

**Borough of Munhall
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order** – President Inglis
- II. Pledge of Allegiance** – Bob Bicsey
- III. Preliminary Announcements** - President Inglis asked for prayers for Councilman Falce mother.

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

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):

- Collen Fedor – West Run Rd – Mrs. Fedor discussed her concerns with the Borough contributions to MAPS and residents' input during a Workshop meeting.
- Michael Aldrich – 431 9th Ave – Mr. Aldrich asked Council for funding for MAPS followed by a discussion about present and past services.
- Maureen Fry – 124 West Virginia Ave – Mrs. Fry asked about Grants and Borough Manager Varhola advised of each grant and what they were or will be used for. She asked for the amount spent on 1860 West Street and Mr. Varhola said approximately \$800,000. She then asked about the reimbursement process for the \$800,000 and Mr. Varhola explained. Mrs. Fry then asked about the Borough finances and Mr. Varhola explained. She then asked for an update on the building and Engineer Lampark gave her the update. Mrs. Fry then asked about the hiring of summer help. Councilman Stein discussed his reasoning regarding Finance committee meetings.
- Tim Glunt – 254 E Eugene Ave – Mr. Glunt voiced his concerns about weeds and parking on the sidewalks in his neighborhood as well as possible paving on the street. There was a discussion with Councilman Stein, Chief Campbell and Dave Cannon.

- Duane Schulte – 208 14th Ave – WWI Plaque – Mr. Schulte discussed, with Council, a historical WWI plaque he has in his possession and is looking for a place to put the plaque.

V. Reports from Borough Officials:

Mayor – Mayor Brennan asked Vice President Votedian to be the guest speaker for the Memorial Day services. He advised he went to MAPS to ask for assistance with Non-Certification CPR classes on Tuesday, April 22nd from 6pm to 7:30pm or Saturday, April 25th from 11am to 12:30pm. Classes will be held in the Community Room at the Borough building. Mayor Brennan asked about the availability of Westfield and Joe Varhola explained the use by Steel Valley and Chatham. Mayor Brennan advised he would be asking Council to send public works to help cut the cemetery grass until he can get a summer crew together. He then asked about Borough finances and his opinion on meetings for the finance committee. He inquired about the bond and dispensing of the funds from that bond. Manager Varhola explained. Mayor Brennan then suggested a Council committee to oversee the construction project. He asked about Motion 1 and feels there isn't enough information to vote. Manager Varhola explained the previous plans are now ready for a bid process and that is what they are voting on. Engineer Lampark also explained they are working on duct work, cabinetry and interior design. Not floorplans. Mayor Brennan advised he spoke to the Architect about the location of the administration offices. Engineer Lampark advised there can be another workshop to explain the plans, but he advised council against making major changes at this point because of the cost of those changes. There was a discussion about the location of the offices. Mayor Brennan advised he did not feel the roll call vote regarding the refuse truck was correct.

Solicitor – Solicitor Evashavik advised he has prepared instructions and paperwork for the buyers of the borough owned lots. He explained the process that needs to take place to change the deeds. He then discussed his recent work with the Actuarial of the Non-Uniform pension plan as there have been changes that need to be updated to bring everything into compliance.

Manager – Report submitted - Manager Varhola discussed the recent Liquid Fuels reporting, being a Banner Community for 2020, Commercial garbage auditing and a recent towing incident that has been resolved. He advised Council of future discussions regarding the Steel Rivers Council of Governments and a construction code appeals board.

Engineer – Report submitted - Colin Lampark stated except for a few punch-list items, the demolition at 1860 West Street is complete. He advised they have applied for a community development block grant in the amount of \$50,000 to replace catch basins. He explained the bid process and announced the winner of the bid as John D. Caruso in the amount of \$56,000. The borough share will be the additional \$6000 and will replace 10 basins. Councilman

Stein asked when the borough should get on the calendar of the paving companies for 2020. Colin advised there is already a plan in place, but March is the best time to get the ad out.

Public Works Supervisor – Report submitted - Mr. Bicsey advised of the new garbage truck delivery.

Police Chief – Report submitted – Chief Campbell reported on the replacement of a camera at the Waterfront. President Inglis asked about the recently purchased plate readers and Chief Campbell advised how they work, that they are working well, and he plans to order more of them. Mayor Brennan advised the officers are very appreciative of the readers and said he would be bringing a report to Council so they will see how valuable they are to the Borough. There was a discussion regarding future plans for the readers.

Fire Chief – Report submitted – Chief Pletsch turned in the 2019 Yearly report to Council. He explained some items year over year including their 6 ½ minute response time. Councilman Stein asked about the siren at #4 Fire station. Mayor Brennan asked about the defibrillator on Main Street. Chief Pletsch advised they were placed by the Main Street Business Association and not the fire department. Chief Pletsch said they have to be maintained by someone certified and they won't be the ones to maintain them.

Code Enforcement Officer – Report submitted – Dave Cannon also had a discussion with Mayor Brennan and Chief Campbell about the request to close the alley behind the Batch Foundation during the duration of construction. The Chief has concerns regarding the closing. Dave Cannon will speak to the contractor further.

VI. Public Comments on Items for Consideration:

Michael Capp – 243 Gates Drive – Mr. Capp asked about Motion 1 and his concerns about approving the motion prior to having the bond money in the bank. Borough Manager Varhola advised if something should happen to the bond, they would reject the bids. Solicitor Evashavik explained the process for advertising vs awarding the bids. There were discussions with Council, the Solicitor, the Engineer and the Borough Manager about the process and the designs to date.

Councilman Ondo – Motion 7 and Motion 8 - Councilman Ondo had questions about the finances and how the Borough can pay the bills with the amounts that the accounts are showing. Manager Varhola advised the amounts of those two motions are already deducted from the account listing.

Scott Stevens – 111 Caroline St - Mr. Stevens discussed possible uses of the police station in the new building.

VII. Items for consideration:

1. **REMOVED** - Motion to authorize TKA to bid out construction project for 1860 West Street. Colin will ask TKA to come and review the plans again.
Motion: _____; Second: _____; Vote: _____

2. Motion to appoint Melissa Cheslock or Maureen Fry to the Zoning Board.
Motion: Councilman Petruzzi; Second: Councilman Stein;
Question on the motion by Mr. Serechin regarding the vote process.
Solicitor Evashavik advised the process is legal and the roll call is to be taken.

Vote: ROLL CALL

Councilman Falce:	Absent
Councilperson Fallon:	Maureen Fry
Councilman Ondo:	Maureen Fry
Councilman Petruzzi:	Melissa Cheslock
Councilman Stein:	Melissa Cheslock
Vice President Votedian:	Melissa Cheslock
President Inglis:	Melissa Cheslock

3. Motion to ratify acceptance of early delivery of Refuse truck and process payment pursuant to original motion in May 2019 to order the truck; and to confirm the payment schedule of \$44,178.55 annually (\$241,509.00 x 2.89% APY for 72 months).

Motion: Vice President Votedian; Second: Councilman Petruzzi; Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstained – Councilman Ondo and Councilman Fallon abstained.

4. Motion to recommend award to SRCOG for CDBG fiscal year 45 catch basin project.

Motion: Councilman Petruzzi; Second: Councilman Stein; Vote: Unanimous

5. Motion to authorize Joe Varhola, Bob Bicsey and Councilman Petruzzi to evaluate summer help candidates.

Motion: Vice President Votedian; Second: Councilman Stein;

Question on the motion by Councilman Ondo. He asked to be present during the interview process. President Inglis advised yes.

Vote: Unanimous

6. Motion to approve the January 15, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion: Councilman Petruzzi; Second: Councilperson Fallon; Vote: Unanimous

7. Motion to pay bills for the period January 15th through February 18th, 2020 summarized as follows:

Administration	\$ 49,122.64
Police:	\$ 99,170.26
Fire:	\$ 16,305.99
Health & Sanitation:	\$ 51,540.35
Public Works:	\$ 91,784.14
Recreation:	\$ 1,978.27
Miscellaneous:	<u>\$ 465,437.59*</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 775,339.24

Motion: Councilman Stein; Second: Councilman Petruzzi; Vote: Unanimous

*Includes Borough building construction and Borough insurance.

8. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of January 9th and 23rd 2020.

2020: January 9 th	\$ 120,190.73
2020: January 23 rd	<u>\$ 157,566.99</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 277,757.72

Motion: Councilman Stein; Second: Councilman Ondo; Vote: Unanimous

Other/Additional Matter(s):

Carol Swetz – 3316 Grace Street - Voiced her concerns about the Borough support for MAPs.

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion: Councilperson Fallon; Second: Councilman Petruzzi; Vote: Unanimous



Harvey Inglis – President of Council

