

Meeting called to order at by Council President Dan Lloyd at 6:30. Council will now meet in executive session and will reconvene shortly.

Mayor Bodnar led the Pledge of Allegiance

Preliminary Announcements:

Roll Call:	Councilman Ballas – Present	Councilman Votedian – Present
	Councilman Brennan – Present	Councilman Shields – Present
	Councilman Falce – Present	Councilman Inglis – Present
	Councilman Lloyd – Present	

Also Present:	Raymond Bodnar, Mayor	Harry R. Faulk, Interim Manager
	Dave Cannon, Code Enforcement	Bob Biscey, Public Works
	Lindsey Jewart, Engineer	Matt Pisarcik, Fire Chief
	Pat Campbell, Police Chief	

Public Speakers

John Walters-Emerson Ave spoke about the property transfer on his street. Mr. Walters commented on how the homeowner did not know about having an occupancy permit and how Mr. Cannon did not know the property was being occupied. Mr. Walters stated that the permit requirement has failed the community and feels that the occupancy is a scam for revenue only. This permit is supposed to protect the community from hazards. What is the purpose of the occupancy permit?

Mr. Cannon replied that he inspected 201 Emerson Ave on October 11, 2014 because it was being sold. Two individuals were there and they stated that they were watching the residence and there were nine dogs there. A resident yelled out saying there were 14 Chihuahuas. Mr. Cannon continued stated that he issued a temporary occupancy permit on October 25, 2013. The closing date was scheduled October 31, 2013. On the week of November 18, 2013 I received a call saying that people have moved in. I visited the resident and say two elderly men painting the first floor. I didn't see any furniture. I received another call on November 25, 2013 stated that people have moved furniture and people were living there. I told the owners that they couldn't live there until an occupancy permit was issued. They stated that when they work late, they stay there overnight. I saw bedroom furniture and advised the owner to install smoke detectors. The inside of the house is in livable condition. The outside has things that needs brought up to code. According to the 2009 International Building Code, the building official can set the time limit of the temporary occupational permit and I gave him until the end of next summer. Mr. Lloyd stated that everyone time Mr. Walters address council, this property is improving. Mr. Brennan stated that vacant building needs addressed in the borough. Mr. Walters, you are lucky to have the house next to you restored. Mr. Brennan went on to state that there are 300 vacant houses in Munhall.

Jack Bosko – Longfellow Drive. Mr. Bosko stated that three weeks ago, a women was laying on the ground. I called 911 and they advised that Longfellow Drive did not exist in Munhall. I told them to call Munhall Police and she did. A patrol car arrived and 10 minutes later an ambulance came. The medics stated they heard the conversation between the patrolman and the Munhall Dispatch. Yesterday, a resident was laying in the bathroom, his family member dialed 911 and the dispatcher didn't know where Longfellow Drive was. I don't know why Munhall wants to go to 911. We call the police and they are here immediately. 911 is a mistake.

Mrs. Hogg asked why is there a line item for financial oversight of \$5,000.00. Mr. Lloyd advised that many municipalities have a CPA come in and review the finances and in light of recent events, it is a good idea.

Mrs. Dreshman asked what is the balance in the bank after everything is paid. Mr. Lloyd replied \$22,000. We had a meeting with a bank yesterday about a Tax Anticipation Loan. Mrs. Dreshman asked about the Manager Ordinance residency requirement. Mr. Lloyd replied that it was taken out. Mrs. Dreshman asked about what building will be appraised this year? Mr. Lloyd stated number three-fire hall. Mrs. Dreshman asked when would the tax bills be mailed out? Mr. Lloyd stated first week of February.

Donna Mecuri asked about the 3% discount. The State says the max discount is 2%. Mr. Evashavik stated the language he received states the minimum discount is 2%. Once the budget is set and the county does their thing, the tax bills will be printed. Mrs. Mercuri asked about the bill for her audit. Mr. Faulk stated the he hasn't received a bill in his office yet. Mrs. Mercuri would like to have in writing what she is asking from council. Mr. Brennan wants to thank Donna for her efforts and he wants everyone to know that Donna is working hard and will do everything she can to get Munhall back on its feet.

Mr. Lloyd stated that we started the year with \$350,000 in the bank. We think it is unlikely that we will be a tax loan. Other funds that come in are earned income tax. With the bills and payroll being paid we will have \$25,000 left in the bank. Payroll and bills alone are \$290,000 a month. Last year we started with over \$900,000 and by April had spent 1.2 million dollars. We are managing cash flow day by day. We are moving things at lighting speed to get things done so we don't have to lay off employees. If we don't receive a loan, we may have to lay off employees for a month or two. We will run out of money by the end of Feb. If we receive tax money before March, we will be in great shape. Mr. Brennan had the idea to get the tax bills out early.

A resident addressed a concern on what is the plan to get taxes paid from delinquent people. Mr. Lloyd stated that a municipality usually only collects 90% of

their tax bills and those 10% receives liens. Mr. Ballas states last year we received \$500,000 in delinquent taxes.

Reports from Borough Officials

Mayor: Mr. Bodnar welcomes everyone and it is nice to see everyone. Most people know my feelings about the budget. Who is responsible for the budget? The former manager neglected to have our audits performed and we lost over \$360,000 in RAD money. He also didn't make pension payments. We have the best dispatchers in the world. We have the best town in the world. This town is number one in the states. The financial neglect on the part of irresponsible people is the reason why he should be held accountable to any financial shortcomings and Council thinks so too. I am opposed of the budget and I am opposed to going to 911. Munhall deserves the best. The flyover bridge will be addressed tonight for trucks that are over 40 feet long. Every time they damage our guardrail, it cost \$11,000. Signs will be posted by the Borough and reroute their traffic to another location to get into the Waterfront. We have been waiting for eleven years to take that dogleg out.

Borough Solicitor: My items were covered in executive session.

Borough Engineer: Council has a copy of my report. Last years paving project, the next step is to submit the paper work from liquid fuels. As the 2014 paving project, Mr. Little had mentioned for us to work with public works. I work like to work with Harry with the paving project because anything that has to do with paving can be paid out of Liquid Fuels. The Safe School Project is 100% reimbursable from Penn Dot. We will be submitting a revised drawing by the end of January. Mr. Little didn't know if any engineering was performed. Mr. Falce asked if Lindsey could ask Chester Engineers is they can differ their cost until we get through this crisis.

Director of Public Works: Council has my report.

Chief of Police: 623 calls in December resulting 38 arrests and 37 citations. For the year 2013 we had 7352 calls resulting in 573 arrests and 959 citations. We have many issues with the flyover, once this issue is resolved with signage, it will be a lot better down there. The State Police notified us that there is a sex offender living near a day care, and St. Therese's school. We passed out flyers, verified his address. State Police know where he is located and the schools that are next to him.

Code Enforcement Officer: Council has my report. Final notices for rental licenses were sent out and notices for parking space fee were sent. Mr. Cannon passed out documents on the update of 201 Emerson St.

Fire Chief: Mr. Pisarcik stated that the Fire Department answered 25 calls and a total of 682.5 hours of volunteer man-hours. 354 total calls were answered, with 11,057 of volunteer man-hours for the year. Over 5000 hours in of volunteer's hours were

in training. Firefighters are taking rope courses. All five fire departments were together on 93 calls. Only 3 firefighters were hurt last year that were minor. We blocked off 73 locations during the Munhall 5k. Water conditions have kept us busy this year. The Waterfront Apartments have had some incidents of sprinkler pipes breaking. They haven't fixed it and they can't occupy those structures with out those sprinklers. We worked out a deal with them that they must have a fire watch person. We have been done there since and haven't seen the fire watch person. We are working with Mr. Cannon to draft a letter. Mr. Cannon stated that he was done there and have a report saying that a security guard was there a the same time the fire department was there and the fire department could not find him. The fire department would like to sit down with council about the workman's comp. Mr. Shields commends the fire department for being out during the severe cold weather.

Tax Collector: Mrs. Mercuri gave council her report and also stated that she hasn't received her compensation package. Mr. Lloyd stated that they would address it right away.

Items for Consideration

1. Move to ratify the payment of the following:
 - a. Bills for January
 - i. Administration - \$43,686.78
 - ii. Public Safety - \$48,613.16
 - iii. Fire Protection - \$19,804.88
 - iv. Sanitation - \$30,065.87
 - v. Public Works - \$62,008.77
 - vi. Recreation - \$1457.86
 - vii. Miscellaneous - \$299.03
 - b. Payroll
 - i. January 3, 2014 - \$129,551.62
 - ii. January 17, 2014 - 134,745.20

Motion: Ballas Second: Falce Passed

2. Move to advertise the Amended Ordinance 1563, an ordinance outlining the duties, responsibilities, and functions of the Borough Manager, removing the residency requirement.

Motion: Shields Second: Inglis Passed

3. Move to hire Missy Dudas as part time, less than 30 hours per week as Secretary at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective January 19, 2013

Motion: Votedian Second: Ballas Passed

4. Motion to decline proposals with the Police and Teamsters to extend Collective Bargaining Agreements and defer salary increases in exchange for temporary pay freeze and no layoff guarantee.

Motion: Inglis Second: Shields

- Mr. Ballas states that we should take this agreement if they are willing to work with us on saving money. Mr. Shields states that he was willing to take this one week ago however we can't keep going back and forth with proposals.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ballas – No	Mr. Votedian – No	Mr. Shields –Yes	
Mr. Brennan – Yes	Mr. Falce – No	Mr. Inglis – Yes	
Mr. Lloyd – Yes			Passed

5. Motion to advertise for bids on the 2009 Ford Crown Vic starting at \$800.00

Motion: Shields Second: Falce Passed

6. Motion to advertise for bids on the 2000 Ford F-550 starting at \$5,000.00

Motion: Falce Second: Shields Passed

7. Motion to pay Larry Billy his personal, sick, and vacation time that was earned thru 12/31/2013 in the amount of \$11,579.04 as a one-time settlement.

- a. This motion was stricken.

8. Move to advertise Ordinance 1562 fixing the fixing the tax rate for the year 2014 at a rate of 10.75 mills.

Motion: Inglis Second: Brennan

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ballas – No	Mr. Votedian – No	Mr. Shields –Yes	
Mr. Brennan – Yes	Mr. Falce – No	Mr. Inglis – Yes	
Mr. Lloyd – Yes			Passed

9. Move to advertise the Munhall Borough General Fund operating budget for the year 2014 in the amount of \$6,617,345.00

Motion: Brennan Second: Inglis

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ballas – No	Mr. Votedian – No	Mr. Shields –Yes	
Mr. Brennan – Yes	Mr. Falce – No	Mr. Inglis – Yes	
Mr. Lloyd – Yes			Passed

10. Motion to advertise proposed ordinance offering an additional 1% discount for property taxes paid by March 1, 2014.

Motion: Brennan Second: Falce Passed

11. Motion to purchase, erect, and maintain “no right turn” and “no left turn” signs for commercial vehicles for State Route 837 and East Waterfront Drive for an indefinite time in agreement with Penn DOT.

Motion: Votedian Second: Ballas Passed

12. Motion to enter into a contract with Jordan Tax Service effective immediately to print property tax bills upon receipt from Allegheny County in the amount of \$1,380.00

Motion: Shields Second: Inglis Passed

13. Motion to purchase 57 used Motorola portable radios from the Whitehall Fire Department in the amount of \$5,500.00

Motion: Shields Second: Votedian Passed

Other Items:

Mr. Brennan commented on the 911 issues and states that no system is perfect, however 911 has the technology that we don't. Also commented on that this year we are going to work diligently with rehab vacant properties in Munhall.

Mr. Inglis commented on the parking situation on Caroline Street. Mr. Bodnar stated that would be readdressed in the spring.

Mr. Campbell stated that the police are more than willing to take the pay freeze and work with council.

Mr. Lloyd commends Harry Faulk on his efforts in the office.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mr. Shields, Seconded by Mr. Votedian.