

**Borough of Munhall
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday
July 18, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order – President Falce**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance - Nick Havrilla**
- III. Preliminary Announcements - None**

Roll Call: Councilman Ballas; Councilman Inglis; Councilman Peruzzi;
Councilman Stein; Councilman Tichon; Councilman Votedian; President Falce -
All present

NOTICE TO ALL PUBLIC SPEAKERS ADDRESSING COUNCIL

- COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES
- MUST AVOID REFERENCES TO PERSONALITIES AND PERSONNEL RELATED ISSUES.

IV. Speaker(s):

- **Vito Faello** – President – Board of Directors MHHA – Removable Speed bumps on Longfellow Drive – Discussed the need for speed humps.
- **Sylvia Goda** – Items being dumped behind her property – Advised Council of concerns regarding neighboring property.
- **Sandra Matthews** – Storm water runoff and her property – Discussion with Council regarding an update or resolution to her sidewalk and neighbor's property.

VI. Reports from Borough Officials:

Mayor – Stated there are volunteers to cut grass at the cemetery and that the new board is working to reestablish their tax-exempt status. At this time they are unable to utilize the money that has been transferred by the Borough until they establish that tax-exempt status. Advised he works well with Chief Campbell and has utmost respect for the police department. Officers are well trained and mentioned upcoming active shooter training.

Discussed the waterfront property and advised Council he is still willing to work with them and doesn't agree with selling the property. Stated the 124 Crawford St project is not complete, and he is not happy with the situation. Said the neighbor has put their house up for sale because of it. He discussed run off ordinance(s). Advised there are other municipalities who have water run off (including sub pumps which pump out all year) and we should look in to those for Munhall. There was a discussion with Councilman Votedian regarding pits that can be placed in a back yard to handle the flow of the water from the sub pump. Councilman Votedian asked if this could cause foundation issues and Mayor Brennan says it depends on the location of the pit.

Solicitor – Addressed motion 6. Advised of process for rezoning. He will draft an ordinance and a zoning map will need to be updated. He verified with Dave Cannon this is not spot zoning.

- Donna Dreshman questioning zoning and her suggestion on how she feels the rezoning should happen.
- Mayor Brennan – Asked why it is being rezoned. Agnes Hogg from planning commission explained current and possible future use of the area.

Manager – Discussed water leaks/breaks within the Borough. Addressed possible filing with magistrate's office for nonpayment of parking space fees by a particular business. Solicitor Evashavik agrees there should be a filing. There is a class for a Certified Storm Water Inspector and Joe would like to send Dave Cannon and one other person from Public Works. Solicitor Evashavik advised there should to be a motion as there will be \$725 per person spent.

Motion: Councilman Tichon; Second: Councilman Ballas; Vote: Unanimous

Council President - Gave information on the upcoming Community Yard Sale – July 21st – 9am to 2pm and Community Day – September 15th – 2pm to 9pm

Engineer – Safe Routes to School coming along and possibly adding more sidewalks. Completion date may be 8/28/2018 and hopefully will just be final punch list items. Paving projects are wrapping up with a couple of patches on Woodhill. Report to come regarding cost of repair on Borough building. DEP permits submitted for on Homestead Run/Harvey Ave Ext/Shady Ave projects. Mayor Brennan asked why all sidewalks were not done throughout the entire SRTS projects. Colin advised because of the cost of the project for all walks. The project had to be scaled back to meet the federal grant amount. Mayor Brennan asked if an Engineering report

that was done for the current Borough building will be done for the Willis Center.

John Skeels – 3900 Shady Ave – Discussed concerns regarding dog bags on Shady. Engineer and Council advised they cannot keep people from throwing bags in to the creek or street. Advised concerned residents to report things that they see.

Public Works Supervisor – Report submitted. Question from Councilman Stein – Asking why fence repair at West Field. Was advised the ties were broken from people leaning on the fence.

Police Chief – Report submitted. Training for active shooter with school district coming in August 21st and October 5th. Sgt. Fullard going to riot patrol class. He will bring training back to the department. Discussed Project Life Saver with President Falce.

Fire Chief – Report submitted. Question regarding motion 8. Solicitor Evashavik advised of ordinance at that time for fire damaged claims. The resident fixed and sold the home but never contacted us for the money. Advised Council that larger budgeted items will be coming soon. President Falce confirmed VFD will take care of the beer booth during Community Day.

Code Enforcement Officer – Report submitted. 124 Crawford Street – The project must start within 6 months and has 5 years to complete. Also, the neighbor's house sold within 2 weeks. Councilman Ballas confirmed the 8th Ave property is sold via sheriff sale. Dave confirmed. Discussion took place regarding building permits.

V. Public Comments on Agenda items:

Donna Dreshman – Motion 1 – Verified bids received that Council will be rejecting those bids. Asked for explanation. Solicitor Evashavik explained that one bid was rejected for noncompliance and the other because the bid was so low. Because this process has taken place twice, Council can now negotiate a private sale and motion 2 is authorization to start that process. Confirmed a vote would have to take place for the actual sale of the property. Motion 3 – What is the cost? No cost unless there is a bond issue. Motion 4 – Verifying the \$620 is for a year. Borough Manager Joe Varhola confirmed it is indeed for a year. Motion 6 – Commented on rezoning. Asked for balance remaining after bills \$2,735,271.92.

John Skeels – Motion 4 – Asking if this position was posted. Joe Varhola advised Mrs. Shoemaker was hired through a temp agency and has been working for the Borough for 6 months.

VIII. Items for consideration:

1. Motion to reject all Waterfront property bids due to noncompliance and/or below market value.

Motion: Councilman Inglis; Second: Councilman Votedian; Vote: Unanimous

2. Motion to approve process to explore private sale of Waterfront property.

Motion: Councilman Ballas; Second: Councilman Tichon;

Question on Motion: Councilman Stein – Asked Mayor Brennan about his plan to pursue interests in the Waterfront property. Mayor Brennan said he isn't because Council put the property up for sale. Councilman Stein advised even though that may be true, they still thought he was pursuing interest like the Penguin organization. He asked if there was progress with this and Mayor Brennan said no.

Vote: Unanimous

3. Motion to retain services of Piper Jaffrey as consultant to evaluate bond issue options for improvements to Willis building.

Motion: Councilman Stein; Second: Councilman Tichon;

Question on Motion: Mayor Brennan – Asked if this outlays funds to move forward with this. Joe Varhola advised he is asking to start the process. President Falce asked if they would include a cost estimate to fix the Willis building or is it just about a line of credit. Joe advised this is all of it and the process could take 6-9 months. Solicitor Evashavik explained the process. Mayor Brennan asked how the vote can be done tonight for something they don't have an idea of its cost. Councilman Tichon advised it is just to start the bond issue. Mayor Brennan advised he thought it would be about the evaluation about the health issues and wonders if that will be in before the vote. Joe Varhola advised Council could have Hatch go in and evaluate the building. Colin Lampark advised there was a discussion about going in this week to do this. Solicitor Evashavik advised the most pressing thing is to make sure there are no structural issues or environmental hazards which would cause Council to say we do not want to take ownership of it. This is stage 1. The next thing needed is a cost estimate for development and that will be part of the actual loan process. This is stage 2. He stated this motion involves no expense for the Borough at this stage.

Vote: Unanimous

4. Motion to approve the payment of \$620.00 to Travelers insurance for Carrie Shoemakers bond of \$250,000.00.
Motion: Councilman Votedian; Second: Councilman Ballas; Vote: Unanimous

5. Motion to approve the June 20, 2018 minutes.
Motion: Councilman Tichon; Second: Councilman Petruzzi ; Vote: Unanimous

6. Motion to approve steps for rezoning 10th Avenue from McClure Street to Andrew Street as B2.
Motion: Councilman Tichon; Second: Councilman Inglis; Vote: Unanimous

7. Motion to approve Kotuce Remodeling quote of \$1025.00 to repair windows at Munhall Volunteer Fire Department #4.
Motion: Councilman Ballas; Second: Councilman Tichon; Vote: Unanimous

8. Motion to approve payment to William Testa in the amount of \$3715.94 for fire at 2502 Charles Street on July 8, 2012. This payment was made through Fire Escrow account by Nationwide Insurance.
Motion: Councilman Stein; Second: Councilman Petruzzi; Vote: Unanimous

9. Motion to pay bills for the period June 20th thru July 18th, 2018, summarized as follows:

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| Administration | \$ | 33,472.59 |
| Police: | \$ | 3,932.02 |
| Fire: | \$ | 5,505.00 |
| Health & Sanitation: | \$ | 20,045.46 |
| Public Works: | \$ | 34,756.16 |
| Recreation: | \$ | 4,165.24 |
| Miscellaneous: | \$ | <u>167,010.68**</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$ | 268,887.15 |

** 140,260.50 Borough Insurance

Motion: Councilman Inglis; Second: Councilman Stein; Vote: Unanimous

10. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of June 14th and 28th, 2018
as follows:

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| 2018: June 14 | \$ 168,501.92 |
| 2018: June 28 | <u>\$ 135,724.02</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$ 304,225.94 |

Motion: Councilman Ballas; Second: Councilman Tichon; Vote: Unanimous

Other/Additional Matter(s):

Councilman Inglis reminded everyone of the fund raiser Karson's Korner on Friday the 20th at 7pm at the Thompson Club.

IX. Adjournment:

**Motion: Councilman Tichon; Second: Councilman Votedian; Vote:
Unanimous**


Robert Falce – President