

**Borough of Munhall**  
**Workshop Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 8, 2017 6:30PM**

- **Call to Order – President Falce**
- **Pledge of Allegiance - Borough Manager Joe Varhola**
- **Roll Call: Councilman Brennan; Councilman Inglis; Councilman Votedian; Councilman Stein; Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek; Councilman Tichon; President Falce. All present**

**Preliminary Announcement(s):**

Mayor Bodnar asked about the beginning of Christmas decorations. Manager Joe Varhola advised a resident is donating a large tree. Glenn Coles advised the tree is 30-40 feet tall and is too large. There was discussion about the order through the fire department.

Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek discussed a meeting that Superintendent Ed Wherher along with Homestead, West Homestead, Munhall and the Waterfront group attended. In addition, several businesses we represented. There was a lot of discussion about land banking. She explained the focus from the Borough perspective and from the School District perspective.

There were several discussions about the sheriff sale process with Allegheny County and frustrations about the process and length of time it takes to turn a property around (6 to 9 months). Councilman Brennan discussed a program run by Clairton and possibly Duquesne, but the state stepped in and advised they could not continue. Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek advised there are other areas within the Steel Valley are doing and several councilmen advised we need to look in to the process they are doing. Councilman Brennan advised Connect would be a good group to reach out to regarding this process and that we should reconnect with that group. He feels it is a great source of information and connection to other areas and business around us.

Councilman Tichon announced the Veterans Day program specifics for the following day.

**Guest(s):**

- None

**Council Item(s):**

- **Chatham University request** – Joe Varhola advised they are asking for bull pen changes. NCA can't have them right next to one another. They are asking if they can use the basketball court and they will pay for the changes. They are also asking for carpeting, an ice machine, and windscreen (banner) saying Chatham University (and Borough of Munhall) and additional lockers in the locker room. They will also pay for these additions.
- **VPRP Resolution for 936 Ravine Street** – We need to motion and approve the VPRP Resolution. All paperwork is complete and ready to motion.
- **Main Street Cameras** – Chief Campbell is still waiting for an answer from his contact at the Department of Justice to see if the money can come from the Asset Forfeiture account and Councilman Brennan and Joe have discussed the possibility of the installation in 2017 or waiting for 2018. Chief Campbell states the Asset Forfeiture can reimburse the general fund if he receives the clearance from the Department of Justice.
- **New Agreement to TCVCS** – Joe states the agreement is the same as the last however there is a survey (for the easement) being completed at this time. We will present them the agreement along with the survey next.
- **DCNR (multi municipal parks grant)**- Joe advised he, Jason and Mark Fallon have been working on it. He stated the Borough received a bill for \$15,000 payable to West Homestead. Joe asked for confirmation that this was a matching grant. Councilman Brennan confirmed that it is. Having that confirmation, he advised the bill is Munhall's portion of a match grant of \$90,000 (all three boroughs will each pay \$15,000 for a total of \$45,000 and the state will match that \$45,000).
- **Condemnation of 820 Hall** – Joe and Dave Cannon worked to find a place for the resident to go and that the home is falling in to the neighbor's yard. Because it is, they have started the condemnation process with Greg Evashavik' s assistance because it is a danger.

**Additional Item(s):**

**Adjournment:**

- **Motion** – Councilman Tichon, **Second** – Councilwoman Fleming- Salopek  
**Vote - Unanimous**