

**Borough of Munhall  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 21, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

**II. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Falce**

Councilman Ondo explained the reason for his absence at the June 16, 2021, meeting.

**III. Roll Call: Councilman Falce; Councilman Fallon; Councilman Ondo; Councilman Petruzzi (not in attendance); Councilman Stein (not in attendance); Vice President Votedian; President Inglis**

**IV. Speaker(s)**

- Linda Danlovich – 826 Munn Street – Voiced her concerns about the operation, traffic issues and trespassing on her property by the patrons of the establishment. Chief Campbell advised of the police presence in the area and that there is a current investigation regarding the recent shooting in the area.
- Patti Keller – 932 Munn Street – Voiced her concerns about the establishment and reiterated some of the issues Mrs. Danlovich voiced. Chief Campbell explained he is working with the LCB and District Attorneys office regarding this issue. He also stated he has been speaking with the Borough Solicitor about making Munn Street resident parking only. He advised the ordinance already exists.
- Steven Macus – 889 Munn Street – Mr. Macus reiterated concerns regarding the area, the club patrons, and the noise from inside and outside the club.
- Renee Gelston – 887 Munn Street – Mrs. Gelston voiced her concerns regarding several issues that area happening because of the club patrons. She discussed police issues and asked about closing the establishment. Chief Campbell explained the Police Department nor anyone outside of the DA's office or LCB can

revoke the license. He explained again that the issue is being investigated. There were discussions with Council, the Mayor and Chief Campbell about possible patrols for the area. He asked if they could have extra patrol and force the establishment to pay for the manpower. Solicitor Evashavik advised she doesn't know an ordinance that forces them. Residents asked if there can be a DUI check on the weekends. The resident advised of a time when there was an announcement over the police scanner that the people were "drunk and stupid". The resident said all the officers heard it and no one got a DUI. The residents want to know why the patrons are not being stopped when they leave the club at 3:30 am. Mayor Brennan assured her that they are going to begin to resolve the issue. Mayor Brennan advised Mrs. Gelston if she has future issue, she can call him directly.

There were several discussions about why the club was able to open in the first place. Dave Cannon advised he can not stop anyone from opening a business. He advised it is the LCB who issue the licenses.

- Maureen Fry – 124 West Virginia – Sewer Authority and 1860 West Street – Mrs. Fry discussed her concerns about the timeline to possibly sell the sewer authority assets. She advised she understood the meeting was strictly informational and no decisions were to be made. She stated several people asked why we would try to sell an asset. She said Jackie and the board are doing a great job. She said Mr. Varhola advised they were just there to discuss the issue and that we were not there to sell the authority. She advised she was surprised to see motion 1 on the agenda. She feels if we sell our nonprofit asset to a for profit business, there will be increase. It is business. Mrs. Fry asked President Inglis to have additional meetings and conversations regarding the issue. She wants to know if the Borough needs money this badly. President Inglis said it does not at this time but may need it in the future. Mrs. Fry stated someone may hit the lottery and donate money in the future. She advised if there is a budget and the Borough works within that budget, there

shouldn't be a problem with money. Manager Varhola asked prior Council President Dan Lloyd to explain to Mrs. Fry why something might be put on the agenda. He asked Mr. Lloyd if items are put on the agenda just to pass or could something be added to decide. It is there for Council to decide and 7 of them could say no. He stated decision making is why Council is elected to their positions. Mr. Lloyd said at the prior meeting regarding the Sewer Authority, people were led to believe it was for discussion only and a decision wasn't eminent. He feels that the decision to add this item to the agenda this evening makes them look disingenuous. He added that this Council is a "lame duck" Council, and they shouldn't be moving forward with the possibility of selling the Sewer Authority unless there is a need for it. Manager Varhola advised it was added so Council could decide. He stated in 5 years when it comes up again the information from tonight's meeting will be in the minutes. Dave Younkins advised the residents from Munhall don't know anything about it because not enough information was put out. There was a discussion about how it was advertised, and Mr. Younkins said a lot of people don't read the Valley Mirror. Manager Varhola advised it was also on the website. Several discussions were happening at the same time. Manager Varhola asked Mr. Younkins for his number so he can call him directly next time. Mr. Varhola explained how the idea of the sale came about. He said he spoke to the VP of PA American Water at a luncheon and said he didn't know PA American was in the business of buying into municipalities. He said the man said they were and asked if Joe was interested. Joe stated he didn't know because he didn't know enough about it. The man asked him about the rate payers and asked if he would like a check for 19 million dollars. Joe said he wasn't sure because he didn't know the value it. He advised after that meeting, he talked with Jackie Coles, Mayor Brennan and some board and Council members and everyone said, "they would never pay 16 million dollars". Then he began to hear that Brentwood Borough was paid 19 million dollars. He said he keeps hearing how the authority is an asset, and he feels an asset gives back to the community or it can easily be an expense. He feels

the old sewer pipes are a liability. He said on December 16, 2020, he gave a report to Council and said that decisions need to be made regarding the rising expenses vs the revenues. He gave A, B and C as options. A – Raise Revenue with a tax increase. He told them this is an easy answer but asked if there are other ways. He stated the Borough can not just sit and watch the expense rise and do nothing. He advised taxes haven't been raised in 12 years. He said option B – decrease expenditures but at what cost. Do we begin to lay off public works or go to part time police officers? Option C was to sell off an asset at what cost. He said it is his obligation to give this information to Council. He said that we can not get caught up on rates as the reason for not moving forward because they were lower than others last year but the prior years, they were higher. He said they are going to have to raise taxes if we continue as we have been. He said it is his job to put things on the table for Council to decide on. He then explained what he feels can be done if the authority is sold. He feels they can put money away to pave roads or put 10 million and give back to the residents. He asked several people how many buildings they had and isn't it better that their sewer rates go up \$30.00 than their taxes go up. Dave Younkins remind Mr. Varhola that he heard him say if taxes are raised, he wouldn't have to deal with it. And Mr. Younkins said his choice would be to vote Mr. Varhola out of his position. Mr. Younkins said he never said everyone would vote him out. Dan Lloyd said more information could be out to the residents if finance meetings were being held but they are not. Manager Varhola advised the information is sent out via email and suggested if someone doesn't know how to use email, they should learn. Mr. Varhola read a prior motion regarding authorization of he and Solicitor Evashavik to explore the process of finding the value of Munhall sewer. He said Vice President Votedian motioned, Councilman Stein second and the roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Falce – Yes, Councilman Fallon – Yes, Councilman Ondo – Yes, Councilman Petruzzi – Yes, Councilman Stein – Yes, Vice President Votedian – Yes and President Inglis – Yes. Everyone who voted, voted yes to move forward with finding the value. Mr. Varhola then read motion 1

on this agenda and said the motion is asking to move forward with negotiations with PA American Water for the sale of the Sewer Authority. Dave Younkins said to negotiate means you are going to sell it. Mr. Varhola mean negotiations mean they gave us a ballpark figure and that figure is not a solid number. Mr. Younkins said if they are willing buy it now, why don't we leave it alone and 10 to 20 years down the road they might give us 50 million. He said if the assets are sold off, we are left with nothing. Manager Varhola asked what if millions must be put into the system. Jackie Coles said they have already put millions into it. Mr. Younkins said that is why PA American wants it because "it has already been maintained". Manager Varhola asked Mr. Younkins what professional he has spoken to outside of the Borough. Someone in the business. Mr. Younkins said he spoke to residents who had this done to them and their rates went through the roof. Manager Varhola asked if he was referring to McKeesport and he said no, Braddock. Councilman Falce asked that Mrs. Fry be given back the floor. She said allot of people who attended the meeting at the library do not want it sold. She said when she is on council, she will not put motions like this on the agenda. She said it is her option that this motion should not have been added to the agenda. She reminded Council that it is a "lame duck" Council.

Mrs. Fry then asked Engineer Lampark what is happening at 1860 West Street. She asked for an update, she wants to know about the furniture, when it will be done and when it will be opening. Colin will give the updates during his report. She also reminded everyone of Mr. Lloyds comment about the lack of finance meetings. She then asked President Inglis how much money has been spent on the new building to date. Manager Varhola advised all the information will be in his report. Mayor Brennan clarified when these items will be addressed.

- Matt Bovee – 2315 Vondera Street – Mr. Bovee stated he agreed it is a "little disingenuous" to have added motion 1 to the agenda after saying they were not taking official action. He said he asked if there must be a public hearing in order to sell. Solicitor

Evashavik said there would need to be one. Manager Varhola remind Mr. Bovee that this agenda asks to “negotiate” with PA American. He agreed that we would need something more than a ballpark figure to make a sound decision, but they cannot come to that solid figure without negotiating. Mr. Bovee advised of the bid process and that there may not be only one company interested in buying. Manager Varhola agreed but said Aqua America has not come to the table. Mr. Bovee asked why there wasn’t an RFP process and Mr. Varhola advised there can be one, but they can also keep it in house. He reminded Mr. Bovee of the previous motion where Council, unanimously, approved for he and Solicitor Evashavik to explore the process for selling the authority. He stated this is what they did. Mr. Bovee said the RFP process is how you find out the process. By getting responsible bids. Manager Varhola said they can add that to the agenda next month if that is what Council wants. He said if they do that then everyone will say they don’t want that either. Dave Younkens said again that everyone he has talked to “don’t want to do it. So why are we even looking at it?” Manager Varhola started to explain the previous motion again and Mr. Younkens said, “because you want to do it.” Manager Varhola said he didn’t care. Mr. Bovee explained his understanding about the process to add items to the agenda and feels steps were missed. Manager Varhola advised the item was added knowing the votes will not be there. But he wanted to have it added so that the information will be public if it comes up for discussion again in the future. Mr. Bovee said he feels that it is a backwards way to do it but that is his opinion. Manager Varhola agreed it is his opinion.

Mr. Bovee asked to speak in his official capacity with the Sewer Authority. He said they have spent over 10 million dollars for upgrades and secured \$750,000.00 in grant money for system monitoring and system assessments. They have only had one, all be it large, increase in the past 5 years. He states they have held themselves to a balanced budget each year. He said they have professional accounting as well as one full time and one part time employee with regular office hours. He stated all the

documentation is available in the office. He stated they have a volunteer board, and they hold regular meetings. He said they organized and streamlined their business practices and record management. And professionalism is always their goal with the public. Mr. Bovee advised they have a multi municipal contract with West Mifflin for the pump station and it is operated per DEP regulations. He advised there is a back water flow grant operation for residents. He said they are in compliance with 2 DEP consent orders. They are GIS mapping and using cameras for the whole system and this should be completed within 5 years. Mr. Bovee states they are digitizing records. (There were issues hearing because of noise from chairs). He said this new year they are working on the Alcosan takeover of Ravine Street and West Run Road. They are waiting for a new DEP consent order. He said Jackie and the Solicitor are working to get ahead of the order by working on some of the things ahead of time. He said they are also working on homes with backflow issues and are working with grant monies to subsidize the work that needs to be done. He again mentioned the pump station upgrades. President Inglis commented that he feels like Mr. Bovee is conducting a Sewer Authority meeting. Mr. Bovee apologized and said he had two more items to mention. Mayor Brennan said he finds the information very interesting. Mr. Bovee talked about some upgrades that will help in the Waterfront. Vice President Votedian asked why someone from the Sewer Authority doesn't come to the regular Council meetings to give updates. Mr. Bovee said he used to come once a quarter and he is happy to attend but they were hoping they were doing work well enough that there are no complaints to Council. He said he is happy to attend and answer any questions. Dan Lloyd asked what their debit is, and Mr. Bovee said 9 million. Mr. Lloyd questioned the figures as presented by Mr. Varhola. Manager Varhola asked Mr. Bovee to tell Mr. Lloyd how much cash they have on hand. Mr. Bovee said about 2 million. Jackie Coles advised 2.8 million. There was a discussion about how Mr. Varhola came up with 13 million.

## V. Reports

**Mayor** - Mayor Brennan thanked Mr. Bovee and Jackie Coles for coming to the meeting and assured the residents of Munn Street that he and Chief Campbell are already working on scheduling to help resolve their issue with the club. Mrs. Gelston thanked them and said she hopes they see it happen as they have been failed in the past. Mayor Brennan assured her he and Chief Campbell are going to make it happen. He said they would not be let down. He advised they are as important as residents on West Street or any other street in the Borough. He then stated that in 2022 the Sewer Authority will be invited to attend as many meetings as they would like to. He said they can come when they want to. If they want to attend quarterly or whatever. He stated the same is extended to MAPs and they should be coming to meetings to have discussions. He asked about MAPs possibly moving forward with a referendum. He asked Manager Varhola if this is the case. Manager Varhola advised they have asked. He said he has been in discussions with Homestead and West Homestead and that the referendum would include all three municipalities. He said there have been conversations asking about the operations of MAPs. There have been questions if they are staffed correctly and about their finances. Are they spending money correctly? Mr. Varhola said there were discussions that before all three municipalities put something on a referendum, there needs to be clarification on the daily operations. Mr. Varhola asked if it makes sense to have a consultant inquire about their operations before a commitment from the taxpayers. To make sure the money will be used wisely. Mayor Brennan said he is bringing it up because the conversation was in an email. He said the Borough is currently not supporting MAPs and discussed the previous contributions made to them. He feels the conversations need to be had because we need to support our EMS. He stated nothing good comes from Zoom talk and explained his thoughts on why.



Mayor Brennan asked what the plan is with West Field. He stated there should be discussions about all the borough fields. He asked if West Field is now open. Manager Varhola said it is still locked up but stated this is another discussion they need to have regarding budgeting for the fields. He voiced his concerns about people going into the fields and destroying the bathrooms. He advised we are now charging \$200 for a security deposit in case there is a problem with the field after it is used. He discussed the costs of operations. Councilman Falce advised we are on the lower end for cost to use the field.

Mayor Brennan discussed the Willis Center finances and asked if when we move into the building, will we be strapped for money. Manager Varhola advised no. He explained we are trending. He said when an officer retired, he wasn't replaced. He explained that only \$150,000 was budgeted on paving because the money just wasn't there as it was the year before. The budget needed to be balanced and cutting out paving was a way to do that. He again said we cannot continue with this trend so decisions will need to be made. Decision about salary and insurance increases year over year. Mayor Brennan said they all realize that, and the bottom line comes to whether we will make it to the end of the Willis Center. Manager Varhola advised yes and that had the money not been spent at the new building, it, and more, would have been spent on the current building. Mayor Brennan said "absolutely. That is not a question." Mr. Varhola stated the question cannot be if we didn't do that building, we wouldn't have to raise taxes. Mayor Brennan brought up the million dollars received from the federal government for Covid relief. He asked if we have received the money yet. Mr. Varhola advised we have received half and will get the other half later. He said it is called the American Rescue plan 2021. He said we received \$575,000 and it is sitting in a set aside account. He said Solicitor Evashavik confirmed there is no specific plan on how the money can be used as of yet. Mr. Varhola contacted Ann Lewis with the COG asking if she could find out how the money can be used. Mayor Brennan asked when the second portion of the money will come, and Mr.

Varhola advised next year. Mayor Brennan said this is information that the residents are asking about and that they should know. He asked again if the money has been spent and Manager Varhola advised no, and that the Borough will have until 2024 to do so. He advised the money can be used to pay the MS4 issues that need to be addressed.

Councilman Ondo addressed Mr. Varhola's statement if the money wasn't spent at the Willis Center it would have been spent on the current building. He asked the residents in attendance if they noticed anything when they walked up to the meeting room. He said "maybe the place needs painted" or cleaned. He asked the residents if he is correct in saying this and there were nods yes from several residents. He said for what we received for the other building, we could have done some things this year and some things next year, and so on, in the current building. He said it didn't have to be a massive amount of money at one time. He said there are people that come into this building and work every day. He said this year we do the electrical work, next year we do the plumbing work and paint and the following year we do something else. He stated that maybe it cost \$50,000 or \$100,000 for a project but it didn't have to be done right now.

**Solicitor** – Solicitor Evashavik advised he is working on a memorandum of understanding between the Borough and Steel Valley School District regarding School Resource Officers. He advised the school pays for the salary for that officer. He then stated he is working on changing language in an ordinance regarding general service areas at the request of Council. He stated he will be removing prohibition of eating and drinking establishments. He advised the motion was added this evening because he has to submit to the City Planning within 30 days. Mr. Evashavik advised he wanted to address the question by Mr. Bovee about why an RFP process was not done. He feels that it would be like putting the cart before the horse. He said a year ago he talked about it, assuming Council would ever want to sell the Sewer Authority assets, he said it can be done in this manner but historically, for 100 years, the local government law and a new legislation allows the direct

sale of an asset, to a company regulated by the PUC. He explained that the two parties would come together and sign a writ agreement then a valuation is determined and by a PUC certified appraiser. The municipality would pick one and the buyer picks one and those appraisers bring their values. He advised this is a long process, but he wanted to address Mr. Bovee's question about why an RFP was not done. He advised an RFP is not required and this is the process. Mr. Evashavik stated he has been working on the agreement between the Borough and Chatham University. He explained the agreement as it stands and explained they expressed interest in renewing the agreement and paying more. He advised they currently pay \$15,000 a year and are willing to pay \$50,000 per year, payable in two installments. He is currently reviewing the agreement for consideration. Mrs. Fry asked how long the new agreement is for and Solicitor Evashavik advised it is a 5-year agreement with an option to renew for 5 additional years. She asked if it has been advertised that the field is available to see if there are other schools who would be interested in using the field. She feels it should be advertised before we accept an agreement from one college. She said there are a lot of colleges around us and maybe Pitt or Duquesne would want it. President Inglis advised they have their own fields. Mr. Evashavik stated that is something Council would have to decide. Mayor Brennan asked Solicitor Evashavik to confirm there are indeed two school resource officers. He did confirm and the arrangement will be the same but with two.

**Manager** – Manager Varhola discussed the changes in requirements for agenda postings. He advised the bridge loan has been signed and completed. He explained the bridge loan is part of the stipulations to the million dollar grant we received. We must have the bridge loan to carry us until the grant is received. He then discussed the TAN (Tax Anticipation Note). He asked if he could make the payment early and get it off the books. He said the payment is \$1,012,983.87. Councilman Falce asked if there is a discount if it is paid early and Manager Varhola advised we can save interest. Solicitor Evashavik advised if Council wants to pay it off early, there will need to be a motion to do so.

Mr. Varhola then discussed a public safety issue for TCV. He explained the possible issue in the future. There was a discussion with Chiefs Campbell. He advised the ER was always in Munhall and the rest of the building was registered in Homestead. He said they were never told that the building is in Munhall. Manager Varhola advised we can leave it the way it is, and Munhall would provide safety for it or do we want to look into changing it and Homestead taking it over.

Manager Varhola advised of two storm sewer issues. One is on Greentree Rd at St. Johns, but they are putting Band-Aids on the issue and when it was addressed, it was done incorrectly with the wrong size pipes. He advised this will all be taken care of, and the cost can come out of the ARPA account. He said the second issue was the #5 Fire Hall. He said the drain had no pitch to it and it has been addressed. He said the VFW did the paving and are only asking for \$1000 for the paving. Mr. Varhola stated there was approximately \$25,000 left from last years recycling grant and they are going to use it to buy new recycling bins (the gold and orange bins). He then advised they are looking at a multi modal grant and where it can be used. Possibly Main Street for planters. But Engineer Lampark advised they are working on Raymond Bodnar Way and the grant can cover the costs of making the road look like an actual road.

Mr. Varhola then discussed the expenditures for the new building. He explained we can now start drawing off the bridge loan. He discussed year over year trending.

**Engineer - Mr. Lampark** started with an update of the new building. He stated the contractor is approximately 93% complete. He said there is \$330,000 left to be paid on the construction contract. He explained there are two contracts, one with Franjo Construction and one with a company called Jet Jack who is doing the utility work including the sewers and concrete work after the utilities are installed.

He said there is a delay on a pump. He said real time opening will be September/October timeframe. Mrs. Fry asked for pictures of the memorial and Colin advised there were items outside of the scope of the contract and the majority were compliance, equipment for the Police Department and fire code items that needed to be addressed. He said the changes amounted to around \$97,000 over a year's construction on a 5-million-dollar contract. He said it works out to be 1% and it is a miracle that it worked out that way. He credited the supervisor of construction working along with his office and the Borough. Vice President Votedian asked for specifics on what they are doing to the War memorial. He explained the Multi Modal Grant funds can be used on the Memorial project if it is used for street scapes that will encourage walking. This is per the grant consultants. He discussed the current condition of the road and what can be done to improve it. They added enhancements to the memorial. Manager Varhola reminded everyone that there are benches, a bus stop and bike racks in front of the memorial. Councilman Ondo said they had a plan for the memorial. Colin advised they didn't submit a specific plan but gave them an amount that will be spent. Councilman Ondo expressed wanting to have it done by Memorial Day, but Manager Varhola advised the grant money may not come until November. There were discussions about what the project might look like. Councilman Ondo reminded everyone that families paid for the bricks that are in the current memorial. He said he feels that the Borough has the best Military Banner program and maybe the families would be willing to invest in a brick with their loved one's name on it. Councilman Falce said it would be a great fund raiser. Councilman Ondo asked about possible grants that may exist for this project. Colin Lampark said Jamie with Commonwealth Consulting Partners is very plugged in on what is available. Manager Varhola advised Councilman Ondo to let Jamie know if he thinks there is something out there. He then brought up Memorial Day and Colin advised it will be barren of trees but it wont look as bad as it does now. Councilman Ondo said there are flags missing and he would like to see them replaced. Manager Varhola advised he will drive to 88 and pick up new flags at the Flag Factory. Councilman Falce reminded everyone they were placed by an Eagle Scout, and we should return it to its prior condition.

Mr. Lampark wanted to add one more motion regarding the catch basin replacement program. He asked for an additional motion to authorize Steel Rivers COG to pay Creative Enterprises a partial payment in the amount of \$51,412.50 for the current years catch basin project.

**Public Works Supervisor – Report Submitted.**

**Police Chief – Report Submitted.**

**Fire Chief – Report Submitted.** Chief Glenn Coles also discussed recent calls.

**Code Enforcement – Report Submitted.**

**VI. Public Comments on Items for Consideration**

**Dan Lloyd – Mr. Lloyd asked questions about the math for the tax anticipation note and remaining expenditures for the year. Per his calculations there will be an \$800,000 deficit by year end. He asked if \$902,000 is included in his figures. Manager Varhola advised it is already out.**

**Mrs. Fry asked what MTC stands for and Manager Varhola clarified. She asked about the difference in the Miscellaneous balance is. It is the woodchipper.**

**VII. Items for consideration:**

1. Motion to negotiate with PA American Water for the sale of the sanitary sewer assets.

**Motion: No Motion**

**Added:** Motion to pay \$1,012,983.87 to pay the Tax Anticipation Note.

**Motion: Councilman Fallon; Second: Councilman Falce; Vote: Unanimous**

**Added:** Motion for approval to apply for the Multi Modal Transportation Grant from Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Raymond Bodnar Way.

**Motion: Councilman Falce; Second: Councilman Fallon; Vote: Unanimous**

**Added:** Motion to authorize Steel Rivers COG to pay Creative Enterprises a partial payment in the amount of \$51,412.50 for the current years catch basin project.

**Motion: Councilman Falce; Second: Councilman Fallon; Vote:**

2. Motion to pay bills for the period June 12, 2021, through July ??, 2021, summarized as follows:

Administration	\$	31,796.35
Police:	\$	67,315.06
Fire:	\$	23,007.17
Health & Sanitation:	\$	35,222.86
Public Works:	\$	217,497.53**
Recreation:	\$	3,773.19
Debit Services:	\$	124,492.39 ***
Miscellaneous:	\$	<u>399,696.00 ****</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>902,800.55</b>

\*\* \$160,166.56 Paving

\*\*\* \$123,671.18 Carnegie Library donation

\*\*\*\* \$261,375.00 Waterfront Mtc and \$138,321.00 Borough Insurances

**Motion: Vice President Votedian; Second: Councilman Fallon; Vote: Unanimous**

3. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

2021: Jun 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$	129,417.33
2021: Jul 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$	<u>133,328.07</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>262,745.40</b>

**Motion: Councilman Falce; Second: Vice President Votedian; Vote: Unanimous**

## VIII. Additional Items:

**Councilman Ondo** stated there is a dire need to hire at least 4 people on public works. He advised the salaries were budgeted but there is no one to fill the positions. He stated if one person goes down, either by injury or whatever, we are in trouble. He said asked for confirmation that the salaries were budgeted. Manager Varhola advised they knew Mr. Campbell wasn't coming back, and that Bob Shields would be retiring part way through the year. He said they knew going into this year that the budget would be very thin and if they hire 4 people, there needs to be a discussion about where that money will come from. He states that there are people on Public Works that choose not to come to work. He stated they need to sit down and talk about the issues. He said there are people that will tell their friends that they are not coming to work the following day and that they might want to call off too, so they don't have to throw garbage. He stated there are people who have already used their allotted sick time for the year by June. He feels that 12 sick days a year enough. He said there are guys who consistently don't want to come to work and those are who are speaking to Councilman Ondo. Mr. Varhola feels that all of Council need to come together and make improvements. Dave Younkins asked why they don't follow the paper trail and fire their a\*\*&^ and Manager Varhola advised that other people get involved. Councilman Ondo said when he goes back there, he speaks to everyone and doesn't take people off on the side. He speaks to all the guys. He said he is relaying what is being talked about. He said he knows that the prior week, when trash was collected, the combined age of the three guys on the truck was 168 years. He advised what is happening is that older workers are being put on this position and if one or two guys go out with injuries, the Borough will be in trouble. President Inglis advised the older guys are being put on the truck because the younger guys don't want to come to work. He asked for a yes or no answer if the Public Works department is short 4 people. Manager Varhola advised just because 4 people are gone doesn't mean they are short 4 people. He advised they could have had too many at one time. He offered to start investigating, by the miles of roads and the number of residences, how many they should actually have on the crew. Chief Campbell reminded everyone that summer is always thin because of vacations. Manager Varhola explained that he and Officer Tichon's cars were covered with grass after weed whacking had occurred. He feels the guys that were put on garbage and weed whacking were ticked off and they made sure the cars got filthy dirty. Mr. Younkins laughed, and



Mr. Varhola said he laughed because he knew it was true. He said they were told in the beginning that they might be throwing garbage for 10 years and he said, "that's fine". He offered to take Councilman Ondo to the new building where they were supposed to do work there and didn't. Councilman Falce said he understand that there are usually summer help jobs that were not budgeted for this year.

Councilman Ondo then asked Manager Varhola about speeding in Woodhill Park. He advised the resident that lives next to Woodhill Park, and she was complaining about speeders in that drive. He asked about speed humps on the road. Chief Campbell said he can do whatever he wants on borough property. Manager Varhola suggested an officer be placed there but Councilman Ondo doesn't want to use borough resources and it can be resolved with speed humps. There was a discussion about the exact location. He then asked about cars being parked on the basketball court. Manager Varhola advised them to call 911. Chief Campbell advised there was an issue with distractions during games and they were encouraged to park on the court only during games. Councilman Ondo said he now knows its Borough property and will say something going forward. Chief Campbell suggested he contact the station instead of trying to get into it with someone.

Councilman Falce reminded everyone about the Community Yard Sale and Community Day that will be October 2<sup>nd</sup>. President Inglis asked when the meetings are and said he would attend the next one if he is aware of it.

**IX. Adjournment:**

**Motion: Councilman Fallon; Second: Vice President Inglis; Vote: Unanimous**

Mr. Varhola said he laughed because he knew it was true. He said they were told in the beginning that they might be throwing garbage for 10 years and he said, "that's fine". He offered to take Councilman Ondo to the new building where they were supposed to do work there and didn't. Councilman Falce said he understand that there are usually summer help jobs that were not budgeted for this year.

Councilman Ondo then asked Manager Varhola about speeding in Woodhill Park. He advised the resident that lives next to Woodhill Park, and she was complaining about speeders in that drive. He asked about speed humps on the road. Chief Campbell said he can do whatever he wants on borough property. Manager Varhola suggested an officer be placed there but Councilman Ondo doesn't want to use borough resources and it can be resolved with speed humps. There was a discussion about the exact location. He then asked about cars being parked on the basketball court. Manager Varhola advised them to call 911. Chief Campbell advised there was an issue with distractions during games and they were encouraged to park on the court only during games. Councilman Ondo said he now knows its Borough property and will say something going forward. Chief Campbell suggested he contact the station instead of trying to get into it with someone.

Councilman Falce reminded everyone about the Community Yard Sale and Community Day that will be October 2<sup>nd</sup>. President Inglis asked when the meetings are and said he would attend the next one if he is aware of it.

**IX. Adjournment:**

**Motion: Councilman Fallon; Second: Vice President Inglis; Vote:  
Unanimous**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council