

TOWN OF WHITEHALL
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April 12th, 2021

Approved

The Whitehall Town Council held their regular meeting in the Council Chambers at 207 East Legion Street, Monday, April 12th, 2021

PRESENT: Council Members: Katy James, Pat Peterson, Roy McBride acting mayor, Logan Reiff, and Treasurer Allissa Christensen.

VISITORS: Kory Klapan, Lori Young, Leonard Wortman. Maxine Samuelson, Linda Jung, Liz Pullman, Brittney Martinez, Karen Burch, Doctor Sacry, Joel Andrews, Bill Lanes, Jim Buterbaugh, Sue Pullman, Holly Harper and Bridget and Dale Mores.

Acting Mayor Roy McBride called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call was taken. All council members were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Added Jefferson Valley Rural Ambulance District to the agenda.

Katy made motion to approve the Agenda with Shawn seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Pat motioned to approve the March 2021, minutes with Shawn seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. REPORTS:

Mayor's Report:

Roy McBride (Acting Mayor:) Mary is not here, she is gone until the end of the month visiting her grandkids. I would just like to say I really appreciate the work that Allissa and Brittney have done the last month to get everything squared away. They put a lot of time and energy into what they do so, I think they need to be congratulated for that and on that side, I don't get to do that very often.

Officer's Reports:Attorney Report:

Ed: As far as the criminal side of things being reported to me by Ryan Lorenz, he handles the prosecution on behalf of the Town. Everything seems to be running smoothly which is exactly what I want to not hear about is any problems so, that's awesome. I have a couple of issues I am working on for the town that have to do with some zoning issues and trying to get things squared away and we just need to get the map coordinated with what is on the ground and that effort will begin tonight and continue until we get it figured out.

Clerk / Treasurer's Report:

Allissa: I am still training with Full Court Enterprise for the court. It is a lot, but I will get it. I have been answering emails. Taxes are paid. Website maintenance, daily day to day claims. I did get some good news, I heard back from the IRS, this is just regarding the 2015 penalties and they have waved all the penalties and fees which came to \$ 27, 065.44. I have not heard as far as anything else, but this was good news. I have been working on budget. If anyone has any questions my door is always open.

Shawn: Allissa, was that the monster of the penalties, wasn't it?

Allissa: Yes, that was about half.

Public Work's Report:

Kory: I Will start with water. We repaired a leak down in Legion Park, it was a curb stop I believe for the old sprinkler. We just ended up shutting it off at the cord cock. Took water quarterly samples on the 6th and bacteria samples the same day. I took the last round of water treatment samples. There was quite a few of those. We found the curb stop to the grocery store finally and we have been looking for it for quite a while. We poured concrete around it so, we won't lose it again. We hooked up 2 new residents to water. For sewer we took quarterly samples the 6th and did DMR's the 26th. The lagoon cell one is 4.5 feet, cell two is 7.5 and cell three is 4.5. We put the pivot back together, we had to fix a couple sprinkler heads and replace a couple of nozzles on it. The cemetery, we filled in 10 more graves, the fence we replaced some rails where a car slid into it this last winter, cleaned up around the concrete building, and we do have a new headstone we have to replace that we poured concrete around on Yellowstone. the beaver dames are retaining water up against the road, that's an issue, the way that works is we have

to declare that a disaster so we can drain that water from along the road and get someone in to drain it down about three feet and change the whole base of the road. I did call and schedule some mastic for the pot holes. That worked really well last year so, he is going to get back to me next week and we can probably do them right away. At the pool we fixed the landscaping out front with the rocks and put some 4x4 boarders around it. At the REC complex, we started trimming all that sage brush out of the fences but we still have a way to go on it. We changed oil and serviced the mini John Deer, the excavator and the skid steer.

Fire Chief's Report:

No report.

Sherriff's report:

No report.

Committee / Board Reports:

Planning Board:

See minutes.

Recreational Complex Board:

No meeting.

Pool Board:

See minutes.

Trees, Parks and Cemetery:

See minutes.

Water/Sewer/Garbage and Streets/Alley/Sidewalks:

See minutes.

T.I.F.F:

See minutes.

CTAC:

No meeting.

VII. Public Comment:

Liz Pullman: Who is leaving? Because of your ad in the paper, it says there is an opening for Ward 2.

Allissa: What happened is Bill lives in ward 1 but is appointed in ward 2. This was brought to our attention by the County that is why Bill is sitting in the audience and not up here. We have to advertise that seat and then we will see what we have to do after that.

VIII. Consent Agenda:

Planning Board:

Karen Burtch / Variance for mountain view Real Estate / 208 2nd St. West / Approved

Keelan Wilson / Application for replacement of existing structure & new structure / 101 S. Main / Approved.

David Jones / Addition to existing structure / 411 W. 1st St. / Approved.

Linda Jung / Consideration for joining the planning board / Approved.

Joel Andrews / 311 N Whitehall St. / Fence permit / tabled.

Joel Andrews / building permit / 311 N. Whitehall St. / tabled.

Business License

Shawn Smith / Business License application / Residential Cleaning / Approved.

Fire Department

Brenda Palmer

Morgan punchard

Katy made a motion to approve with Pat seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. PRESENTATIONS

Holly Harper/ JVRAD

Doctor Sacry/ Subdivision annexation.

X. Unfinished Business

A. Council discussion and determination on the renewal of the Sherriff's Contract.

Council discussed and voted to keep the contract amount where it is and to continue negotiations. Bill and Katy both got up to speak against cutting it. For more see recording.

Shawn motioned to keep the amount at \$112,000.00 & keep negotiating with Logan seconding.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

XI. New Business:

A. Council discussion and determination on declaring the flooding on Yellowstone trail a disaster.

Shawn asked about where the money would come from to fix it. Kory said the BARSSA grant money was for that.

Pat motioned to approve with Shawn seconding.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

- B. Council discussion and determination of proposed Budget Amendment Resolution 2021-4.

Pat motioned to approve with Logan seconding.

- C. Council discussion and determination of 4-wheeler for public works for weed spraying. Katy motioned to discuss with Pat seconding. They discussed how it would be used and how it would help productivity.

Logan motioned to approve with Shawn seconding.

Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Council discussion and determination on hiring a City Planner for the Town. Katy motioned to discuss with Pat seconding. There was discussion about the price of the planner and what the planner would do for the town. For full discussion, see recording.

Katy motioned to approve with Pat seconding.

Motion passed unanimously.

XII. BILL/ CLAIM APPROVAL LIST TO BE SIGNED BY ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pat made a motion to approve the bill claim approval list with Shawn seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

XIII. Adjourn:

Shawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 with Logan seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Mary Hensleigh

Date

Town Clerk Treasurer

Date