

**Borough of Munhall
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday
September 20, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

I. **Call to Order** – President Falce

II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Lenny Cole

Mayor Bodnar requested a moment of silence for hurricane and earthquake victims.

III. **Preliminary Announcements** - None

IV. **Roll Call** - Councilman Brennan; Councilman Inglis, Councilman Votedian; Councilman Stein; Councilman Tichon; Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek; 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.

V. **Speaker(s):**

- **Mary Mannella** – Presented a donation to VFD President Rich Votedian for the dog park at Munhall Volunteer Fire House #1.
- **Councilman Rick Brennan** –

Sale of Waterfront Property - Councilman Brennan thanked Council for removing a previously schedule motion regarding the Waterfront property from the agenda. He advised that he has spoken with the Lions group about possibly putting a pavilion on the property and they showed an interest in assistance with funding. He met with the Rotary Club and they were receptive to the idea of assisting the Borough with development of the property.

He advised the residents, in attendance, at the meeting about the history of the purchase of the property. He verified the purchase with Solicitor Greg Evashavik that the property was acquired in February 2017.

He continued with the discussion and said that he had spoken with Heather Cuyler of Pashek Engineers and they were doing a parks and recreations study for communities and he has asked her to look at the waterfront property. He stated he thought we could work with the Rivers of Steel Corporation and that he believes they, at one time, had plans for a water access area and he wanted to see their plans.

He feels that the property use could be endless and would be a benefit for the Borough. He reminded Council that the property is the last non-developed area within the Waterfront.

He doesn't see the train track area as an issue. Other sections of the Waterfront have train tracks and they are not an issue.

He will work diligently to make sure the property stays within the Boroughs hands and it can be used in countless ways and is asking Council not to be in a rush to sell the property as we have only acquired it 6 months ago. 7 ½ acres is allot of property and the Borough needs additional park area.

President Falce brought up the possibility of future cost of development and that if it is a park, it would need a Parks and Rec director. Councilman Brennan agreed and brought up the issue of grant writing. He stated that someone should be writing grants for the Borough. Grant money is there for development. He confirmed grant availability with the Borough Engineer Colin Lampark who stated he is glad to assist with anything he may need.

Councilman Brennan advised we need to offer green space for our young families. He acknowledges Solicitor Evashavik for his work on the eminent domain acquisition.

Announced that Council will be meeting at the property the following day at 5:30 pm and invited anyone who is interested to attend.

Councilman Stein advised he wants to make it clear that the Borough was approached by 4 entities with unsolicited offers for the property. He there were never discussions about selling the property. He personally would like to see a park to the likes of Brian Hacke Park or an indoor ice arena but these things will come with costs such as development, maintenance, staffing needs and public safety (Police).

He said that the first responsibility of the Council is to act in the best interest of the Borough whether that means putting in a pavilion with a walking track, to allow someone to come in, lease the land, and put in a basketball court and an ice skating rink or allow another organization, who will give us income tax, to come in and build a high-rise building. He stated there has been no action to sell it nor has there been intention to sell it. They have only tried to keep every option possible on the table.

Resident Jim Barca asked who the eminent domain was from and was advised Junior Achievement. He then asked why there were no unsolicited offers until now. There was a discussion about covenants and that was answered with the Borough still being in charge of zoning.

Councilman Stein also advised that if we sell the property, the Borough would be responsible for paying the County and the school district the taxes that we absolved for Jr. Achievement.

Council President confirmed there is no rush to sell the property.

Cemetery Board –

Councilman Brennan informed Council that the board is almost complete and asked for information anyone might have regarding the previous board members. He advised this information is for the attorney that the attorney is working with the Attorney General's office to finalize everything for the new board. He asked Mayor Bodnar for any information he might have.

VI. Reports from Borough Officials:

Mayor - Thanked everyone for an excellent job on this year's Community Day. Council President commented on the days happenings and that he is already looking forward to next year.

Solicitor - He discussed our parking ordinances that he is working on and need to be updated. He prepared a memo for Council to ask for guidance on direction to move forward. He will be waiting on their response.

Manager -

- Collective Bargaining agreement - Meetings have begun.
- 537-539 9th Ave – Fire Department was able to get the asbestos testing completed.

- PA American Water – Resident Calls about projects within the Borough. He is waiting for a call back to better communicate in the future.
- Discussed West Mifflin's assistance with a generator for Community Day.

Engineer -

- MS4 permit renewal for 2018 (5 yrs.) with the DEP
 - He completed the renewal and a substantial portion of it was Pollutant Reduction Plan.
 - Within a week or so it will be on the website and the hard copy is in the Borough Administration Office.
- Two of the three paving projects are complete and under budget.
- Storm Water ordinance is out of date and should be updated. It needs to be done by March 2018 when the permit application is due to be renewed.
- Ravine Street has been completed and everything will be finalized by next month's meeting.

Public Works Supervisor -

Report Submitted and in addition, the salt bin has been completed. Main Street banner box has been delivered 8x8x20.

Police Chief – Report Submitted.

Fire Chief - Report Submitted.

Code Enforcement Officer – Report Submitted.

VII. Public Comments on Agenda items:

- **Donna Dreshman –**
 - Item 1 and 2 – Are they complete?
 - Yes
 - Has anything been held back for future projects?
 - No per Colin Lampark
 - Item 5 and 6 – What is the balance left after payment?
 - Joe Varhola answered \$2,948,148.71
 - She reminded us to put cups on the water dispenser in the hallway.

- o **Jim Barca**
 - o Asked where Poppy and Violet Way are located and there was a discussion about the recent paving projects.

VIII. Items for consideration:

1. Motion to approve Steel Rivers COG to make payment to A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$93,740.77 from the CITF grant (contract 2016-1-CITF-121), for paving of Dewey St., Calvert Ave. and Washington St.
Motion - Councilman Inglis, Second – Councilman Stein, Vote – Unanimous

2. Motion to pay A. Liberoni, Inc. the amount of \$62,693.29 for paving Poppy Way and Violet Way.
**Motion - Councilman Stein, Second - Councilman Tichon
Vote - Unanimous**

3. Motion to approve handicap sign at 618 E 9th Ave.
Motion – Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek, Second - Councilman Inglis, Vote - Unanimous

4. Motion to approve the August 16, 2017 minutes.
**Motion - Councilman Brennan, Second - Councilman Tichon,
Vote – 6 Yes and 1 Abstain (Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek as she was not present at the prior meeting)**

5. Motion to pay bills for the period August 16th, 2017 thru September 21st, 2017, summarized as follows:

Administration	\$ 43,489.49
Police:	\$ 52,800.36
Fire:	\$ 88,784.35
Health & Sanitation:	\$ 57,976.35
Public Works:	\$ 78,478.71
Recreation:	\$ 10,444.72
Miscellaneous:	<u>\$ 43,361.03</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 375,335.01

Motion - Councilman Inglis, Second - Councilman Tichon, Vote - Unanimous

8. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of August 10th through August 24th as follows:

2017: Aug 10	\$ 126,968.12
2017: Aug 24	\$ <u>127,005.03</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 253,973.15

Motion - Councilman Votedian, Second - Councilman Brennan, Vote – Unanimous

Other Matter(s): President Falce thanked the Community Day Committee - Carol Schrieve and Allison Fisher of Homestead Library, Chris Fassinger of the Parks and Rec board, Michelle Falce and new member Tony DeMartino as well as Don Getsy who has been running the Junior Olympics for about 40 years. The committee has decided to rename the Junior Olympics the Mayor Bodnar Olympics. They will also be moved to the afternoon as allot of the kids are involved with other sports programs and can't get to the site until the afternoon. Donna Dreshman asked where the 2018 Community Day will be held and was advised probably Trautman Field again. Everyone agreed it was a wonderful place to have it.

Councilman Stein asked if anything has been done with the bad bus stop on 837. Joe Varhola said no and Dave Cannon said there is someone who uses the stop.

IX. Adjournment: Motion - Councilman Votedian, Second - Councilman Tichon, Vote – Unanimous



Rob Falce – Council President