

TOWN OF WHITEHALL
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NOVEMBER 9TH, 2020

The Whitehall Town Council held their regular meeting in the Council Chambers at 207 East Legion Street, Monday November 9th, 2020.

PRESENT: Council Members: Roy McBride, Bill Lanes, Logan Reiff, Shawn Hoagland, Mayor Mary Hensleigh and Town Treasurer Allissa Christensen.

VISITORS: Joe Granvold Fire Chief, Dale & Bridget Morse.

Mayor Mary Hensleigh called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call was taken. All Council Members were present except for Katy James and Pat Peterson who were excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Roy made motion to approve the Agenda with Shawn seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Logan motioned to approve the October 9th, 2020 minutes with Roy seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. REPORTS:**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor: I would like to thank the 240 people who voted for the mill levy. Unfortunately, it did not pass. We would have needed 48 more votes to have passed it, so we will just have to try again. I do appreciate every one who voted thank you. Elections have consequences as we all know. I have met with Sheriff Doolittle, he will be coming to our December meeting to offer his proposal. I told him the Council had to cut everybody's budgets and would have to cut his as well. He will be coming to make his proposal in December, we will have to make a decision because we have to let the County know by January first before the contract expires the end of June. We will be closed on Veteran's Day on Wednesday, so I thought since we are closed why not have surgery! So, I am having my second hip replacement on Thursday. I will be out for a few days maybe a week, but I bounced right back after the first surgery so I am hoping I will this time to. I will be in contact with the office by phone. The clerks and public works always do a great job so I have no worries.

Officer's Reports:**Attorney Report:**

No report.

Clerk / Treasurer's Report:

Allissa: So, I have been busy organizing and learning Summers job so tomorrow Todd is coming in to train us and I am looking forward to that and working on court stuff. Every thing is pretty good so I am learning what I can and if you have any questions let me know.

Public Work's Report:

Kory: There were two water leaks in Town on the home owners' side. Our level indicator in our main tanks freeze up some times so I ended up changing out a hose from the tank to the actual sensor that turns the pumps on. We did do our monthly and quarterly water samples; we got a new I Pad to read the meters so we can e mail them right from where I am at. This saves us a lot of time instead of coming back here to email it. We ordered about twenty-five hundred dollars of water parts that we used over the past six months; they will be in next week. Sewer I took quarterly samples out at the lagoon and we spent about six days total now we pulling all the brush out of cell one, there was quite a bit. About three truck loads and then we weedeated everything from around the cells so we still have two and three to go. I think it will probably be spring before we do it. The 8th and 9th we took the Ford dump truck in. The front seal was leaking so it should be fixed tomorrow. The Cemetery we had one cremation grave. Some one has been knocking over our no parking on grass signs, they have been knocked over three times in two weeks. We had a person on community service clean up the Cemetery and Legion Park. We cleaned alleys between First and Second and half way thru Legion and First.

Fire Chief's Report:

Joe: In October we had one fatality call on the Interstate, we had eight wrecks, two City smokes, two structure fires, one in Town and one out of Town, one gas leak in the City, and three semi fires. So far in November, we have had three wrecks, one fatality and one semi fire. One big problem we have is like

the tow truck drivers in Billings. People are not paying attention to the tow truck drivers, police, fire and ambulance crews on the side of the roads. We have been good about lighting them up and stopping them pretty fast but if everyone can please watch out for the signs on the roads and be aware. Some people are going through these places at 60 mph plus and someone is going to get killed. The grants we have on the SCBA's and radios I just talked to her today, and I have one more thing to do thru FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) I have to sign up for something but pretty much every thing else is done. They will have me the final copy by next week. Once I approve that, she expects it to be submitted by the end of December to sometime in January. Hopefully four to six weeks after that we will know so hopefully that goes thru. The Title Four money that I told you guys was supposed to go through the royalty we should get that back around March. We will use that to get the rest of the wild land gear we wanted to get. The command vehicle the mine donated to us just got radios in that this last week and Round Ford is putting the lights and decals on it for us.

Sherriff's Report:

No report.

Committee / Board Reports:

Planning Board:

Mary: Most of the Boards don't meet in the winter. The only ones that met was Sewer, Water, Garbage and Streets, Alleys, and Sidewalks.

Roy: we talked about the water plant that is an on-going conversation all the time. There were no adjustments or anything for water bills or sewer bills. We talked about the alleys getting them done. We spent \$1,400.00 on sand for the streets.

Recreational Complex Board:

No meeting.

Pool Board:

No meeting.

Trees, Parks and Cemetery:

No meeting.

Water/Sewer/Garbage:

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Streets/Alley/Sidewalks:

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T.I.F.F.:

Bridget: The board met on October 24. We discussed updates on projects being done. Liberty Place is about 90% done on the painting being done on the outside. The Veterans is done. The Blue Bird Sky Coffee is working on getting there fencing and some signage up their not quite there yet.

Mary: The fence is up but not the signage.

Bridget: Yes, I saw that yesterday when I drove by.

Mary: Yes it looks really nice.

Bridget: Mary located some signs and brackets from Copper City Signs for \$4,006.00 for 36 signs. The Christmas one was an extra expense, but was still within our budget. We talked about next month trying to get grants for our sidewalks. Jeff Janacaro gave a presentation on erosion control at the bike park and what he could do there. We motioned to give him two years to fix the burms and move dirt from below and remake new burms and fix the parking area and drainage. Two men and equipment for forty hours. We motioned for \$6,000.00, hopefully that will cover all that to be done. On tables and benches for the bike park we are waiting on them to be delivered for Kory to stain and assemble them. Kory wanted to remove stumps and weed block and gravel and a table around the pool area and also paint the stripe from basically the pool around the corner in front of the school so people will stay on their side of the road so we are allocating some funds for that. We had a grant request from Brad Jones for his project at 7 North A Street and we allocated up to \$15,000.00 for a one-to-one match for just demolition and removal of all the buildings at that location.

Mary: We also have new signs coming for the bike park and we also have a new Cemetery sign coming with Cemetery spelled correctly this time.

CTAC:

No meeting.

VII. Public Comment:

No comments.

VIII. Consent Agenda:

Planning Board

Ryan Strozzi / new shop and storage for business / approved.

Business License

Headwaters LLC / selling insurance to businesses / approved.

Body Symmetry / massage therapy / Brandy Yates / approved.

BBG Cleaning / home cleaning / approved.

New Office Hire

Billing Clerk / new hire / Brittney Martinez / approved.

IX. PRESENTATIONS

None

X. Old Business

None

XI. New Business

RECORDING STOPPED

- A. Discuss and Council determination of new purchase order policy.

Roy motioned to discuss with Logan seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- B. Discuss and Council determination on approval of new lights for the Public Works building.

Logan motioned to discuss with Shawn seconding.

Logan motioned to approve lights for the outside and inside of the shop, not for the pump houses. Roy seconded.

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- C. Discuss and Council determination on sale of 16 pairs of extrication pants from the Fire Department to Jefferson Valley EMS for \$40.00 a pair for a total of \$640.00. The money will go to the Fire Department.

Logan motioned to discuss with Roy seconding.

Shawn motioned to approve with Logan seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Logan made a motion to approve the bill claim approval with Roy seconding

XIII. Adjourn:

Roy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm with Roy seconding.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Mary Hensleigh

Date

Town Clerk or Treasurer

Date