

The regular meeting of the Munhall Borough Council was held on August 20, 2014 in Council Chambers, Munhall Borough Building, 1900 west Street, Munhall, Pa 15120. The meeting convened at 7:16pm with Council President Dan Lloyd presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led under the direction of Greg Evashavik.

Councilman Shields asked for long time District Justice Richard Terrick to be in everyone's prayers.

Preliminary Announcements

Councilman Brennan tried to call the Chief of Police for Munhall Borough on several occasions and was unable to be reached. Chief Campbell is not in the phone system to be reached. West Homestead and Homestead were called and the Police Chief was reached within minutes. The Clerk for Homestead was spoken to for several minutes and the discussion focused on what her job duties were. What the Borough of Munhall has now is not working; the police department is alienated from our residents. Councilman Falce stated that we have lost the community police department by not having someone man the desk. Captain Snyder stated that when a resident calls 911 for a nonemergency issue, their information is faxed to the police department for an officer to get back to the resident. Councilman Lloyd stated that an internal review of the system should be performed and contact the phone vendor to fix any issues. Mayor Bodnar stated the problem is the police officers are not in the station and council is responsible for hiring a clerk. A detective cannot go to a woman's house alone due to the liability of sexual allegations. One detective has nine cases and the other has eighteen. Every officer on daylight is justifiable. Jim Barca -Brierly Lane commented that during normal business hours, a resident should be to contact an officer. The phone call should just ring to one phone in the police department for someone to answer. Jan Vistas-Brierly Lane commented that the Crime Watch signs in the community are still up and have a phone number that has been disconnected. Councilman Lloyd stated those signed would be taken down. Councilman Shields stated that Council is here to create policy. We assume that the employees will adhere to the policy and handle any problems that arise internally however it does not happen.

Roll Call: Present

Dan Lloyd, Council President
Richard Votedian, Councilman
Rob Falce, President Pro-Tem

Bernie Shields, Councilman
Joe Ballas, Councilman
Rick Brennan, Councilman

Absent: Harvey Inglis, Council Vice President

Also in Attendance

Robert Callen, Borough Manager
Harry R. Faulk, Assistant Manager/Treasurer
Raymond Bodnar, Mayor
Scott Snyder, Police Captain
Ed Pletsch, Deputy Fire Chief
David Cannon, Code Enforcement
Bob Bicsey, Acting Director of Public Works
Greg Evashavik, Borough Solicitor
Lindsey Jewart, Borough Engineer

Mayor Raymond Bodnar swore in Harold Woodburn and Raymond Kondas as alternates to the Civil Service Commission.

Public Speakers

1. Ronald Gajdos, Shady Avenue, Munhall

Normally when someone speaks to Council, there is a procedure. Council is now allowing residents to speak freely without following procedure. Councilman Lloyd stated that Council could extend time to speakers if they so wish. Mr. Gajdos stated that the prisoner's situation should have been taken care of before signing the 911 papers in January. Councilman Votedian questioned when the papers were signed. Mr. Gajdos questioned what is the future of Munhall? Councilman Shields stated that the Council President could decide how the meeting is conducted. Councilman Lloyd stated that the Borough of Munhall was in a dire situation at the beginning of this year and Borough was mismanaged in the previous year. Its going to get tough once again, however we are cleaning up and its not in the best interest to go back to the way things were.

2. Bill Salerno, John Street, Munhall

A resident on John Street is using his house as a rooming house. The resident was cited by Allegheny County for doing so. The interpretation for R2 does not allow for any kind of group home without special conditions, therefore we are in disagreement with Dave Cannon. The rest of the residents on the street would like a second opinion performed on Mr. Cannon's interpretation. Mr. Cannon stated his interpretation explained that the house is separated into two apartments and pays for the rental license. You can have up to six unrelated people living in the house. The police have responded twice in the past years for a parking issue and a death. Mr. Salerno's concern is that market values of the properties and single ladies living on the street.

3. Bill Tovlin, Munhall

Mr. Tovlin stated that he is tired of people complaining about his property on Vine Street. Mr. Tovlin stated that he has all the proper

permits. The proper paperwork is in place in case if there is a landslide onto the business below. Councilman Lloyd stated that council does not have any issue with the property. Mr. Kondas and Mr. Tovlin started arguing and Mr. Tovlin was escorted out of Council Chambers.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Donna Dreshman question item number four's contribution rate. Mr. Callen stated that contribution comes from the employee and there is currently not an employer match. Mrs. Dreshman questioned if item five will be an administrative employee? Mr. Lloyd replied it would be part of the bargaining agreement. Mrs. Dreshman stated that if item six passes, then it needs to be enforced, currently it is not. Mr. Lloyd replied that it has been enforced. Mr. Evashavik stated that this ordinance is being extended to the Sewer Authority to enforce the ordinance. Mrs. Dreshman asked on motion seven, would this be part of the cutbacks. Mr. Callen stated that it is a personnel issue.

Motion to approve the July 16, 2014 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Motioned by Mr. Shields

Seconded by Mr. Falce

Motion carried unanimously

Reports from Borough Officials

Solicitor: The title searches have been completed for Year 40 demo list. The 19th Avenue playground property was sold to Mr. Ferman for \$3,019.00. Matt Galla needed to have Mr. Ferman sign the deed and that was never done. Mr. Ballas stated that he was here when Mr. Ferman signed the deed. Mr. Evashavik will check into it. The storm water connections ordinance is drafted and ready. The contract was reviewed for E-Collect.

Manager: The estimated MMO for 2015 is \$530,000.00. The RFP for the administration of the Pension Plan is circulated among 25 firms and interviews will be performed after Labor Day. The police health insurance will increase by \$75,000.00 for 2015 and alternative plans will be reviews. There is will contract negotiations with Local 205 on September 3, and a committee should be form. The Main Street cameras will be fixed soon. Twenty LED lights have been ordered to be install on Cambria and Video. The budgets dates will be posted soon with hopes to have a budget passed by Thanksgiving. Mr. Votedian would like a total cost of the Main Street camera project.

Engineer: The Floodplain Ordinance is revised and council has a copy. A motion will be needed tonight to advertise for the hearing. The deadline is September 26, 2014. The Safe Route to School Project is ready for PennDOT to review. There is 20% remaining of the budget. Munhall Borough is to be reimbursed 100% of paid invoices of this project. The total budget is \$63,000 and \$54,000 has been spent.

Public Works: The new dump truck has arrived. Council has a copy of my report. Mr. Lloyd thanked public works for doing a wonderful job sealing the cracks on Waterfront Drive. Mr. Brennan questioned the lights on the path from Vondera Street to Ravine Street. Mr. Bickey stated the Duquesne light removed the lights because there are not any structures along that path.

Police: There were 675 incidents in July resulting in 47 arrests and 86 citations issued. Nine people were housed in our jail for the month of July. The call volume is increasing due to the fact the dispatchers handled non-emergency issues.

Fire: The fire department responded to 45 calls, all with no injuries reported. Mr. Votedian stated that it has been 19 years since the tragic accident that killed one firefighter and injured others.

Code Enforcement: Code is receiving three calls a week on abandoned property. The signs for blighted property are evolving.

Mayor: The school district held a joint meeting about bussing with the Port Authority. They were asked to not forget about the Longfellow and Ravine Street. Mark Gergly tour will take place on September 25, 2014 to inspect State maintained roads in the District. Council is invited to participate. The security of the building is of utmost importance. Council needs a motion to extend the hours of gentleman that is currently in the Police department.

Items for Consideration

1. Motion to enter into Agreement with Cargill, Inc. – Deicing Technology Business Unit for 2014-2015 Rock Salt at the lowest bid price submitted to the SHACOG on Munhall Borough's behalf at the cost of \$79.29 per ton delivered.
Moted by Mr. Ballas Seconded by Mr. Falce
Motion passed unanimously
2. Motion to enter into an agreement with Optimus Risk Services for Safety and Health Services in relation to Workers Compensation premium reduction and Case Management Services, effective October 1, 2014, at no cost for one year and then \$795 per month effective October 1, 2015.
Moted by Mr. Brennan Seconded by Mr. Shields
Motion passed by majority, Mr. Votedian voted no.
3. Motion to appoint Benefits Network, Inc. as Munhall Borough's Broker of Record for Health Plan and negotiations.
Moted by Mr. Shields Seconded by Mr. Brennan
Motion passed by majority, Mr. Votedian voted no.

4. Motion to advertise an Ordinance for the implementation of a Defined Contribution Pension Plan for employees hired after January 1, 2012.
Motedioned by Mr. Falce Seconded by Mr. Shields
Motion carried unanimously
5. Motion to advertise for Public Works Supervisor position.
Motedioned by Mr. Brennan Seconded by Mr. Shields
Motion passed by majority, Mr. Votedian voted no.
6. Motion to advertise an Ordinance authorizing the Munhall Sanitary Authority to enforce the Borough's Storm water Ordinance No. 1513.
Motedioned by Mr. Falce

Mr. Lloyd passed the gavel to Mr. Brennan, appointing Mr. Brennan as Council President.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lloyd

Mr. Lloyd stated that the Sewer Authority needs to have the authority to enforce the storm water due to the consent order.

Motion passed unanimously

7. Motion to ratify the action of Borough Manager reassigning the Bookkeeper to that of Municipal Clerk at a pay rate of \$12.00 per hour effective August 4, 2014.

Motedioned by Mr. Lloyd Mr. Shields tabled motion for next meeting.

8. Motion to authorize Borough Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement with a leasing firm for the purchase of a new Dump Truck with a principal of \$143,856.03 and to negotiate favorable terms to the Borough.
Motedioned by Mr. Ballas Seconded by Mr. Falce
Motion passed unanimously

9. Motion to pay bills for the periods of July 16, 2014 through August 20, 2014 as in the Profit and Loss detail report, summarized as follows:

Administration:	\$34,813.42
Police:	\$26,586.59
Fire:	\$75,074.58
Health & Sanitation:	\$15,708.67
Recreation:	\$1,055.05
<u>Miscellaneous:</u>	<u>\$28,896.20</u>
Total:	\$227,228.52

Motedioned by Mr. Lloyd Seconded by Mr. Ballas
Motion passed unanimously

10. Motion to approve payroll for the period of July 18, 2014 through August 20, 2014 as follows:

July 31, 2014	\$113,590.58
<u>August 14, 2014</u>	<u>\$111,339.56</u>
Total	\$224,930.14

Motioned by Mr. Falce Seconded by Mr. Lloyd
Motion passed unanimously

11. Motion to advertise the proposed floodplain Ordinance for hearing and adoption for September 17, 2014 meeting.

Motioned by Mr. Lloyd Seconded by Mr. Ballas
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brennan asked if the Borough would post Veteran Flags along Main Street. There is a company in Donora that makes them at little to no cost to the Borough.

Mr. Falce stated that the Recreation Committee would like to start a Recreation Board comprised of residents.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mr. Falce, seconded by Mr. Lloyd at 9:41pm.
Motion carried unanimously

Minutes approved by:


Dan Lloyd, Council President

9-5-14
Date