

TOWN OF WHITEHALL
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July 13th, 2023 (Posted)

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There was a meeting of the Whitehall Town Council on **Monday, July 17th, 2023, at 7:00 PM.** The meeting was held in the Town Hall Council Chambers at 207 East Legion Ave.

The minutes are as follows:

I. Call to Order

Mary Janacaro – Hensleigh: call to order and start with introductions

II. Introductions

Roy McBride: Roy McBride, ward two.

Linda Jung: Linda Jung ward two.

Shawn Hoagland: Shawn Hoagland, ward three.

Patricia Peterson: Pat Peterson, ward one.

Bill Lanes: Bill Lanes ward one.

Katy James: Katy James, ward two.

Patricia Peterson: With her army.

Katy James: Yes.

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Kennedy Kleinsasser, Clerk Treasurer.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Mary Janacaro-Hensleigh, mayor.

Ed Guza: Ed Guza, town attorney.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Everyone would please stand for the pledge.

Pledge recited

IV. Agenda Approval

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Agenda approval.

Pat Peterson: I move.

Shawn Hoagland: Second.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: All in favor?

Group: Aye

V. Approval of Minutes

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Approval of minutes from June 2023.

Linda Jung: So moved, Linda.

Patricia Peterson: Second, Pat.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Any discussion or corrections? All in favor?

Group: Aye

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Opposed? All right. We'll move on to reports.

VI. Reports

A. Mayor's Report and Public Service Announcements

Mary Janacaro – Hensleigh: I'm going to be leaving for Boise tomorrow to the Regional Railroad Summit, Northwest Railroad Summit. We will find out if the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority has made the short list for funding. So hopefully, when I get back, I'll have good news for everyone. It's supposed to be 100 degrees in Salt Lake when I fly in and a, 100 degrees in Boise, so it should be a little toasty. But I'm sure the convention center is air-conditioned. And I'll hopefully come back with good news. We'll move on to the attorney's report.

B. Officer's Reports

a. Attorney

Ed Guza: Nothing specific to report. I'm here to answer questions and help as I can.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay, thank you Ed. Kennedy, quick report.

b. Clerk / Treasure

Kennedy Kleinsasser: So, we did our budget workshop tonight. This makes three total. I'm hoping to schedule our hearings in August. I will have more solid dates here in the next couple of weeks. And Linda, and Pat, and I worked on the chicken ordinances. We brought some stuff down per audience and people's requests last time. And we do have to have another hearing on that because we did not vote on it in the same quarter. So, we are going to do another hearing on that. And then we do have a couple budget amendments that we have to do. Nothing that we weren't aware of. We did have some requests last year for reserve money to be pulled out, but we have to do the budget amendment for those. So, we are going to do those. Jen has been working really hard, up front. She's doing amazing. And we're just doing our regular day-to-day trying to get the budget stuff done, and trying to get the books balanced, and we're doing good.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: You are. Thank you very much, Kennedy. Kory, public works.

c. Public Works

Kory Klappan: So, we'll start with water. We'll take water samples tomorrow, July 18th. So, over the 4th of July, we had trouble with the

telemetry from the tank to the wells. After working on it awhile recent, a few times it started working. It's worked great ever since. I don't really have an answer of what through the problem, but it's working as of now. So, we did have a water leak on Lincoln Street in front of the concrete plant we fixed. So, when they were doing the water main for the Manor/Sacry annexation, they hit the water main, broke the water main. We did have a disruption in water service in the whole town for about 15 minutes, until we could get the water main shut off. We got the leak stopped. Water pressure went back up in the town probably in about 10 minutes of it happening, I assume. But the grocery store was affected and six houses, I believe. And they were affected for six or seven hours, but it's all fixed and going. Sewer, Dave has cut the hayfield. Hasn't been bailed yet. We have about eight feet of water to discharge out of the sewer lagoon. So, we're actually sitting in really good shape for this time of year. I think that's the most we've had in the nine years I've done it. So that's good. Streets, the first round of pothole filling. We got all the major ones. There is still more out there. We did get another tote of oil. Probably the end of this week, we'll go start filling holes. We'll make a list from worse to... And hit them first. We do plan on doing hot mix patches on some of the water leak holes we've had Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Grading of the alleys. All the alleys are done. We did grade the shoulders of Division Street and I think it turned out quite good. I'm kind of waiting to see money-wise where he comes in when he bills us. And hopefully, we can do first street too because Division turned out really nice. And maybe this outside of Division too, if we have enough money left. So, cemetery, we had three burials. We did have the sprinkler main break in the cemetery today. I think we'll be able to get it going tomorrow with no problems. Garbage. Only thing I really have to report, Dan, our normal garbage guy has been taking Mondays off, which is our busy day. So, if we have missed anybody's garbage, just let us know. So, the last three weeks has been a different fill-in driver that probably doesn't know the route or if times have changed when he picks up your garbage, that's why. I think Dan has two more Mondays he's going to take off before the end of summer. So just be patient with that. He'll be back on schedule. We did 27 locate tickets and I got called out twice.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Thank you, Kory.

Bill Lanes: Yeah, thanks.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: I don't see the fire chief or the sheriff, so we'll move on to Dan, County Commissioner report.

d. Fire Chief

None

e. Sheriff

None

f. County Commissioner

Dan Haggerty: Yes. Good evening. How is everyone?

Shawn Hoagland: Good.

Dan Haggerty: Good. I finally got a reaction there. Cool. Thanks, sir. Thank you. It's now in session. All right. Anyway, July 5th, which is a Wednesday, the Mosquito Board Council. I spoke with Kayan Davis and asked her for a current update on the mosquito spraying. She advised me that on this date in the later evening, the Fogger truck will be driving and operating with the town of Whitehall. And on Thursday, July 6th, a plane will be used to drop the insecticide around the Whitehall area. So, I know that's been completed as such. On the 10th of this month, which was a Monday, the Jefferson County budget. The county commissioners started their fiscal review for the upcoming 2024 year with all the departments and their department heads.

Currently, as of Monday to July 17th, the fiscal review is still under review and not yet complete. And then Tuesday the 11th, last Tuesday we had a county commissioner's meeting down here in Whitehall at Borden's conference room. One of the items on the agenda was a concern for the speed limit on Morman Lane to be changed from 35 miles an hour to 25 miles an hour. If there's enough interest from the citizens in the immediate area, then a speed study will be implemented to see if the speed limit warrants change after the review. That's all I have. Any questions or comments or concerns?

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Dan, do you know if they're going to spray before Frontier Days?

Dan Haggerty: Not that I'm aware of. I can check with Kay Ann again, and I can get you an update.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay, that'd be great.

Dan Haggerty: All right.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Thank you. All right, we'll move on to committee board reports. Planning board, Linda.

C. Committee/Board Reports

a. Planning Board

Linda Jung: Okay, we had a busy month. Looked at a lot of properties and they're all on the consent agenda, so I'm not really going to talk to

them. Jeremy Fadness will be at our next planning board meeting to start working on our ordinances, now that we have the document in place so he can start working. There's a name for that, but I can't remember it right now. Work order. Thank you. And we also discussed apartment building coming into our area. Steve Warmoth will be building an apartment complex over where his dust control business is. And he wanted to make our meeting the engineer and he's from Headwaters Engineering, but he couldn't. And we couldn't get him attached with the phone, so I gave a brief of what he talked to me about. And that was basically, that he was coming to our planning board meeting next month as well as the council. There will be a street closing that would have to be done on East Lucille, if this all happens. But it's just a little bit of news. It would be great to get some housing in town for people. And I have really nothing else because he didn't show up at the meeting. So, we'll have more next month. That's about it.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Thank you very much, Linda. Sewer, water, and garbage, and streets, alleys, and sidewalks. Katy?

b. Sewer, Water, and Garbage / Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks

Katy James: Okay, this is our water. We met on Monday the 10th. And we didn't have a financial report to discuss old business. We discussed water treatment plant. Everything is good to go with exception of resin. DEQ was questioning the amount of resin and they're having it tested. The water tank came in over cost, money is an issue. And discussed any unfinished business, which there was none. There were no bills to adjust, no complaints. The fiber optic water treatment plant, there was nothing there. Public works, Visionary Communications has reached out to Kory in regards to the fiber optics. The nano project has started. Contractor hit a water line working with Joe Davis for service. All coming out of reserve funding. And new subjects regarding Bill reported he has a sprinkle box issue and watching for a while. Meeting adjourned at 1500 hours. And then street and alleys, we also met on the 10th at 1:30. And again, no financial reports. Old business, shoulder and division by school be done. Alleys have been graded. Parking lot is done. Ditch was put in by the country store. No contractor as of yet for the [inaudible 00:11:36] and same for the corner of East First Street by the corner store. No presentations through business. No update on the sidewalk. Sidewalk projects. We received a reimbursement applying for the grants of \$16. Kory reported they filled a lot of pot hole, fix the water leak at the corner of Whitehouse Street and Second Street where the

new building is being built. And an individual had asked Pat about what can be done about vehicle parking in the parking lot during farmer's market? Suggestion was made to talk to Liz at the Chamber. Another individual asked about having Yellowstone Trail closed on Halloween night. And there was a discussion about the new four stop signs on First Street. It was mentioned that we could look at the third ordinance for streets and updated. Meeting adjourned 1400 hours. Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Thank you, Katy. Parks, streets, and cemetery there's no report. So, Katy, do you have a pool board report?

- c. Parks, Trees, and Cemetery
None

- d. Pool Board

Katy James: I do.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay.

Katy James: Pool board, we met July 13th at 8:00 PM over at the swimming pool. Pretty nice doing that. We had a fundraiser report on the pizza sales and they're going really well. They discussed movie night. It's scheduled for August 3rd. Kate and Kelley are working on this. They have a tent for the lights, no one will be allowed in the deep end. And Kelley has found some special lights for \$10 to \$14. And they're having walking tacos, pop, and cookies. They're going to ask parents and Pepsi to donate banners. And they had further discussion. Full operations update from Steve. He asked if any parts had come in. He's looking for skimmer gates and reportedly told that there was problem with flow meter. There was discussion about chlorine levels and they have been checking on them. [inaudible 00:13:29] are coming loose, public works will address. Kelley announced she has a new thermometer into the automated dozer researching the feasibility due to cost. They may look at funding from another source grant or from the town hall budgets. And Kelley reported that the suit dryer's not working. And of course, manager's report, no quote received by the shade. The swimming lessons are going, good. The state inspection, they've passed everything. Some concerns with the alkalinity and hardness. And they discussed maintenance needs. Lights in the boy's locker room are not working. Kelley will try to contact Steve Sacry. And staffing has been good. And adjourned at 20:45.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Thank you, Katy. Rec complex, Kennedy.

- e. Rec Complex

Kennedy Kleinsasser: We had a meeting a few weeks ago. The major point on the agenda was the ranch rodeo that we are putting on. We were pretty successful with raising the money that we needed to do that. And the stock contractor is working pretty closely with me. And I have a very good friend that's friends with him, so she's been helping me a ton. And Lana and Bridget have been helping me with questions that I have about what I should probably prepare for, just because I've never done a rodeo. So, they are helping me out a ton with those. But we are doing really well. We are going to get some food for concessions. We have a couple of the board members looking into what it's going to cost for that. And we have nine teams so far, which is awesome. We have somebody traveling clear from South Dakota to actually be in our ranch rodeo. So that's pretty cool. I think we'll have a pretty good turnout. But that's all I have to report on.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Thank you, Kennedy. TIF report, Katy.

Katy James: Don't have one.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay.

Katy James: Because we meet this Wednesday.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay. All right. We'll move on to public comment. Now is the time for the public to comment on anything that's not on the agenda. Just come up to the podium, and state your name, and your comment.

- f. Whitehall Tax Incremental Finance District
None

VII. Public Comment

Bridget Morse: I'll go first. Bridget Morse. What's the other thing you wanted me to say?

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Just your, comment.

Bridget Morse: Okay. Bridget Morse, I have an issue with the main four-way stop. I think in other towns when they add traffic things like that, they add some kind of lighting to them. I've seen where they have LED lights that go around them and flash at you. Or those lollipop things you put on top of the little things to stop traffic. Something like that on top would really help because people don't see. Personally, I think I've blown through it six times. So now, I come over to Legion Street. So, I think it's dangerous because some people are going to figure it out faster than others and then someone's going to be in a wreck.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay, thank you.

Maxine Samuelson: Maxine Samuelson. I live in ward three. In the ledger on June 28th, there was an article about following the rules on 4th of July regarding the use of fireworks. I would like to propose that there be no fireworks more than

two or three days before the Independence Day holiday and then one day after. For example, from July 2nd to July 5th, and then have a timeframe no times earlier than 6:00 PM and no later than midnight. This year, there were firework explosions during the afternoons and very late into the nights. Some of these fireworks were two weeks before Independence Day and a week afterward. And I feel that is excessive. I would like the mayor and council to develop a plan to reduce the times fireworks are set off during the day and also the number of days allowed. It would be great to have a plan in place before the New Year's Eve holiday. And my main objective for this is my dogs. However, other pets, people have heart issues, PTSD, and other issues. And if they expect the fireworks to be during a certain timeframe, during certain days, I think that could help people with anticipation of them. And I have some notes if you'd all like to share these and pass them around, so you know what I'd like.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay.

Maxine Samuelson: There's several. You can pass them down.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Oh, more than one. Okay.

Maxine Samuelson: Thank you.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Thank you.

Maxine Samuelson: And I had thought about saying something about the four - way stop, but I knew other people would do that. I would like to say that I feel like the two-way stop on the side street would've been sufficient.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Thank you. Any other public comment.

Liz Pullman: Okay. Liz Pullman, but this is not my public comment. I was asked to read this because the people weren't able to be here tonight. So, this is from Terry Reed and he said, "To whom it may concern on the town council. I am Terry Reed, a member of the community of Whitehall for most of my life. I have asked the Whitehall ledger editor to read this at the town council meeting on my behalf. I wish to let it be known that I'm extremely displeased with the decision to put a four-way stop sign at the corner of A street and First street in Whitehall, Montana. My daughter Catherine Shelton and her husband Billy Shelton, are the owners of the condo units at seven North A street and I've been working on them for the past year. I do not see a need for this four-way stop sign to be placed at this intersection. I called and spoke with the mayor directly in regard to this. She stated that it was only there because of the condo units. However, I believe she tried to put these stop signs in place way before the condo units were in place. She also stated that her brother was almost killed at this intersection because there were no stop signs. It seems to me that this is an abuse of power and authority to use personal experiences to justify creating rules that will affect the entire community. My daughter was almost killed walking across the street in Whitehall near the concrete plant when she was a child. But putting a stop sign in the middle of a main street would do absolutely nothing but cause more problems and put other children at risk of being killed because people would

ignore the stop sign. There is no reasonable expectation of a stop sign in the middle of a through street. There is no need for another four-way stop on First Street. Yield signs have been working well for years, although there will always be people who would disregard those as well. We have laws to enforce yield and stop signs. I believe that the mayor's personal desire to have a stop sign in front of her residence is the ultimate objective here, which is an abuse of power. There is no other explanation. And I desire that they take these signs down immediately and replace them with the yield signs that have worked well for years. The paper has my permission to reprint this. Terry Reed." Do you want to read the other one? Okay, so then I have another one.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay.

Liz Pullman: This is what happens. And I might have another one on my phone, but I'm not sure. This is from Katy Shelton, which is Terry's daughter. And she said, "I wanted to come before the council and state why I don't want the stop signs, but seeing as the stop signs are already there, we need to start by how a town's office should not be able to overstep the people's desires. Because in doing so, it undermines the very essence of a democracy. Overstepping the people's votes, not only disregards the democratic process, but also erodes trust and confidence in the city office. If elected officials are able to ignore or override the choices desired by the people, it creates a sense of disenfranchisement and leads to a belief that their voices do not matter. This can lead to apathy and disengagement from the political process ultimately weakening the democratic fabric of the town." That was weird. "Additionally, allowing the town office to overstep the people's desire sets a dangerous precedent for future polls. If elected officials can disregard the outcome of the public's desire, what would prevent them from doing the same and subsequent votes? This undermines the legitimacy of the entire electoral process and opens the door for abuse of power. In conclusion, the town office should not be able to overstep the people's desires because it undermines democracy, erodes trust in the political system, leads to policy decisions that may not reflect the majority's preferences, and sets a dangerous precedent for future elections. Protecting the integrity of the democratic process is essential for a thriving and inclusive society. This may be just a stop sign to most, but when you take a step back and look at the big picture, this is more than just a stop sign. We should be allowed to have a fair voice and our voices should matter. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter." And that was from Katy Shelton. And can you hand me my phone? There may be one more that someone was going email me. I don't think I have it. Oh, I do. Yeah. Let's see. Give me one second here. Oh, well it is. There we go. Okay, so this is from... Don't ask me why I got elected to do this. This is from Sherry Cargill. It says, "Town of Whitehall council members, I regret that I was unable to attend this meeting in person I, Sherry Cargill, went to the town hall for some clarification on the stop signs at first and A Street. When I spoke with

the mayor, I asked if the sign issue had been brought before the council. And she said it had not. She said it did not need to go through the council. It was at her discretion. When I asked if she had contacted law enforcement for input, she stated she had not. When asked if she had observed any other corners to compare incidents, she had not. But she stated that she had seen three fender benders in the last 18 months. When asked if the stop signs were in the budget, she said that they were in the road budget. I asked if there was a line item for the signage and she said, no. I feel this may be an abusive authority because when I called town hall, I was told to vote online." I don't know what that means. "At our meeting, she stated that the online votes were not verified, so they do not count. 80 some percent do not count. Why were we told?" Oh, it says voice your opinion. "Why were we told to vote online? I have not contacted the person doing the door-to-door survey, but majority of surveys can be directed toward a specific result. If there is another meeting regarding authority and responsibility to town residents, I will be there. Please, feel free to call with any questions." And I'm out.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Thank you, Liz.

Liz Pullman: Yep.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Is there any other public comment?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: Liz, can you forward those?

Liz Pullman: Yeah.

Candace Ahlin: My name is Candace Ahlin. I live just outside of the edge of Whitehall. I wanted to speak about the four-way stop, which is also in front of my mother's house. And lately there has been a lot of people blowing through the stop sign at high rates of speed, people honking their horns from morning until night. And everything was fine at that location. A while back, my mother had also had a 20-foot trailer that was parked apparently in the towns right of way, I guess. And the mayor had asked my mother to move it. My mom did move it. It was moved because of it was a right of way and it was supposedly blocking the corner traffic oncoming. So, it was moved. My brother had received a call from the mayor and was displeased with the location of the trailer. So, it was moved again. So, I just want to say that the four-way stop is causing more problems than it is solving. I just believe that the four-way stop should be taken out at this time. Thank you.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Thank you, Candace. Is there any other public comment? Okay, we'll move on to consent agenda. Pat, do you want to read consent agenda, please?

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Patricia Peterson: Consent agenda. Business licenses were requested for Paramount Flooring LLC, Two Bit Whitehall Inc, Benny's, which is an Airbnb.

Planning board, Urban Head Guard fence permit on Valley View Drive. They recommend approval. Bob and Danette Helwig, fence permit on Beale Street, recommending approval. Ron and Linda Young Rocky Mountain Drive fence permit, they recommend approval. Richard Donnet on West Second Street new structure permit, they recommend approval. Nothing from the pool board. Tip board, Zion Lutheran Church Sidewalk Project, recommending approval. Rodney Wheeler Sidewalk Project, recommend approval. Candace Allen, board appointment. Street closures, Frontier Days Main, Legion to Alley, also Legion to Alley. And then D Street Parade setup. This is for the 28th and 29th of July. Legion Avenue Park usage, White Chamber, Frontier Days, the whole park. Open container variance request, Whitehall chamber, Frontier Days 28th and 29th. That's it.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay. Thank you, Pat. Is there a motion?

Roy McBride: So, move.

Bill Lanes: Second.

Roy McBride: Is there any discussion? Linda.

Linda Jung: I'm abstaining from the consent agenda vote because I have interest in two of those items.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay, any other discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Opposed? Consent agenda passes. There are no presentations tonight.

IX. PRESENTATIONS

None

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Council discussion and determination on Poultry Ordinance 2023-3

Mary Janacaro – Hensleigh: under unfinished business. Item A is counsel discussion and determination on poultry ordinance. And after Kennedy's report, I believe this has to be tabled because we have to have the hearing. So, is there a motion to table?

Shawn Hoagland: So motioned.

Roy McBride: Second.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Is there any discussion? All those in favor?

Patricia Peterson: I have a copy if anybody wants to look at it.

Bill Lanes: What's happened is because we do this in two quarters, we have to go through this process again.

Patricia Peterson: We can make copies for you too. We listened to what you said.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay. Yes. So, all those in favor of table?

Group: Aye.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Opposed? All right.

B. Council discussion and determination of MOU with Saddle Club

Mary Janacaro – Hensleigh: We'll move on to item B counsel discussion and determination on MOU with Saddle Club. Is there a motion?

Patricia Peterson: I move, Pat?

Bill Lanes: Second, Bill.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Is there discussion?

Bill Lanes: Did we get your equipment list or did we get the list of stuff?

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Kennedy?

Kennedy Kleinsasser: I have not gotten a list from Saddle Club yet, but I have been in contact with Lana and Bridget and they are working on a list for us.

Kory Klappan: I move, we table the memo of understanding until we have a complete list that can be approved.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Is there a second?

Katy James: I'll second, Katy.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Is there any more discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Opposed? Item B is tabled.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Council discussion and determination of Telesystem Services TIF application of \$95,000.00 for fiber internet

Mary Janacaro – Hensleigh: We'll move on to new business council discussion and determination on tele system services. Tip application of 95,000 for fiber internet. Is there a motion?

Roy McBride: A motion to table that to the next meeting?

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Is there a second?

Bill Lanes: Second, Bill.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Is there any discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Opposed? Item A is tabled. Any unscheduled matters counsel needs to bring up?

XII. UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

Roy McBride: Yes, I have something.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Roy.

Roy McBride: I have two situations that I need to bring up. First of all, I'm not sure if Ed needs to come weigh - in on this, a written opinion on the override policy on the budget. Since it was not approved, the PO was not approved for the stop signs. They were purchased anyway. Our policy says it has to be approved and it was not. So that's an issue and it's part of our checks and balances to make sure that we're doing that. And it's stated in the MCA that we have the power to check into that to make sure it's done right. It was not done properly, as

far as the counsel is concerned. So, I guess your opinion, because I was under the understanding, you were part of that discussion earlier about the stop signs and the PO.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Sure. William?

Ed Guza: What I will tell you is that the question that was posed to me didn't have as much to do, or had nothing to do, with the actual payment of the stop sign, had to do with authority. And the authority as said forth in the Whitehall code, is that the mayor has the authority to place stop signs on streets in Whitehall. It doesn't say anything about the council. But that is one layer. Again, whether the cost of that is another issue that wasn't presented to me. But in terms of authority, that's where it lies.

Roy McBride: I don't think that's in question yet at all. Yeah.

Linda Jung: We're not questioning that.

Roy McBride: No.

Ed Guza: Yeah.

Roy McBride: I think the council's questioning not going and getting a PO to purchase said stop signs.

Ed Guza: Right, right.

Roy McBride: That's a violation of our policy.

Ed Guza: And that being the case, I can certainly look into it and give you an opinion. As I sit here now, I don't have that policy in front of me, but I certainly can provide that.

Roy McBride: I would ask that you do so, sir.

Ed Guza: Okay.

Roy McBride: The other issue I have is holidays taken off. We didn't follow policy again there. Our policy states that we will follow whatever holidays the state of Montana takes off. The Juneteenth thing is not recognized by the state of Montana as a holiday. We took that off. I think it's, again, we've had an issue with going against policy. And it says right in our policy that we'll follow the state on this. So, I think we need to recognize that. And there's a list of the holidays that we take off in the policy and that date is not in there. And that the state doesn't take it off. County work did, state work did, we did not. So, I think we have an issue there. So, I would like that addressed also. Or the board would like that addressed. Excuse me.

Ed Guza: Okay. So just to be clear, the town employees were given the day off June 13th.

Liz Pullman: June 19th.

Pat Peterson: Yeah.

Ed Guza: It was the 19th?

Pat Peterson: Juneteenth.

Katy James: Yeah, Juneteenth.

Ed Guza: Got it. And the question being posed is whether or not there was authority to take that particular day off that's outside those delegated days?

Katy James: And July 3rd.

Roy McBride: And July 3rd also.

Ed Guza: July 3rd. Yeah. Okay. I can look into that too.

Katy James: Thank you.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay. Any other scheduled matters?

Roy McBride: That's all I have.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: All right.

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

Mary Janacaro – Hensleigh: Do we have a motion to pay bills?

Bill Lanes: Motion to pay bills.

Linda Jung: I'll second that, Linda.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Opposed?

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mary Janacaro – Hensleigh: And then motion to adjourn.

Roy McBride: So, moved.

William: Second.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Mary Janacaro - Hensleigh: Okay. Meeting adjourned. Thank you all very much for coming.