

**Borough of Munhall  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday  
August 15, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

**I. Call to Order – President Falce**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Burke**

**III. Preliminary Announcements**

- a. President Falce stated that the Borough Yard Sale went well for the first one and we have a lot to build upon for 2019. He also reminded everyone of Community Day, September 15, 2-9pm at Trautman Field. He advised the committee will be accepting donations and making Blessing Bags for Veterans.

**Roll Call: Councilman Ballas; Councilman Inglis; Councilman Peruzzi;  
Councilman Stein; Councilman Tichon; Councilman Votedian; President Falce -  
All present**

**NOTICE TO ALL PUBLIC SPEAKERS ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

- COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES
- MUST AVOID REFERENCES TO PERSONALITIES AND PERSONNEL RELATED ISSUES.

**IV. Speaker(s): No Speakers**

**VI. Reports from Borough Officials:**

**Mayor –** Mayor Brennan advised he has spoken to Councilman Petruzzi about flags for the War Memorial and has invited Senator Casey to attend a ceremony to raise the new flags. He states he was pleased to see the flag at Fire Station number 1. Mayor Brennan said he is working on a prescription drop off in the Borough. He spoke to others at the Mayors conference and was advised it is a program through the District Attorney's office. He advised he is in the initial stages of working with our police officers about body cameras. President Falce asked if the cost of the cameras can come from the Police asset forfeiture account. Mayor Brennan said he will be discussing this with Chief Campbell. Councilman Votedian asked if Council can see a cost for the cameras. Councilman Petruzzi stated he has been receiving calls regarding the memorial flags so he may write up a plan for the Borough to just purchase the flags.

**Solicitor** Evashavik advised his items had been addressed in the Executive session and he had no further report.

**Manager** – Joe stated Safe Routes to School were inspected and they are pleased with the job. He also met with Joe Heffley of Congressman Doyle's office about Ravine Street and asked for his help. Joe stated he received a letter regarding the pensions and we are no longer distressed, and we are over 90% funded. Councilman Petruzzi thanked Joe for all the work he has done to help get the Safe Routes to Schools project done. Joe advised it was a team effort and advised the reasons for the delay. Councilman Stein asked about fixing the clock on Main Street. He said whatever the cost is, we should fix it as it reflects on the Borough. Joe advised it may need to be replaced.

**Engineer** – Report submitted. He has submitted plans for a grant to replace or repair catch basins. He then advised, he and two other engineers came out to look over the Borough building to determine what the scope of a potential renovation project would be. He advised he is aware that they are the 3<sup>rd</sup> consultant who came out to review the building. He states Resource Development Management did an early intervention plan in 2013 and Optimous Risk Management did a safety assessment. He states the 7.2-million-dollar cost estimate he has submitted to Council consist of 30% architectural upgrades and building envelope upgrades. 32% would be an addition for the Police department. Colin said he has spoken with Chief Campbell and the Police department needs more space. 2.3 million of the estimates would be used to add the space for the Police. 20% if the estimate is electrical upgrades that needs to happen to meet code. Fire alarms are needed as well as closed circuit television system for security. New lighting. The remaining 20% is for a new HVAC system and ventilation. Remedial work to address lead, asbestos and mold problems would need to be done. Outside curb issues will need to be addressed including retaining wall problems. He advised the safety issues will need to be addressed and have been previously documented as well as what is in his report. Councilman Inglis asked what the final number of 8.5 million as seen in the report included and Colin explained there is a 25% contingency added as they are unable to give an exact scope of a project this size and want to make sure we are aware there may be a plus or minus 25-30%. He took the summary of what needed to be done, the square footage of the building and location that would be impacted and used a historical register of construction costs. He advised they used their full-time construction estimator to review the numbers and he feels they are correct. Colin also advised they have a current project that is at 11 million dollars. He offered to speak to anyone who wants to speak after the meeting. Councilman Petruzzi verified that the only addition would be for the Police department and he confirmed. Mayor Brennan advised he doesn't have the report and the secretary gave him a copy.

**Public Works Supervisor** – Mr. Biscey advised the new truck came in and they are still working on the fountain. He advised the new windows are now installed at the #4 Fire Station and mentioned that the slab to the downstairs floor needs to be jack hammered and replaced. He advised Public Works does not own a jack hammer and advised he has priced an electric one at \$1500. Mayor Brennan advised he has seen a lot of catch basins with standing water. He asked if he should keep a list to turn in to him and Mr. Biscey advised he can do that. Biscey also noted the new First Vehicle mechanic has started. Councilman Votedian asked how he is with Fire vehicles. Fire Chief Pletsch said they are giving him time to settle in and that he would like to have a company that is pump certified working on the pump vehicles as they can be \$15,000 to replace if damaged.

**Police Chief** – Sargent Fullard advised Chief Campbell's report has been submitted and he has nothing new to add.

**Fire Chief** – Chief Pletsch advised of report and that he will be requesting budgeted items soon. He wants to replace the existing 10-year-old fire hoses. They need to be replaced and the new couplings will be able to attach to other fire company's hoses during a fire. Councilman Votedian asked if there is anything new on the house on Margaret St. Chief Pletsch said it was a severe fire and very suspicious. President Falce thanked all Fire fighters who put their lives on the line.

**Code Enforcement Officer** – Code Officer Dave Cannon advised he has submitted his report and nothing to add.

## **V. Public Comments on Agenda items:**

Borough Manager Joe Varhola clarified motion 7. He states the money is not taxpayer money and is coming from the Steel Valley Enterprise Zone. Councilman Stein questioned the wording of the motion. There was a question about the process to get a loan from the SVEZ. Mayor Brennan states there is a process to it and there was a discussion about the process and procedures to collect the loan(s) owed.

President Falce advised that motion 6 will be tabled and possibly revisited in September.

## VIII. Items for consideration:

1. Motion to enter into agreement for sale of Waterfront Property to NUVO Development, LLC for \$300,000.00.  
**Motion: Councilman Ballas; Second: Councilman Tichon; Vote: Unanimous**
2. Motion to enter into lease agreement for part of property at Munhall VFC #1 to T Mobile Northeast, LLC for Antenna Facility for \$1200.00 per month and increasing every 5 years.  
**Motion: Councilman Stein; Second: Councilman Inglis; Vote: Unanimous**
3. Motion to approve Allegheny County Act 167 Phase 2 stormwater management plan.  
**Motion: Councilman Ballas; Second: Councilman Petruzzi; Vote: Unanimous**
4. Motion to approve contract to authorize Creative Enterprise Corp to demolish 1324 Margaret St for \$9500.00.  
**Motion: Councilman Tichon;**  
Question on the Motion: Councilman Ballas asked if the project was a health hazard. There was a discussion and he was advised yes, it is.  
**Second: Councilman Ballas; Vote: Unanimous**
5. Motion to purchase 40 ft container for storage of Veteran Banners at cost not to exceed \$4000.00 from Mon Valley Storage Containers.  
**Motion: Councilman Votedian; Second: Councilman Petruzzi Vote: Unanimous**
6. Motion to proceed with drafting new ordinance and zoning map change for 10<sup>th</sup> Ave area.  
**Motion: Tabled**
7. Motion to approve the loan from the Steel Valley Enterprise Zone using Main St/Tax Increment funds in the amount of \$150,000.00, to Edward and Rebecca Savolskis to rehabilitate 510 E 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
**Motion: Councilman Inglis;**  
Question on Motion: Councilman Petruzzi asked what type of property this is.  
**Second: Councilman Tichon; Vote: Unanimous**

8. Motion to approve \$5000.00 payment to Marshall, Dennehy, Warner, Coleman and Goggin for Borough insurance policy deductible for Hoffman Case.  
**Motion: Councilman Petruzzi;**  
 Question on the Motion: Councilman Inglis asked what the case is about. Manager Votedian explained and that the \$5000 is our deductible.  
**Second: Councilman Votedian; Vote: Unanimous**
9. Motion to approve \$22,034.62 payable to Creative Enterprise Corp for Hamilton Road stormwater drainage project.  
**Motion: Councilman Votedian;**  
 Question on the Motion: Mayor Brennan asked what the project is. Manager Varhola advised there were sink holes on Hamilton Rd and when the catch basins were addressed, it was discovered that the "tin whistle" had collapsed. Engineer Colin Lampark advised it had collapsed in several places, caused the sink holes and threatened homes in the area. Councilman Tichon verified that this area belongs to Munhall.  
**Second: Councilman Ballas; Vote: Unanimous**
10. Motion to approve Dylan Pisarcik to attend All State Careers to train and test for his CDL license at the cost of \$1995.00.  
**Motion: Councilman Inglis; Second: Councilman Petruzzi; Vote: Unanimous**
11. Motion to approve a handicapped sign at 165 W. Larkspur Street as approved by Officer Williams and Chief Campbell.  
**Motion: Councilman Tichon; Second: Councilman Petruzzi; Vote: Unanimous**
12. Motion to approve a handicapped sign at 3904 Shady Ave as approved by Officer Williams and Chief Campbell.  
**Motion: Councilman Stein; Second: Councilman Votedian; Vote: Unanimous**
13. Motion to approve the July 18th, 2018 minutes.  
**Motion: Councilman Stein; Second: Councilman Tichon; Vote: Unanimous**
14. Motion to pay bills for the period July 18<sup>th</sup> thru August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, summarized as follows:
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| Administration       | \$        | 42,422.16         |                        |
| Police:              | \$        | 99,788.14         |                        |
| Fire:                | \$        | 14,067.20         |                        |
| Health & Sanitation: | \$        | 59,350.85         |                        |
| Public Works:        | \$        | 171,405.17        | ** \$88, 556.21 Paving |
| Recreation:          | \$        | 8,467.33          |                        |
| Miscellaneous:       | \$        | <u>34,685.50</u>  |                        |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>        | <b>\$</b> | <b>430,186.35</b> |                        |

**Motion: Councilman Inglis; Second: Councilman Stein; Vote: Unanimous**

Councilman Ballas asked the balance after bills and Manager Varhola advised \$2,636,905.12

15. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of July 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as follows:

2018: July 12	\$ 131,431.84
2018: July 26	\$ <u>138,322.52</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 269,754.36</b>

**Motion: Councilman Votedian; Second: Councilman Ballas; Vote: Unanimous**

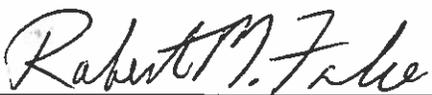
**Other/Additional Matter(s):**

Fire Chief Pletsch advised that the Red Cross trailer has been moved from the old #3 Fire Station to the space under the Willis Center, so it is accessible if need be.

Councilman Ballas told of his visit to the traveling Vietnam Memorial wall that was in Renzie park.

**IX. Adjournment:**

**Motion: Councilman Tichon; Second: Councilman Votedian; Vote: Unanimous**



**Rob Falce – President of Council**