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 7:00 PM, for a reorganization meeting. President DePuy 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
 Stone Sobieralski
 William J. Veith
 Irving S. Firman, Solicitor
 Scott Rusmiser, Engineer

Absent: James F. Nowalk, Mayor

STAFF: Courtney M. Wertz, Manager
 Kurt L. Gaebel, Deputy Chief of Police
 Alyssa M. Rogalla, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Jason Gagorik, Chief of Police

CITIZENS' REQUESTS:

None.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST AWARDS:

Mrs. DePuy recognized the winners of the Borough's annual Christmas House Decoration Contest. The following winners attended the Council Meeting to receive their certificate:

Best Overall – 5359 Baptist Road, Carol & David Palmer – “The Palmer House”
 Best Retro Lights – 4734 Jewel Drive, Harry & Susan Fisher – “The Fisher House”
 Best Character – 4811 Carlyn Drive, John Fisher – “The Fisher House”

The following winners will be mailed their certificates:

Best Traditional – 1053 Augusta Way, John & Margaret Vanwert – “The Vanwert House”
 Best Colored Lights – 5333 Fieldcrest Drive, Albert & Catherine Mader – “The Mader House”
 Best White Lights – 3042 Woodridge Drive, Craig & Kimberly Collins - “The Collins House”

Best Manger – 5210 Caste Drive, Thomas & Kristen Iaquina - “The Iaquina House”
Honorable Mention – 1004 Dallet Road, Todd Aston-Reese – “The Aston-Reese House”
Honorable Mention – 1100 Prospect Road, Thaddeus, Matthew, & Patrick Moskal – “The Moskal House”

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, 2023 for \$225,486.68 from the General Fund, \$27,094.32 from the Storm Sewer Fund, \$60,244.97 from the Sanitary Sewer Fund, and \$50,732.64 from the Capital Project Fund be approved. The motion carried unanimously.
- M-2 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr, that checks and transfers for \$54,683.28 from the General Fund and \$71,008.79 from the Payroll Fund be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.
- M-3 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book, that General Fund payroll for the period ending December 30, 2022 for \$167,675.09 as presented to Council on January 4, 2023 be ratified. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

Mr. McKown stated that the motion made on page 7 should read “approval to prepare the change order for the changing room partitions at the swimming pool.”

- M-4 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2022 Council Meeting with correction. The motion carried unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL:

Ms. Wertz stated that the motion to enter in phase II and phase II Agreement with PFM Financial Advisors has been tabled at the last two Council Meetings and has been placed on the agenda tonight for consideration.

- M-5 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr to postpone entering into Phase II and Phase III with PFM Financial Advisors until further information becomes available. Mr. Nagy, Mr. Veith, and Mr. Sobieralski voted no. The motion passed 4-3.

Mr. Veith stated that Chief Gagorik reports that Officer Ryan Griffin has completed his one-year probationary period on January 3, 2023 and continues to satisfactorily perform his duties as a patrol officer.

- M-6 Mr. Veith moved, seconded by Mr. McKown to retain Officer Ryan Griffin after his one-year probationary period. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER:

- Phase II Storm Water (MS4 Permit) – Engineers are finalizing construction plans and bid documents for the Public Works Garage trench drain separation project.
- M-7 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book to advertise for bids for the Public Works trench drain separation project. The motion carried unanimously.
- Pollution Reduction Plan – Engineers received the general permit approval for Streets Run Road on November 4. Engineers have permits for both stream improvement projects. Bid documents are completed and ready for bidding.
- M-8 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book to advertise for bids for the Streets Run and Sawmill Run Stream Improvements Project. The motion carried unanimously.
- Campus Railing Improvements – Independent Enterprises, Inc. submitted their 1st Pay Application. Certified payrolls have been received.
- M-9 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Mr. Lahr to approve Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$40,500.00 for the Campus Railing Improvements Project to Independent Enterprises, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sobieralski requested an Executive Session regarding matters of potential litigation.

NEW BUSINESS:

President DePuy announced the committee assignments for 2023 as follows: Administrative Services – Chair Mr. Nagy; Public Safety – Chair Mr. McKown; Public Works – Chair Mr. Lahr; Planning and Zoning – Chair Mr. Veith; Library – Chair Mr. Sobieralski; and Recreation – Chair Ms. Book.

Delegates/Alternates to related organizations for 2023 are as follows:

ALOM/ACBA – Ms. Book/Mrs. DePuy
 PSAB – Ms. Book/Mrs. DePuy
 Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Sobieralski/Mr. McKown
 MRTSA – Mr. McKown/Mr. Lahr
 SHACOG – Mr. Veith/Ms. Book

Parks Committee – Mayor Nowalk, Mrs. DePuy, Mr. Sobieralski and Ms. Book.

RECESS:

M-10 Mr. McKown moved, seconded by Ms. Book to recess the meeting to Executive Session.
The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 7:23 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 PM.

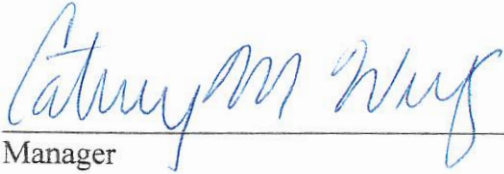
No action was taken.

ADJOURMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

READ AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF JANUARY 18, 2023.



Manager

