

Borough of Munhall
Workshop Council Meeting
Wednesday,
September 12, 2018 6:30PM

- **Call to Order**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call: Councilman Ballas; Councilman Inglis; Councilman Petruzzi; Councilman Stein; Councilman Tichon (absent); Councilman Votedian; President Falce.**

- **Preliminary Announcement(s):**

Moment of Silence for Tim Kallay –PW Employee passed 8/26/18

- **Guest(s):**

- **Council Item(s):**

1. **9th and 10th Ave – Rezoning – Ordinance, New Zoning Map** – Dave Cannon recommends B2 be extended to remaining side of 9th Ave and 10th Ave both from McClure to Andrew Streets. Councilman Ballas asked for a copy of the Borough map for the next meeting, highlighting that area. Dave will make sure to have them. Councilman Stein asked if the Planning Commission should be involved and Dave advised they already recommended the change. There was a discussion about the advertising, a new ordinance, a letter to Allegheny County, a hearing and resident notification as well as the Borough map change.
2. **Comcast Franchise Fees** – Joe Varhola received a renewal from Comcast and he contacted the Solicitor who referred him to attorney Dan Cohen who specializes in franchise fee agreements. Mr. Cohen advised he would write the agreement send it to Comcast. He advised the charge will be \$7900 to write the agreement. He advised he will also conduct a 5-year audit which will show exactly what Comcast should have paid us over those years vs what they actually paid. This service is \$4900 and said that 72% of the time they owe additional money and that pays for the service. Council had discussions about the school district channel and the fire stations being included in the contract.

3. **Public Works New Hiring** – President Falce advised of the two recent retirements and the loss of Tim Kallay. Joe Varhola stated that the original plan was to bring two employees on in January and now with the passing of Tim Kallay, there will be a need for 3 at least. He said the plan is to start one in November one in December and one in January. Councilman Inglis confirmed with Public Works Supervisor that he needs 3 new employees. Bob Biscey confirmed.

4. **West Homestead – Salt Bin** - West Homestead contacted Joe Varhola stating they need help with a salt bin. Joe advised they would like to store their salt in our bin. He said that we don't have a problem with that as we already do it for Homestead. He told them that we will be the one to scoop the salt, so we can keep track of it and they agreed if we have to call someone out to help them, they will pay us \$150 at that time for their services.

Additional Item(s):

- Councilman Votedian stated that he was approached by a Councilman from Whitaker asking what we are going to do about the Police department. Councilman Votedian said that he thought Whitaker was sent a proposal and was told they never received one. Joe Varhola advised he talked their Borough Manager, Jean Warren and asked her for a formal letter requesting our services. Chief Campbell said he has all the data needed for a proposal. We just need the formal request in writing. Council and Chief Campbell discussed the data.
- President Falce reminded everyone of Community Day 2018 and stated he needs volunteers if anyone is available.
- President Falce thanked the Fire Department for all their services during the recent rain.
- He mentioned the Mayor signing the disaster relief declaration during the recent rains. He states he was asked by several residents exactly what that is and what it does. Joe Varhola advised it means that the proper channels can be bypassed if something needs fixed. Chief Campbell also advised that the Borough can act in an emergency manor, bypassing bids for jobs that need to be addressed because of the emergency. The County also issued one as well.
 - John Skeels, 3900 Shady Ave – Asked if this declaration meant they will begin the work on Shady Avenue. Joe Varhola advised not in this case and Mr. Skeels asked why. Joe advised the state laws and the DEP permit regulations have to be followed in this situation and that would supersede the declaration. There was more discussion, an explanation for Mr. Skeels regarding the need for the DEP permit and that the Borough is working closely with the DEP to acquire the permit.

Adjournment: **Motion:** Councilman Stein, **Second:** Councilman Petruzzi,
Vote: Unanimous