

CITY OF WHITEHALL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 13, 2015

PRESENT: Bartholomew, Cabala, Hatch, Holmstrom, Salter, Sikkenga and Whalen

ALSO PRESENT: Student Representative Alexis Snyder, Student Representative Lachlan Moore, City Attorney Sweeting, City Manager Huebler, Police Chief Squiers and City Clerk Bourdon

Mayor Hatch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

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

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Whalen, CARRIED, to approve the September 22 meeting minutes. All ayes.

#### APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$257,212.43 and checks be drawn in their several amounts.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Bartholomew, Salter, Whalen, Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, and Hatch; No – None; Absent – None.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Charter Communications, Dennis Luce Campaign, Friends of the Playhouse, J. Hanner Letter, LDFA, Muskegon County Wastewater, Planning Commission, WLFA Budget

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

Council Member Bartholomew requested that the J. Hanner issue be put on the next agenda.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Connell, 818 Alice Street, requested that now that the council chamber is all put back together that the flags be placed in the proper location – American flag to the right of the speakers and the State flag to the left.

## MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Council Member Cabala reported that she attended the Community Wellness Meeting which was interesting and questioned how the city can connect with the community wellness initiative. She also reported that on October 21, the Sustainability Network will have a meeting at 6 pm at the Library where a ban on single use plastic bags will be discussed. On November 12, the White Lake Environmental Network will host a public meeting at White River Township from 6:30 – 8 pm where Dupont will provide an update.

Student Representative Lachlan Moore introduced himself and provided background on his school activities and college plans.

Council Member Sikkenga commented that chickens were brought up at the planning commission without success and he would like it brought to the council at the next meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen announced that Dennis Babcock had passed, former Whitehall Township supervisor, who was a big proponent of Heritage Park. Whalen was glad to see that Babcock was able to see that project completed.

Council Member Salter reported that he attended the first anniversary celebration of Fetch which was a successful event and looks forward to more.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Tag Day Request

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Salter, CARRIED, to approve the tag day request from Montague DECA for Saturday, November 7, 2015 to raise money for Every Women's Place. All ayes.

B. RAP Grant

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to approve the Risk Avoidance Program application for push bumpers on police patrol vehicles. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Salter, Whalen, Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, Bartholomew, and Hatch; No – None; Absent – None.

C. Resolution 15-20 Tree Maintenance

Motion by Bartholomew, seconded by Whalen, CARRIED, to approve Resolution 15-20 awarding the 2015 Tree maintenance bid to Borgman Tree Service for the bid of \$5,665. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Whalen, Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, Bartholomew, Salter, and Hatch; No – None; Absent – None.

D. Resolution 15-21 Tree Planting

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve Resolution 15-21 awarding the 2015 Tree planting bid to Weesies Brothers Farm for the bid of \$1,838. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Cabala, Holmstrom, Sikkenga, Bartholomew, Salter, Whalen and Hatch; No – None; Absent – None.

E. Resolution 15-22 Pedestrian Foot Bridge

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Cabala, CARRIED, to approve Resolution 15-22 awarding the 2015 Pedestrian Foot Bridge bid to Conroy Builders for the bid of \$14,985. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Holmstrom, Sikkenga, Bartholomew, Salter, Whalen, Cabala, and Hatch; No – None; Absent – None.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to move into closed session to discuss the written legal opinion of the City Attorney. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Sikkenga, Bartholomew, Salter, Whalen, Cabala, Holmstrom, and Hatch; No – None; Absent – None.

The Mayor resumed the open session.

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to amend the agenda by adding 9.F. Resolution 15-23 White Lake Ambulance Authority. All ayes.

F. Resolution 15-23 White Lake Ambulance Authority

Motion by Whalen, seconded by Bartholomew, CARRIED, to approve Resolution 15-23 that serves its notice of withdrawal from the White Lake Ambulance Authority effective October 31, 2015 unless the indicated sentence in Article III and the entire fourth paragraph of Article VII as referenced is immediately revoked from the Articles by the Authority Board, otherwise withdrawal will be effective at midnight, June 30, 2016. And further, that due to pressing needs for additional facilities, the Whitehall City Council hereby serves notice to the White Lake Ambulance Authority that the building lease for 119 South Baldwin will be terminated as of midnight April 30, 2016. The resolution was read in its entirety by the Clerk. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Bartholomew, Salter, Whalen, Cabala, Sikkenga, and Hatch; Abstain - Holmstrom; No – None; Absent – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bartholomew, supported by Holmstrom that the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:01 p.m. All ayes.

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Emery M. Hatch, Mayor

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Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk