

**Borough of Munhall
Virtual - Workshop Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 12, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.
Meeting ID: 869 3927 8751 Passcode: 318804**

- **Call to Order – President Inglis**

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Roll Call: Councilman Falce;
Councilman Fallon; Councilman Ondo;
Councilman Petruzzi; Councilman
Stein; Vice President Votedian;
President Inglis**

- **Kelsey Gross** – Pittsburgh Food Bank – Mrs. Gross explained the PFB proposal to set up a food truck to feed the over 400 Steel Valley children, who qualify, a meal. She advised that the media communications will be taken care of and the program would be no cost to the Borough. The children would pick up their food at the truck and take it home with them. They feel that they would only be there about an hour or so. There were discussions amongst Council, the Police Chief and Mrs. Gross regarding possible places to park the truck. She will be reaching out to Anne Ashley Church and the Steel Rivers COG for possible locations.

- **Council Item(s):**
 - Tarquincore Letter of Intent - Manager Varhola explained the letter of intent received from Tarquincore for the possible purchase of the Waterfront property. There were discussions about the property, the letter and possible future usage of the space.

- Bridge Loan – Manager Varhola advised Council he is working on the bridge loan.
- Defined Contributions for Public Works – Manager Varhola explained he has spoken to PNC regarding the possibility of taking over the Defined Contributions pension that is now with Nationwide. The Nationwide program is not working for the Borough and we are having issues with the release of Borough funds. He explained why PNC did not take the account back in 2016 and that he has since spoken with PNC management who have agreed to manage the account for us. He reminded Council that PNC now manages our defined benefit plans, and we already have contacts and procedures that work well for the Borough.
- West Field Usage – Manager Varhola and Council discussed West Field and its usage and cost for the 2020-2021 season. Mr. Varhola advised of Chatham Colleges intentions with the field and how they are looking to make it their home field with a commitment from the Borough. They intend to spend a substantial amount of additional funds if an agreement can be made. Manager Varhola advised these funds can be used for the future maintenance if the field. He advised of several different levels of amounts charged to use the field and the possibilities of field marshalls to monitor the field if need be. Councilman Falce agreed we are not charging enough. He discussed possible future use and costs. President Inglis reminded everyone there will be a great cost to replace the turf in the future and if the money has not been put away, it will cost the taxpayers.
- Chief Campbell discussed the fitness room in the new borough building. He advised it is a COSTAR bid of \$41664.90 for the gym equipment and \$1546.00 for installation. He said because the bid is a larger amount, he is asking Council to approve the payment from the asset forfeiture account. He said he believes the threshold for payment was set years ago for \$7000.00 and this is why he is asking for Council's approval. Councilman Ondo asked what the plan is for the current equipment and Chief Campbell said there is no plan and if they would like, it can be donated to the Fire Department or anyone who wants it. He said some of it needs repair and is 15 years old. Councilman Falce agreed the gym needs to be current and safe equipment. Chief Campbell advised some of it is good and he is comfortable with anyone using most of it. He stated Councilman Fallon asked about dumb bells and said

there are some of them left. They finished talking about the equipment and Councilman Falce said he felt it would be good if they had insurance on the equipment. Chief Campbell said there is information on the invoice, and he will have Greg look at the warranty.

- Councilman Votedian asked about the body cameras and if the municipalities would be entitled to state monies (i.e., grants). Chief Campbell said he spoke with Manager Varhola and the grant writers. He explained the process they took in ordering the cameras. Manager Varhola stated the County Council is looking into ways to help municipalities with the cost but there is no answer to this question at this time. Chief Campbell said they will try to recover some of the cost if that option becomes available.
 - Councilman Stein addressed items he has seen in print and heard verbally the term “good ole boys club” in reference to Council. He said the preceding and succeeding comments to that term paint a picture of Council as group of people with a motive, only doing what is best for them acting in some clandestine environment. He advised he joined Council 5 years ago with a strong moral compass and his time on Council has not caused his integrity to waiver one bit. He would look anyone in the face and say that there are no ulterior motives. There are no backdoor deals. There is no deviation for Council for the purpose for which they have been elected. He stated they are there to gather information, deliberate and decide the best course of action for the town and its residents. He said for anyone to make an accusation that is completely baseless and without merit is wrong. Mr. Stein said the act of name calling is that of a child and one of insecurity, attempting to rise and improve one’s standing by putting others down. He said to those people he says shame on you. Councilman Falce agreed with Councilman Stein. He stated in his 15 years on Council he has always voted what is best for the residents and there has never been an ulterior motive. Ever.
- **Adjournment –**
Motion: Councilman Petruzzi; Second: Councilman Stein; Vote: Unanimous