

**Borough of Munhall  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 19th, 2019 6:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order – President Falce**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Troop 4 Homestead Park United Methodist Church**
- III. Preliminary Announcements**

**Roll Call: Councilman Ballas (Absent); Councilman Inglis; Councilman Petruzzi; Councilman Stein; Councilman Tichon; Councilman Votedian; President Falce**

**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):**

- **TKA Architects – Felix Cardella presented the proposed architectural plans for the Willis Center building. He answered questions from Council, Mayor Brennan and residents.**
- **Mayor Brennan presented the Steel Valley Baseball team and coaches with a recognition for their WPIAL championship win.**

**V. Reports from Borough Officials:**

**Mayor – Mayor Brennan updated Council regarding several items regarding Homestead Cemetery and thanked Lowes Home Improvement for their donation of lawn mowers, trimmers and gas cans. He also thanked Subway for lunches. Mayor Brennan thanked Mr. Cardella for his presentation. He advised the residents that he had been checking in to a possible referendum, regarding Willis Center, and it seems that it can not be done. He discussed his thoughts on the plans of that building vs the current borough building.**

**Solicitor – Solicitor Evashavik read a letter from Nuvo advising they have decided not to purchase the Junior Achievement property at the Waterfront. He advised Council and Mayor Brennan that he has drafted an ordinance regarding animals as this has been a recent issue within the Borough.**

**Manager** – Report submitted. Manager Varhola advised there is grant money available for catch basins. He advised they will soon begin meetings regarding bargaining for the Police contract. Joe and Solicitor Evashavik discussed the next meeting regarding rezoning of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. There were discussions regarding zoning and rezoning and there will be postings and phone calls regarding the next meeting to come. He discussed upcoming code enforcement software as well as Crossing Guard and Summer Help pay rate increases. There was discussion between Mr. Varhola and Council regarding the pay changes for both.

**Engineer** – Mr. Lampark discussed paving work that is being coordinated with Peoples Gas and that they will do the work on Roberta and Summerfield and the Borough will do the restoration work and be compensated by Peoples Gas. Councilman Stein asked about Main Street crosswalks. Mr. Varhola advised he will know more after the July finance meeting. He made a statement regarding the prior cost estimates for the current borough building and the Willis Center building. He advised Allegheny Global did a survey and confirmed the 2005 asbestos report on the current borough building. He advised there was a bid for the abatement and demolition of the Willis Center and all that entails. Five companies, Triton Holdings, Franjo Construction, Bristol Environmental, Nelcon and Key Asbestos Abatement. There were two base bids. One being abatement (base bid A) and the other demolition (base bid B). The lowest for both were Triton Holdings with base bid A being \$168,930.00 and base bid B being \$479,000 for a total combined bid of \$647,930.00. He confirmed with Solicitor Evashavik that Council can accept the bid, put the bid out again, reject the bids or table everything for now. Councilman Stein asked if the Borough decides to remain in the current building, if it would be advantageous to ready Willis Center for sale or to sell it as is. Mr. Lampark advised it would make it more marketable if it. There were questions and discussions regarding the bids.

**Public Works Supervisor** – Report submitted. Mr. Bicsey is absent from the meeting.

**Police Chief** – Report submitted.

**Fire Chief** – Report submitted.

**Code Enforcement Officer** – Report submitted.

## **VI. Public Comments on Items for Consideration:**

Donna Dreshman – Motion 1 – When does the program stop? July 13<sup>th</sup>. Motion 2 – What is the change? Solicitor Evashavik explained. Motion 3 – What is the change? \$10 to \$12. Motion 4 – Is this on Hill Street? Joe Varhola explained AC Vacant Property Recovery Program. How much is left over after the bills are paid? \$3,250,745.32.

There were discussions about the new motion regarding summer help workers increases.

**VII. Items for consideration:**

1. Motion to hire Emily Doyle and Elizabeth Monahan for the 2019 Summer Camp workers at the rate of \$ 15.00 per hour. Their clearances have been received.

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

2. Motion to advertise Ordinance 1594 for the non-union, non-uniform employee pension.

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

3. Motion to approve a pay increase, for Crossing Guards, from \$10.00 per hour to \$12.00 per hour.

**Motion: Councilman Inglis; Second: Councilman Tichon; Vote: 1 abstention (Councilman Petruzzi)**

4. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-2. Approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of the parcel of vacant property known as block and lot numbers 132-S-083 would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality.

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

5. Motion to approve the May 15, 2019 minutes.

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

6. Motion to pay bills for the period May 14th, 2019 through June 18, 2019, summarized as follows:

Administration	\$	27,101.59
Police:	\$	82,468.82
Fire:	\$	18,381.56
Health & Sanitation:	\$	49,911.99
Public Works:	\$	128,754.36
Recreation:	\$	2,889.07
Miscellaneous:	\$	<u>19,927.90</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>329,435.29</b>

**Motion: Councilman Petruzzi; Second: Councilman Inglis; Vote: Unanimous**

7. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

2019: May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$	135,815.43
2019: May 16 <sup>th</sup>	\$	137,760.82
2019: May 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$	<u>168,774.63</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>442,350.88</b>

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

8. Motion to approve an hourly rate increase, for the seasonal summer workers, from \$8.50 per hour to \$10.00 per hour at the start of the next pay period.

**Motion: Councilman Petruzzi**

**Question on the motion:** Councilman Stein asked how hard the tracking would be to keep track of jobs they would be performing.

**Vote: 1 – Abstention (Councilman Tichon)**

**Other/Additional Matter(s):**

**Councilman Inglis** asked Mayor Brennan to have the police in attendance for the next meeting for discussions regarding the Borough offices.

**President Falce** advised everyone of the Yard Sale.

**Mayor Brennan** asked Councilman Inglis to have the Engineer to bring drawings updating the current building. Colin advised he should contact TKA and the Mayor asked Council to consider it.

**Added Motion 9** – Motion to obtain a proposal for TKA to do a preliminary cost estimate for the current borough building.

**Motion** – Councilman Inglis

Question on the motion: Donna Dreshman – Do we know what the cost would be? Answer no. There were discussions about what the proposal will entail. Colin advised the current design estimate was \$30,000 and could be up to 6 months.

**Second** – Councilman Votedian

**Roll Call Vote:** Councilman Inglis – Yes,  
Councilman Petruzzi – Yes  
Councilman Stein – Yes  
Councilman Tichon – Yes  
Councilman Votedian - Yes  
Councilman Falce – Yes

Colin Lampark clarified the Harvey/Shady project for Mrs. Ondo.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

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



**Robert Falce – President of Council**