

Borough of Munhall
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 18, 2016 7:00PM

Conducted by Students of the Steel Valley School District

Call to Order

- I. **Mayor inducts all student members of council**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance by last year's student Mayor, Ryder Varhola**

Mayor Introduces and inducts students who will be conducting the Meeting:

Kylie Salopek, Mayor
Jemma Ireland, President
Elaina Tichon, Vice President
Mason Watson, Councilor
Isaiah Brooks, Councilor
Stephen Guyer, Councilor
Madeline Wedig, Councilor
Angel Yanke, Councilor
Tori Strabryla, Borough Manager
Elizabeth Mackey, Borough Secretary
Brooklyn Pielin, Borough Secretary
Sophia Sabo, Chief of Police
Abbie Fitzgerald, Police File Clerk
Drew Bird, Administrative Captain for Police
Tommy Anstiss, Police Detective
Alex Brown, School Resource Officer
Logan Brady, Borough Fire Chief
Abby Curran, Borough Fire Marshall
Jenna Chojnacki, Street Commissioner
Lucy Meiss, Borough Engineer
Piper Olack, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector
Kennedy Doebereiner, Paramedic
Susie Graffius, EMT
John Torma, Borough Solicitor
Alaina Selifman, Constable
James Fletcher, Tax Collector
Anna Koval, Sewage Authority
Tiara Woolheater, Emergency Management Coordinator

- III. **Roll Call:**
Councilman Brennan (present); Councilman Votedian (present);
Councilman Inglis (present); Councilman Stein (present); Councilman
Brennan (present); Councilman Tichon (present); President Falce
(present).

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.**

1. Donna Dreshman ~ directing council, thanked Joe Varhola on the time that he has been Manager. However, she asked if he knew he was going to apply for the Borough Manager then other people would have voted for someone else in the election. She also asked what the previous Borough Manager salary was, President Falce replied. The previous salary was 70,000 per year plus benefits. She wanted to know how many letters of intent were received for the open position for Council. Mr. Falce referred her to the Solicitor who responded. Seven letters of intent were received. Jessica Reiss, Donna Keifer, Raymond Kondas, James Petruzzi, Scott Stevens, Bill Belger, Jill Fleming-Salopek. Donna also asked how many people applied for the Borough Manager position. She asked if this position was advertised, and how many people were interviewed. President Falce replied with 5 or 6 applications/resumes were received, it was not advertised, and 1 person was interviewed. Last question, What is the Borough's balance once all the bills are paid? President Falce referred to the secretary who didn't have the number, and apologized to her for not having it tonight.
2. Mr. Kondas ~ wanted to address whether Mr. Varhola is qualified to fill the Borough Manager position and if he is qualified to get the Borough out of the mess that the prior Council put them in along with the previous manager. President Falce stated that he would answer the first part of his question. He stated that Mr. Varhola is qualified. Mr. Kondas asked what position Mr. Varhola previously held. President Falce stated that Mr. Varhola is honest, educated and more than qualified.
3. Mr. Varhola addressed the crowd directly on his qualifications and how he feels about his new position.

V. Reports from Borough Officials:

Mayor Bodnar: report given
Borough Manager: report given
Solicitor Evashavik: report given
Engineer Jewart: report given
Public Works Supervisor Biscey: no reporting
Police Chief: report given
Fire Chief: report given
Code Enforcement: report given
Sewer Authority: no report this month
Tax Collector: report given

VI. Items for Consideration

1. Motion to accept the resignation of Councilman Joseph Varhola, effective April 29, 2016. Mr. Inglis first. Mr. Tichon second. All in Favor. Unanimous.
2. Motion to appoint Joseph Varhola as Borough Manager effective May 16, 2016 with a salary of \$70,000/year plus benefits. Mr. Inglis first. Mr. Votedian second. All in favor. Unanimous.
 - a. Mayor Bodnar swears in Mr. Varhola as Borough Manager.
3. Motion to appoint a Council Member to fill vacancy. Mr. Votedian made the motion to appoint Jill Fleming-Salopek. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Tichon (Yes), Mr. Inglis (yes), Mr. Votedian (yes), Mr. Stein (Yes), Mr. Brennan (No). President Falce (Yes). Motion Carries.
 - a. Mayor Bodnar swears in Councilwoman Jill Fleming-Salopek.
 - b. Mr. Brennan wanted to thank everyone who submitted letters.
4. Motion to appoint a new Council President Pro-Tem. Mr. Inglis nominates Jason Stein first. Mr. Tichon second. All in favor. Unanimous.
5. Motion to accept the application of James Pittek regarding 225 E. Eugene (Purchase of property). Mr. Brennan first. Mr. Votedian second. All in favor. Unanimous.
6. Motion to approve handicapped parking at 2525 Main Street. Mr. Brennan first. Mr. Inglis second. All in favor. Unanimous.
7. Motion to form multi-municipal (Munhall, Homestead, and West Homestead) Parks and Recreation plant to go over grants. Mr. Votedian first. Mr. Brennan second. All in favor. Unanimous.
 - a. Motion to Appoint the Board: Manager (Joe Varhola), Council (Stein), Citizen (Mark Fallon), Mr. Tichon first. Mr. Inglis second. All in favor. Unanimous.
8. Motion to pay bills for the period of April 19, 2016 through May 20, 2016 as Follows: Mr. Brennan first. Mr. Inglis second. All in favor. Unanimous.

400- Administration	\$ 20,370.46
410 – Public Safety (Police)	\$ 42,881.85
411 – Fire Protection	\$ 12,917.30
427 – Health and Sanitation	\$ 29,549.81
430 – Public Works	\$ 32,039.06
450 – Recreation	\$ 1,543.65
480 - Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 28,467.45</u>
Total Expense	\$167,769.58

9. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of April 21, 2016 through May 5, 2016 as follows: Mr. Tichon first. Mr. Inglis second. All in favor. Unanimous.

April 21, 2016	\$124,158.63
May 5, 2016	<u>\$137,018.32</u>
TOTAL	\$261,176.95

	<u>Admin.</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Pub Wks.</u>	<u>Sanitation</u>
2016: April 21	\$15,951.07	\$ 69,925.09	\$12,085.08	\$18,127.63
2016: May 5	<u>\$27,134.90</u>	<u>\$ 68,569.00</u>	<u>\$12,839.97</u>	<u>\$19,259.95</u>
TOTAL:	\$43,134.90	\$138,494.09	\$24,925.05	\$37,387.58

10. Motion to advertise the Recycling Ordinance and to give the Sewer Authority enforcement capabilities to act in keeping storm water out of the sanitary sewer system. Motion is to advertise only. More will be explained next month. Mr. Inglis first. Mr. Brennan second. All in favor. Unanimous.

11. Motion to approve the paving contract to the lowest bidder, which is Caruso Paving. Mr. Tichon first. Mr. Brennan second. COMMENT by Donna Dreshman. Wanted to know if the streets that were previously mentioned prior meetings were going to be the ones paved. Mr. Stein explained that they would need to meet again to discuss the streets, that the amount for paving all the streets exceeds the amount set aside for paving. There is \$450,000 set aside for paving. Chester Engineering explained that the streets will be assigned after Council meets again, and that it will be a 60 day contract. All in Favor. Unanimous.

Additional Comments:

1. Photographer made comments on how to get the pictures taken.
2. President Falce, commented about the banners of the Veterans on Main Street.

12. Motion to Adjourn. Mr. Tichon first. Mr. Inglis second. All in favor. Unanimous.



President, Robert Falce