

**Munhall Borough
Council Minutes
of
August 19, 2015**

**Borough of Munhall
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2015
6:00 P.M. Executive Session; 7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting**

- I. Call to Order : 7:00 PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Engineer Lindsay Jewart led Pledge.
- III. Preliminary Announcements
 - a. Councilman Brennan apologized for his actions at the previous meeting.
- IV. Roll Call
Councilman Ballas; Councilman Shields, Councilman Votedian; Councilman Brennan; Councilman Falce; Councilman Inglis (absent - excused); President Lloyd.

V. Presentation: Raymond Hyland: VFD #1 Presentation of 2 Plaques in Remembrance of Firefighter William S, Marks; 20th Anniversary of his death.

NOTICE TO ALL PUBLIC SPEAKERS ADDRESSING COUNCIL

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

VI. Public Comments on Agenda items only (1-8).

Donna Dreshman – Where will the Borough hang the new plaque? Motion # 1 – Will this be split with the school district? No answer at this time. Motion # 6 – Where is “publicly owned property”? Council President Lloyd explained. Does this include 6th, 7th and 8th? No this is Waterfront TIF only. What contracts were discussed in Executive Session. Council President Lloyd advised Police Department.

VII. Move to approve the July 15, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

- Motion – Councilman Shields Votedian Second – Councilman Vote - Unanimous

VIII. Reports from Borough Officials:

Mayor –

- Councilman Brennan advised that he apologized to Council and Borough officials for his outburst at the last meeting. He offered his apology to Mayor. Mayor and Councilman Brennan had discussion as to their difference of opinion regarding the apology and several letters/emails that went back and forth between the two of them. The discussion went back and forth between the two of them for several minutes during which time the Council President passed the gavel to President Pro Tem Rob Falce and left.
- He is asking for changes for the MOU for Propel School agreement as he was not on the email chain prior to the meeting.

Solicitor –

- MOU for School will come later, 19th Ave playground, other items were Executive Session items

Manager -

- Community Development Block Grant– Requesting Ideas from Council by Sept 09, 2015, CDBG Budget for Demolitions has been the previous project
- SV Veterans Banner Program – Not run by Borough – Councilman Brennan and Mark Fallon only
- EIP Study – Set for September 30th Phase 1-3 will be available with beginning 2016 budget time frame.

- 428 E 8th Ave is off list for demo as there is no CDBG money (bids between \$75k-100K)
- CDBG 41 - Title searches going through legal process now and after bids are complete, these are schedule to be in demo in Spring 2016 - 915 Ravine, 1207 Coal Rd 920 Creek, 1314 Margret, 1224 Ravine, 1309 Ravine and 1229 Ravine.
- Finance Committee met on August 4 and and reviewed the Pension fund and 2014 General Fund Audit.
- Intermunicipal Agreement regarding the West Run Road/Forrest Ave culvert (agreement goes back to 1970) – Will be asking Council to direct Chester Engineers to prepare a DEP dredging permit.
- Budget formulation will begin end of September/early October.

Councilman Brennan – Asked if 428 E 8th Ave had already been on the Sheriff Sale list. Council discussed what Sheriff Sale options are. Mayor Bodnar advised of the Borough loss of money because we removed the building from the list. Council and Solicitor discussed options for preparation for demolition and this being the only reason we should go into the structure (because of possible hazardous materials inside). Last bid was \$75-100K

Councilman Ballas – Asked about the Hayes Mansion – Is once again in the hands of the family and they do want to rehab the house.

Engineer –

- Report submitted
- She explained the West Run Dredging permit process and where the issue is.

Public Works Supervisor –

- Report submitted.
- Ravine opened today.
- Main Street cameras not up yet.
- They are painting lines for School Crossings.

Councilman Falce asked about sidewalk weed clean up along Main Street.

Councilman Shields discussed with Mr Biscey the issues he sees along 8th Ave towards “blue” building. Issues are with curbs and walks.

Police Chief –

- Report submitted
- Requests that Council and the Borough come to some resolution regarding the housing of prisoners. “We need a permanent solution” as we are calling officers off the street or the clerk in during off hours for overtime.
 - The Borough Manager advised that in 2016 there is a budget to hire two part time people.
 - Councilman Ballas asked how Homestead housed theirs and Chief Campbell advised they currently do the same as we are currently by calling someone off the road and they call residents as well.
 - Chief Campbell asks that Council look into West Mifflin as they have 24 hour availability.
 - Councilman Shields asked if Mayor Bodnar would be willing to meet with Mayor Kelley and Police Chief of West Mifflin regarding contracting with them to hold prisoners. Mayor Bodnar agreed.
 - 911 will no longer take report offs for crossing guards

Question from Councilman Votedian asking if the Borough has a noise ordinance.

- Discussion regarding part time officers
 - Motion for Council to authorize a Civil Service Roster in case the Borough decides to hire part time police officers. This would include testing with the Civil Service Commission.

Comment on the Motion – Donna Dreshman - Asking when Council foresees the testing to take place – Council President Pro Tem Falce advised they would like to see it in the fall of this year. Ms. Dreshman asked if there is currently a list in the Borough office and was advised that the list has expired as they are only current for two years.

Motion – Councilman Votedian Second – Councilman Ballas
Vote – Unanimous

Fire Chief - Glenn Coles attending

- Read report
- Requesting yearly fire truck fund (\$65K)
 - Would like to have by next months meeting

Code Enforcement Officer –

- Submitted report
- In addition to report he discussed the 15 abandoned properties on Margaret Street.

Councilman Brennan –

- Resident on Marigold is not happy with agreement made earlier today. Does not trust the other resident with the dogs.
 - Per definition of Kennel, the residents are not allowed to “own” more than 3 domestic animals.
 - Chief Campbell knows the resident who fosters the dogs. The dogs are placed with her through a county agency and take some of the dogs that our catcher catches instead of putting them down and charges the Borough \$200.00.
 - Councilman Shields advises that even though she is doing something good for the animals, she can not circumvent the ordinance.
 - Dave advises that she is not making money for this and we will have to look into what the definition of “Kennel” is.

- There is continued discussion between Councilman Brennan and Dave Cannon that there needs to be some resolution between these two neighbors and that there are allot over residents within the Borough who own more than 3 domesticated animals.
 - Mr. Cannon is willing to enforce the ordinance but is asking for the backing of Council when he addresses other residence regarding the same matter.

IX. Items for Consideration:

1. Motion to approve Tax Collector, Donna Mercuri, to attend the 57th Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania State Tax Collectors' Association at York, PA from October 16-17, 2015 at a total cost of \$563.35 for room, credits and registration + travel reimbursement.

Motion – Councilman Ballas Second – Councilman Votedian

Question on the Motion, Councilman Shields – As we tell residents that Donna is her own entity. Why would we pay? Solicitor Evashavik advised the Borough is only contractually obligated to pay for her supplies. That it is the Boroughs decision if they want to ask for the school district to pay for half of this convention. President Pro Tem advised there are 4 options at voting time:

- 1: They would table the motion until they have spoken with the school district regarding paying for half
- 2: They can pay half and advise Donna she will need to ask the school for the other half.
- 3: They can say no altogether
- 4: They can pay it all and the Borough can bill the school district for the half. It was agreed upon that this would probably not be an option this evening.

Councilman Ballas withdrew his Motion and Council President Pro Tem asked the Borough Manager Callen to be sure and ask Donna if she has asked the school district to pay half.

Discussion regarding deadline of registration. Councilman Shields advised to have Donna pay herself up front and the Borough would discuss the repayment later. Councilman Brennan asked to agree to pay for half. There was a **motion from Councilman Votedian to table the motion until we talk to Donna about the Borough paying half and she addressing the school district for the second half.**

**Motion – Councilman Votedian Second – Councilman Brennan
Vote to Table - Unanimous**

2. Motion to approve Patrolman Jason Poniewaz to attend the 16th Annual East Coast Gang Investigators Association Training Conference from September 21-25, 2015 at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware at a total cost of \$635.20 for room and registration +travel reimbursement.

**Motion – Councilman Ballas Second – Councilman Shields
Vote – Unanimous**

Councilman Brennan asked if Officer Poniewaz is an investigator. He is a patrolman but is only one willing to go to this and that this is coming out of forfeiture fund. Brings back good intelligence.

3. Move to approve the execution of a Model Memorandum of Understanding between the Munhall Borough Police Department and the Propel Andrew St. High School, establishing procedures to be followed during certain incidents demanding police response, with such MOU to be effective upon mutual execution of the same.

SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR CHANGES –

**Motion - Councilman Votedian Second – Councilman
Ballas**

Vote - Unanimous

4. Motion to accept the 2014 General Fund Audit as prepared by Mark Turnley, CPA and as submitted to Council/Mayor on July 15, 2015 and further reviewed with Mark Turnley by the Finance Committee on August 4, 2015.

**Motion – Councilman Shields Second-Councilman
Brennan**

Question from Mayor regarding amounts from Engineer and Solicitors view. Questioning the amounts (Legal Tax Service and Solicitor are bunched together). **Vote – Unanimous**

5. Motion to accept the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan as prepared by the Munhall LGA Intern and further reviewed with Council by Borough Manager on July 15, 2015 and further submitted to Council for review/comment.

**Motion – Councilman Ballas Second – Votedian
Vote - Unanimous**

6. Motion to advertise Ordinance # 1573 authorizing Munhall Borough to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Steel Valley Council of Governments, amending previous Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement holding Waterfront TIF District Funds toward the Repair, Replacement and Maintenance of Publicly Owned Property within the TIF District.

- a. Solicitor has looked it over and says it is normal agreement.

Discussion regarding cameras and access to them.

**Motion – Councilman Shields Second – Councilman
Ballas**

Vote – Unanimous

7. Motion to waive Munhall Borough Permit Fees for Chair-Lift installation at St. Theresa Church.

**Motion – Councilman Ballas Second – Councilman
Brennan**

Vote - Unanimous

8. Motion to pay bills for the period July 16, 2015 through August 12, 2015, summarized as follows:

Administration	\$ 14,565.17
Police:	\$ 39,369.30
Fire:	\$ 4,875.20
Health & Sanitation:	\$ 13,441.98
Public Works:	\$ 7,613.68
Recreation:	\$ 2,622.08
Debt Service:	\$ 97.00
Miscellaneous:	\$ 58,678.88*
TOTAL:	\$ 141,263.29

(*)= \$43,844, monthly Workers Comp Premium; \$14,659.83, Property Tax Refunds; \$175.05, Life Insurance Premium for Retirees.

**Motion Councilman Ballas Second Councilman Brennan
Vote - Unanimous**

9. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of July 30, 2015 through August 13, 2015 as follows:

July 30, 2015	\$ 117,298.20
August 13, 2015	\$ 111,823.27
TOTAL:	\$ 229,121.47

**Motion- Councilman Votedian Second Councilman
Shields
Vote - Unanimous**

X. Other Public Comments on Non Agenda Items

1. Council President Pro Tem talked about upcoming Community Day – October 3, 2015 11am to 6pm.

2. **Robert Wolf** - 114 Woodlawn Drive - Sewer and Storm Water Systems issues that keep overflowing on to the property.

Discussions between Council and resident about the water being sewer vs. storm water. Solicitor Evashavik states that allot of homes all over Allegheny County have this issue. The only thing that the Boroughs are obligated to do is keep the sewer clean. It isn't the Boroughs responsibility when it

rains too much and overflows a pipe. Councilman Votedian asked Council when we sent someone to view the pipe. Advised it was cleaned and checked last year. Solicitor advised we were contacted by the DEP and he spoke with them.

3. Nancy Kapp – (for Michael Aldrich) 2124 Walnut St – Asking about adding \$5K into 2016 budget for MAPs. Borough Manager Robert Callen advised that the 2016 Budget meetings will be announced.

XI. Adjournment

Motion – Councilman Shields Second – Councilman Votedian
Vote - Unanimous



Dan Lloyd - Council President