

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2014

PRESENT: Bartholomew, Cabala, Hatch, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, Smith, Whalen

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Sweeting, City Manager Huebler, City Clerk Bourdon, and Police Chief Squiers.

Mayor Hatch called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Smith called for a moment of silence for Joanne Hatch.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve the agenda. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Whalen requested to add Collene Lamonte's title, State Representative, to reflect the gravity of her report in the public comment section.

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve the amended April 8, 2014 minutes. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Smith, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$ 98,952.79 and checks be drawn in their several amounts. Roll Call Vote: Yes - Bartholomew, Smith, Whalen, Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, and Hatch; No: None; Absent: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ambulance Authority Minutes, Brownfield Minutes, Downtown Advisory, LDFA Minutes, MAF Minutes, Solid Waste Minutes, Tannery Update, TIFA Minutes, Wastewater Minutes.

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, that the communications be received and placed on file. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Huebler reported that student representatives were not present because of their double-overtime soccer game that ended in a 0-0 tie. He also reported that the tree planting for Arbor Day would commence on Friday, April 25 at 1:00 pm at the Meinhardi building.

Huebler reported that the soil sample from Fetch came back clean. He also shared the comments that were sent to the DEQ, after conferring with the Mayor, on the Ellenwood sediment barrier application.

Sikkenga commented on the work being done on Lake Street hoping that this round would be better.

Cabala reported that today was Earth Day. She also alerted all to be on the lookout for a public meeting slated for June 25th regarding the delisting of White Lake and an update on Dupont on June 16th. She also reported that she will be presenting to local governments on what the delisting means for White Lake.

Cabala asked Huebler about the 1,000 tons of debris that Genesco has to remove and when they will do that. Huebler reported that he would follow-up on that.

Bartholomew appreciated the comments that Huebler submitted to DEQ for the Ellenwood sediment barrier application.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 14-06: Ambulance Authority Budget

Cabala commented that it was difficult to make sense of the budget especially since there was no comparison to last year. She also commented that the bad debt was quite high. Bartholomew added that the high debt is common. Sikkenga added that they will be changing the way they carry bad debt based on recommendations from the auditor.

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Smith, CARRIED, that Resolution 14-06, Ambulance Authority Budget, be adopted by Whitehall City Council. Roll call vote: Yes – Bartholomew, Smith, Whalen, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, and Hatch; No – Cabala; Absent – none.

B. Resolution 14-07: Brush Pickup Contract

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, that Resolution 14-07, Brush Pickup Contract, be adopted by Whitehall City Council. Roll call vote: Yes – Bartholomew, Smith, Whalen, Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, and Hatch; No – none; Absent – none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Students from Montague High School's government class introduced themselves and described their class assignment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Smith, supported by Bartholomew that the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:47 p.m. All ayes.

Emery M. Hatch, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk