

CITY OF WHITEHALL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2016

PRESENT: Tanya Cabala, Ellie Dennis, Debi Hillebrand, Jeff Holmstrom, Steve Salter, and Edward Whalen

ABSENT: Patrick Landis, Scott Huebler

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Sweeting, Police Chief Squiers, Treasurer Audo, DPW Director Armstrong, City Clerk Bourdon, Jack VanGeison, Jim Duram

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, to approve the agenda. All yeses.

Motion by Salter, seconded by Cabala, CARRIED, to excuse Patrick Landis from tonight's meeting. All yeses.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Salter, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to approve the June 14th meeting minutes. All yeses.

APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Salter, seconded by Hillebrand, CARRIED, to approve the account payables in the amount of \$316,961.24 and checks to be drawn in their several amounts.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Salter, Hillebrand, Cabala, Dennis, Holmstrom, and Whalen; No – None; Absent – Landis.

COMMUNICATIONS

Playhouse Centennial, Wastewater May Report, Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion by Hillebrand, seconded by Dennis, CARRIED, that the communications be received and placed on file. All yeses.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Froelich, 5150 Brookwood Circle, Montague, shared that there would be a meeting at 7:30 tonight at the Senior Center regarding the shortfall of revenue sharing and the impact on city budgets.

Geoffrey Nolan, 1463 River Court, Norton Shores, introduced himself, provided background information and his qualifications for candidacy for the District Court Judge.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor presented retirement watches and proclamations to Jim Duram and Jack VanGeison.

Council member Cabala requested updates on the Tannery specifically from Barr Environmental.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Zoning Board of Appeals Membership

Motion by Salter, seconded by Holmstrom, CARRIED, to adopt Ordinance 16-02 replacing the current six-member, two alternate Zoning Board of Appeals with a seven member board. All yeses.

B. Resolution 16-21: Federal Street Grant

Motion by Salter, seconded by Cabala, CARRIED, to approve the MDOT Contract 16-5312, attached to and considered part of the resolution, and authorizes execution of the contract by Mayor Whalen and Clerk Bourdon.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Salter, Cabala, Dennis, Holmstrom, Hillebrand, and Whalen; No – None; Absent – Landis.

C. WLAA Negotiations

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Cabala, FAILED, to approve postponement of withdrawal from the White Lake Ambulance Authority until Sept. 30, 2016 to allow for continued negotiations towards a contractual agreement subject to approval by the Authority no later than June 29 at no additional cost to the City.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Holmstrom, Cabala, and Whalen; No – Dennis, Hillebrand, and Salter; Absent – Landis.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melanie Arbogast, Blue Lake Township Supervisor, disagreed with the council's interpretation of taxes covering through December and encouraged council to look into it.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Salter, supported by Hillebrand that the Council meeting be adjourned at 6:35 p.m. All yeses.

Edward L. Whalen, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk