

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

CITY OF WHITEHALL
405 E. Colby Street
Thursday, October 8, 2026
5:30 pm

AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. New Business
 - Resolution 26-45 Updated Grant Match for Benston Road
4. Public Comment
5. Adjournment

**CITY OF WHITEHALL
RESOLUTION 26-46
USE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR BENSTON ROAD**

WHEREAS, City staff has determined Benston Road needs stormwater improvements and complete reconstruction.

WHEREAS, The City Manager has begun the process of applying for a Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Competitive Grant Program. Whitehall will receive assistance from the Michigan Infrastructure Office – Technical Assistance Center in preparing the grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED

1. The City Manager is authorized to use appropriate funds to meet the required cost-share, up to \$600,000.
2. These funds are committed, unencumbered and readily available to move forward with the project and grant application.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____, and thereafter adopted by the City Council of the City of Whitehall, at a regular meeting held October 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
(__ yes; __ no; __ absent).

Tom Ziemer, Mayor

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk

I, Brenda Bourdon, clerk of the Whitehall City Council, certify that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council, City of Whitehall, and County of Muskegon, Michigan at the meeting held on October 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk

Brenda J. Bourdon

From: Daniel L. Tavernier
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 9:15 AM
Cc: Brenda J. Bourdon
Subject: FW: Special Meeting Request

Importance: High

Good morning Mayor and Council Members,

I appreciate your willingness to take the time to vote on this important, time-sensitive matter.

You may be wondering why the original \$450,000 is no longer enough.

The Capital Improvement Plan estimated the Benston Road project at approximately \$2.08 million. As we have learned with other projects, however, some of the estimates in that plan have come in lower than actual engineering estimates.

Because this grant requires only a 20% local match, it remains an excellent opportunity for the City. I initially proceeded under the assumption that the Michigan Infrastructure Office – Technical Assistance Center (MIO-TAC) would contribute approximately \$50,000 toward the match. Combined with the City's \$450,000 commitment, that would have supported a project of roughly \$2.5 million.

Dan Sorek has since completed a more detailed cost estimate, and the project is now estimated at more than \$3.3 million. The good news is that MIO-TAC increased its commitment to \$100,000.

At the current estimate, the required 20% match is approximately \$672,000. After applying the \$100,000 from MIO-TAC, the City's required share is approximately **\$572,000**.

In other words, we are being asked to increase our commitment by approximately **\$122,000** above the original \$450,000 in order to remain competitive for roughly **\$2.7 million in federal funding**. This will likely be a 2028 project.

I believe that is an excellent return on the City's investment and an opportunity worth pursuing.

Very respectfully,

Dan
