

**Borough of Munhall
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday
September 19, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order – President Falce**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Preliminary Announcements**

President Falce – Noted visit from State Representative Austin Davis who will make a presentation to Councilman Tichon.

Roll Call: Councilman Ballas; Councilman Inglis; Councilman Peruzzi; Councilman Stein; Councilman Tichon; Councilman Votedian; President Falce

State Representative Austin Davis recognized Councilman Tichon for his 80th birthday and presented him with a proclamation for his 40 years of service.

Councilman Tichon thanked Representative Davis and recognized other members of the Borough staff as team members and his family for support over the years.

President Falce thanked everyone for attending and pursuant to a recent newspaper article, he felt it necessary to dispel recent rumors and inaccuracies and began reading a statement regarding Council being the representatives for, and the advocates of, Borough residents. He stated that they would never do anything to harm residents. Secondly, he wanted to assure everyone that nothing done in secrecy. Third, he advised if there are any concerns, Council is more than willing to discuss those concerns in public, private or one on one. Fourth, the Borough building in bad shape and they have gathered cost estimates advising how bad it is and how costly it will be for renovations. They are doing due diligence and will make sure before a decision is made for a move to Willis Center, if that is what is needed.

Councilman Stein asked to comment. He thanked everyone for coming and advised he is grateful their attendance, whatever the reason may be. He then stated that he felt there may be attendance because of misinformation given and advised Council will present facts that are public knowledge so that everyone can be onboard and on the same page. He advised that the Willis Center is not a new

topic and has been being discussed since February 2017. He stated that Council, including Mayor Brennan, elected to pursue the property. He wanted to dispel a rumor that moving will raise taxes. He stated the conservative estimates for both the current Borough building, being 3.6 million, and for the Willis Center, being 8.9 million. If there are tax implications, it will be in the work done on the current building. Also, there is already a renter for the top floor of the building and that will offset any cost to the construction at Willis Center. He gave his own vision, he had not discussed with anyone else, if we can get out of the current building, there is a gorgeous field that can be used by local and college teams who would like to play here but is hard to find, you can't see the field because of the building and parking is terrible. He advised he wants what is for the betterment of the town, and recognizes it is not what he wants but what is for the betterment of the town, if the current building were removed, there would be space for a parking lot to support the field. He feels it would cause a rise in the field usage. Even the people who walk the field. And it will also be the field visible from the street. He again reiterated that these are only his thoughts. He wanted to make sure everyone knows that nothing has been done in secrecy and stated his concern regarding recent comments online. He stated he would not do anything to jeopardize his integrity and only does what is for the betterment of the town. He said these are the facts and if anyone disagrees with the facts and would like to discuss anything with them, they are open to talk and not have conversations going on in a store or church parking lot. They would like to have the information come from them.

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):

- **Dorothy Capp – 243 Gates Dr. - Willis Center and Current Borough Building – Mrs. Capp was unavailable. Her son, Michael Capp spoke in her stead. Mrs. Capp had a list of questions, and statements for Council regarding a move to Willis Center and asking that all information be given to residents before any decisions are made regarding Willis Center. Councilman Stein recognized Mrs. Capp's questions and statements and advised the information she has requested is public information from meetings since February 2017 and no action is taken without public knowledge in agendas or minutes. Especially something as significant as moving buildings. Borough Manager, Joseph Varhola, asked him to leave the questions and Mr. Capp advised he would get him a copy and drop it off at the administration office.**

- **Michael Capp** – 243 Gates Dr. - Willis Center and Current Borough Building - He feels that not all the factors were considered regarding the cost. He had heard 4 million dollars and when he asked for a copy of the estimates, he was provided a copy of the Hatch report, which was very good, as far as he was concerned, information wise, and was based on RS means which is a standard tool used anywhere in the country but didn't have anything regarding Willis Center. He discussed statistics for the current Borough building. He confirmed the estimate for the Willis Center being 3.6 million. He discussed uniform construction code, building code dates and confirming the current codes were used for the estimates. Borough Engineer, Colin Lampark advised they are currently "painting with broad strokes at this time". Mr. Capp said the all the cost need to be included. He assumes that the cost will include security if Turtle Creek will be renting one of the floors. Colin advised all the questions are good ones but at this time, Council will need to decide about the building before the progression to design. He stated that he hopes all the lead and asbestos issues will be addressed prior to a move as the Borough will be liable to renters.
- **Maureen Fry** – 124 West Virginia Ave. - Willis Center and Current Borough Building - She is asking for cost regarding the current Borough building vs the Willis Center. She submitted a right to know request and was provided the Hatch report for the current building. She was advised the estimate for Willis Center cannot be provided as the Borough would have to pay \$5000. She asked how much Hatch was paid for the current building report. President Falce advised \$1800. Borough Manager, Joe Varhola advised clarification needed to be made as the report for the Willis Center was not available until today. Council waited to do the structure assessment and Colin Lampark advised he went to the structure on August 24th and Joe stated he was asked to have a report ready for the following meeting on the 24th. He advised that the report is ready for viewing now. Mrs. Fry confirmed the dates of visitation and reports for both buildings. Colin Lampark confirmed what was requested and when the visitations and reports were completed. She confirmed that she heard a figure of 3.6 million for reconstruction of Willis Center and 8.9 million for the current building. Mrs. Fry asked if that figure included demolition of the current building and it was advised that it did not. She asked who the original construction company was, and Joe Varhola stated Franjo construction. He explained that Franjo became involved because he was asked by Chief Campbell if there would be a move. He said that Sgt. Fullard became concerned and wanted to tour the building. He said they could but what did either he or Sgt. Fullard know about construction. He said that Chief Campbell reached out to someone, who is "in our back yard". Someone who is familiar to the Borough and the Borough trust in this business. Councilman Stein also advised we are not paying \$5000. Manager Varhola explained why there would have been a charge for the information. He said they had blueprints, an architect, an estimator, a project manager and the two owners who worked to provide the estimate for free. He advised of the legal process to hire someone to work on a project of this scope would be to advertise and take bids and Council would follow that process. He said there is no basis for the

rumor that the Borough is just going to give Franjo the business. Councilman Votedian advised he did not know anyone at Franjo but that they did a wonderful thing at St. Therese by building a lab and it didn't cost St. Therese or the Borough any money. Councilman Tichon agreed with the information showing Franjo's "stake in the town". He advised he knew Frank from 38 years ago when he coached him in baseball. Mrs. Fry agreed that Council and residents love the Borough. She thanked Council for the time they give but was thankful that the \$5000 was not paid and the residents informed afterwards. She asked that Council bring this sort of information, to the residents, ahead of time and not last minute because this is how rumors start. Council agrees. She said that she would like to see Council get "everyone you can". She said she thinks that being told we need to pay \$5000 for a report sounds like a bribe. She had concerns about the right to know and right to speak forms and the differences were explained. She addressed the Engineer and asked that the Hatch report be put in the newspaper and he responded that it would be a decision by Council. Councilman Stein stated that recent articles in the newspaper did not include information or contact with Council. He advised he is always happy to speak to anyone. Mrs. Fry stated she would collect all the phone numbers for Council after the meeting.

- **D. Elaine Spiker** –202 Washington St. - Concerns about 210 Washington Street – Mrs. Spiker brought pictures of the home at 210 Washington Street. She states the house is affecting the ability to sell properties surrounding it. She said the windows need to be boarded up and she is concerned about people and animals going in and out of it. Borough Manager, Joe Varhola advised that the Borough is aware of the home, that it is in litigation and a hearing has been scheduled for September 27th, 2018. Mrs. Spiker said that her hope is that after litigation, the home can be demolished. Mr. Varhola agreed. President Falce advised the Borough doesn't want the house to stand, in the current condition, either. Borough Manager Varhola also advised that the home owner is currently suing the Borough, the State and the County.
- **Jean Kurzdorfet** – 743 Bar Harbor Dr. Plum, PA (Owner 206 Washington St.) - Concerns about 210 Washington Street – Mrs. Kurzdorfet also voiced her concerns about the home. She stated she lives next to the home and it really needs "come down". She feels it is a health, safety and fire hazard. Manager Varhola again stated it is in litigation. Mayor Brennan stated that he has received calls and that he has contacted the Code Enforcement officer Dave Cannon. He asked Dave to get in touch with the Borough Solicitor ask he feels the Borough has a responsibility to the neighbors surrounding the property and that we should be citing the home owner as the home is a nuisance to the neighborhood. He feels if we are as aggressive as we can with this situation, the home could be sold as a sheriff sale. He feels the Code Enforcement officer and the legal team should be pursuing this situation. Code Enforcement officer Dave Cannon advised he took it to the Magistrate and it was thrown out because the matter is in litigation. Solicitor Greg Evashavik stated because the matter is in

litigation, he would not suggest citing the home owner. He said the owner could go to the magistrate and suggest that the citations are in retaliation for the litigation. In response to the suggestion of a sheriff sale, Greg advised it will be at least a year and because the Borough is very close to achieving its goal in litigation with resolution for the residents and the Borough. He stated he does not suggest aggravating the situation with citations. He advised that the Boroughs end goal would be to raise the structure and that will depend on the results of the litigation. He agrees the Borough and Mr. Cannon have tried everything possible to resolve the issue but at this time, the home owner is suing the Borough. It is a unique situation.

- **Sylvia Garcia Hernandez** – 160 W. Larkspur St. - Concerns about neighbors handicapped space not being used and taking up a space on a street that has limited space. - Mrs. Garcia Hernandez said that parking on her street is very limited. She said that a handicapped parking sign has been placed in a space where she normally would park. She stated that she feels the space is not warranted and that the person who applied for it has space to park in their garage. She has kept a journal of the use of the space. She said that if her immediate neighbor has people over; she and her husband will have to park in their yard. She feels that the spot is not used for what it is meant to and is not being used as it was intended. She said it is a personal parking spot for the daughter to drop off and pick up her children. She feels it is unfair. Chief Campbell advised that Officer Williams had the necessary paperwork from the doctor and the state, the Borough, by law, must oblige and place the sign. He said he will have his officers monitor the use of the space and handle the situation as needed.
- **Michael Aldrich** – MAPS – Asked Council to either donate current MAPS building to them or sell it to them for \$1.00. - Mr. Aldrich thanked Councilman Tichon for his service to the Borough and the country. He advised he had made a comment at a previous meeting that the Borough had don't nothing to help MAPS. He retracted that statement because he found that it had indeed helped MAPS with their utilities. He apologized for misspeaking at the time. He asked that Council release the 2018 budgeted amount. He then asked that the Borough give MAPS the building. He advised they have maintained the building as well as all their vehicles. He asked Council to subdivide the property they reside in, and if the Borough building is moved, the parking lot behind (the current Borough parking lot). He said they would agree if for some reason MAPS would go under, they would agree to return the property to the Borough. They would like to make decisions regarding their operations and need to make them without delays. He announced that subscriptions will be going out and have not gone up. He asked for a yes or no answer regarding the selling of the building to MAPS for \$1.00. He again asked for the 2018 budgeted monies.

V. Reports from Borough Officials:

Mayor – Mayor Brennan thanked everyone for coming. He notified Council that there may not be a sponsor for the Halloween parade because of a current lawsuit against the Main Street Business Association. Councilman Votedian thought that the parade was sponsored by the #4 Fire Station. Fire Chief Ed Pletsch advised it is sponsored by the Business Association, the Borough and the #4 Fire Station. Mayor Brennan stated that he feels the parade is a major event and feels we should be reaching out to Lori Corsi. Chief Pletsch advised it is a little late to start now and a resident advised she spoke with Lori and was told the same about lawsuit. Mayor Brennan suggested that Council reach out to someone soon. He then thanked the #5 Fire Station for their recent help when he tried to place a flag, at the cemetery, at half staff and broke the line leaving the flag in the wind. He stated that the #5 firemen restrung and raised the flag for him and he asked Chief Pletsch to be sure and thank them for him. He also thanked the Fire and Police departments for their help during the recent storm and subsequent flooding. He specifically mentioned Shady Avenue and said that we are blessed to have great Police and Fire departments. Mayor Brennan apologized for not attending Community Days as he had a prior engagement and said that he spoke to President Falce who advised it was a great success. He went on to thank Representative Austin Davis, Senator Jay Costa, Mayor Esper and Mayor Dindak for attending a meeting with the seniors at Steel Valley High School. The purpose of the meeting was to speak to them and hopefully get some of them become civically minded, to volunteer in their community and getting them to register to vote. He then wanted to address the Willis Center. He said that he was advised that we said that at the last meeting he was told that we would not be having a cost analysis for the cost to go in to the Willis Center. He said that he was told that Hatch would be going in to the building to look at the buildings integrity and decide on what we are going to do. He advised that at the last minute he was presented with a study, which is good and at least there is a cost analysis that is very involved with columns that he will be reviewing. He discussed the current municipal building and its presence coming in and going out of our town and the decision to move should not be done hastily but done very slowly with all things considered. He feels that the current building doesn't have to be done all at once. He feels the Police Department needs allot of updates but there is room within the current department to do the updates. He doesn't feel that moving in to the Willis Center and getting in to a partnership with Turtle Creek Valley is the way to go. He asked about a possible 10-year lease with TCV and Solicitor Evashavik confirmed that it is indeed a 10-year lease but that the Borough would be the landlord and TCV would be the tenant not a partnership. Mayor Brennan ask what would happen if TCV decided not to stay for 10 years and would leave after 5

years leaving the Borough the only thing in the building. He advised that West Mifflin has a brand-new building and that they are partnering with their school district. Council reminded him that UPMC is a tenant as well as the school district. Mayor Brennan said he was not aware of that. He said if we move out of the current beautiful building and move next door and end up being the only people in the building, what happens? He asked if we should be in the real estate business. He said it is a consideration given what we have and feels that maintenance to the current building needs to be done, and should have been done, to keep it up to date. He did a walk through with the Police Department and said there are many concerns that need addressed. He said we need a modern facility and that it should be a priority but doesn't require a renovation of the whole building. Councilman Inglis advised that when Mayor Brennan was on Council he said to "take all of the buildings". Mayor Brennan agreed that he had. He said he went through all the current building and Willis Center and in his opinion the current building is a much better building and reminded everyone that the current building is not Council's building and not his building but that it belongs to the residents. He feels like the process has not been followed through properly. He feels that there should have been public meetings with diagrams showing what the plans were. He said the Engineers report doesn't show anything and he also mentioned parking issues. Councilman Ballas advised that the contract will give Munhall Borough 15 parking spots in the front of the building. Solicitor Evashavik explained the prior agreement between TCV and the Blind and Vision which reserved all that parking. As a part of the process, parking was secured for the Borough in front of the building. Mayor Brennan states that the people don't know what will happen there. Will TCV patients be treated there? He stated that all the information should be presented to the residents. He doesn't have a problem looking at the building but feels that the process was not done correctly. He said he went through the current building with the Police Department and has a list of items they would like to see improvements to. He talked about the garage being used for space and rooms down stairs. He feels that the building should be cleaned up but is not a reason to move out. Councilman Inglis asked him to walk outside and look at the cracking and falling sandstone. Mayor Brennan said he agreed but that it should be fixed and should have been fixed but we are not doing anything because we are waiting for the move that hasn't been voted on yet. A resident asked how much it is costing the Borough to buy Willis Center and was advised it is being given to us. That same resident asked why the current building wasn't maintained while Mayor Brennan was on Council. Mayor Brennan stated that when he came on to Council there was a \$0.00 balance for operations. He said the priority was to fix that situation. He said it wasn't like it was when Councilman Tichon or Councilman Stein were elected. Councilman Tichon said that when he came on, their priority was to get rid of "the thieves" who were here. Mayor Brennan said that he did not hire them. There was a heated exchange between Councilman Tichon and the

Mayor, which President Falce brought back to order and the Mayor commented "I see where I stand again. Don't I?". Mayor Brennan reiterated that when he came on to Council, there was no money, things were run in to the ground and mismanaged. Mayor Brennan commented "I'm so misunderstood." He advised the blame for the move is not to be placed on the Police Department and that they would like the best that can be given to them, but they can work in the current building or a new building. He discussed several items they would like and agrees they are valid items but not valid for a move to Willis Center. He again stated the residents, and he himself, would like to see plans and that the Hatch estimate is not a good estimate. It's not because it doesn't need to be done at once nor have a 1.2-million-dollar cover. Borough Manager Varhola asked Engineer Colin Lampark if that was done by law. Colin advised it is not, but it is typical for this level of cost estimate. He also stated that the same contingency was put on the estimate for the Willis Center so that the comparison could be "apples to apples". Mayor Brennan said he is not personally attacking Colin, but he said it is very hard to believe that the numbers in the report are about the same numbers that were given to them a year ago. Councilman Inglis asked the Mayor if he felt they should get someone else. He said that it seems that Mayor Brennan is saying that Colin is not doing the right thing. Mayor Brennan said he did not say that and that Councilman Inglis said it. Councilman Inglis said Mayor Brennan stated that the numbers weren't right, so he must feel that he isn't doing the right thing. Mayor Brennan said he thinks it is feels that the numbers are close to the same numbers given by Franjo Construction a year ago. Colin stated that they may be because they used similar estimating tools and Mayor Brennan said, "maybe so" and that is why he said that it was not a personal attack on him. Colin stated that no offense was taken. Mayor Brennan addressed Councilman Inglis saying that he may think that he is being offensive, but he is not. He again stated that what he sees as a problem is that it has not been presented to the public. Mayor Brennan again spoke to Colin Lampark saying that he got his report the day before and didn't have time to read it and that he had been told there wouldn't be a report, so he does question it. President Falce said he didn't say there wouldn't be an estimate and Mayor Brennan disagreed and said it was said last month. Someone in the resident seating said, "Check the minutes" and Mayor Brennan stated, "Not everything makes it in to the minutes." Mayor Brennan's last statement was that the people do not want the move to the new building. Mr. Aldrich asked Mayor Brennan to look in to the goad program for the cemetery. Mayor Brennan agreed and that it has been investigated. Maureen Fry asked if she could speak and President Falce asked her to make it short as one person asking can lead in to another. Mrs. Fry said they would just like to be informed and is asking Council to hold a time meeting to present the facts and let people talk. She said they just don't want to be told 'this is what we're gonna do'. Manager Joe Varhola advised that he received a call from resident Dorothy Capp and he spent 45 minutes on the phone as she asked questions and

he was able to provide answers. There was no personal attack, nor did she call anyone thieves. He said that Joe Baranick, from Shady Ave, called and he called him back on Saturday to answer questions. He said that he doesn't have time in the day to answer everyone's questions but there are seven Councilmen who are available to speak with. Lori Brennan stood to say, "You guys have this backwards." She stated, "You are supposed to come to us" and things should be posted in the Valley Mirror. She said they (residents) have been finding things out on their own, put the information out and Council gets mad because they are sharing what they are learning. She advised it is up to Council to share what they are thinking, what kinds of bids they are getting. Mrs. Brennan said that the Willis Center was not place on the current agenda. It had to come from the citizens. President Falce stated that he was the first to about it. Mrs. Brennan stated that she meant on a public agenda. She said "We are asking for this Borough to be run like other Boroughs. They would not do what you're doing. They would have public meetings. They would compare cost." She said that they had been told at the last meeting that there wouldn't be a cost estimate for Willis Center. Councilman Tichon asked if Mrs. Brennan was a reporter and Mayor Brennan advised that she was his wife. There was a heated exchange and President Falce brought the meeting back in to order and that he would recess the meeting if the personal comments and booing hand hissing doesn't stop. Mayor Brennan said to recess the meeting as he was tired of it. He then said that he would never speak to a woman and accuse of her of being a reporter. Councilman Tichon said she asked a question and he wanted to know if she was a reporter. Mayor Brennan said he would treat Councilman Tichon's wife with the utmost respect. Councilman Tichon said he didn't mean it disrespectfully. He stated that there were things put in the Valley Mirror and no one on Council was asked about them and he thought that Mrs. Brennan had made the report and that she might be a reporter for the newspaper. He stated that he was going to invite her to ask him questions and he would be very happy give her his view on whatever the issues are. He stated it was not a disrespectful question. Mayor Brennan advised that Mr. Tichon had just been disrespectful to him. Councilman Tichon said he felt like he deserved it. Mrs. Matthews said "You guys don't want us to talk like that, but you can. That's not okay." Councilman Stein said "It is also unfair to make a blanket statement" as he had not spoken to anyone like that. Mrs. Matthews said she meant as a whole, and she is "sick" of the disrespect that has gone on over the years. Resident Kevin Williams said that he has attended many meetings and this meeting has more attendance than any other meeting in the past. He said in the last meeting there were discussions about and an engineer's report that laid out the figures. Not what would be done. He said that people are saying Council doesn't tell anyone, but he has been in meetings when the information was discussed. He suggested for them to view the video online. He stated that Colin had given a report and that Mayor Brennan had been there. Mayor Brennan said he was. Other

residents spoke asking if there was a report for the Willis Center. Mr. Williams said they have it now. There were several people talking all together and President Falce brought the meeting back to order saying that he was not going to take any more speakers. He stated that Council respects its residents and he needs them to respect Council. He advised he would be glad to come to a meeting but said they were "not doing anything wrong". He said he will walk out of a meeting unless he is treated as a professional person. A resident stated that Councilman Tichon was the first to yell. Councilman Tichon apologized for his outburst. President Falce advised the meeting would have to move on but he will stay to speak to anyone afterwards.

Solicitor – Everything was communicated in writing during the month and he had nothing to add.

Manager – Budget meetings will start in October. The Borough has been awarded a \$40,000 grant for catch basins and CD45 will be coming soon to continue with the basins. There is a waterfront maintenance agreement meeting that all of Council are invited to attend.

Engineer –The project for culvert repairs to Shady Ave and Harvey extensions has an update that the DEP has approved the permit and they have arranged for advertisement and will open bids on October 2nd. He discussed the recent rains and understands the urgency of completion of the project. Part of the contract will include cleaning up what is currently in the creek. Mayor Brennan asked Mr. Lampark to elaborate on the project and he did so in the phases as it will happen. In phase 1, which will start by Mr. Ondo's property. He explained that in the original plan, the developer put the "tin whistle" piping under the grassy areas. That is what's collapsing and causing the sink holes. All of it will be dug up and replaced with HDP piping, put an end wall and stabilize the hillside. The 2nd Phase further down Shady at the stream embankment that is washing away. That will be stabilized with rip wrap. The final phase will be Harvey Avenue extension and that is the same "tin whistle" pipe collapse issue and it will be replaced with HDP piping. Mr. Ondo advised they couldn't get a camera in, so someone entered the pipe to investigate and found that the "tin whistle" stops at the roadway. Mr. Ondo asked about where it exists on his property as he has lost a lot of property. Colin advised the current plan is to realign the pipe and replace it in kind and fill it over with rip wrap. Mr. Ondo said the foundation of his garage is cracking. Colin asked if they could talk after the meeting. President Falce advised he would stay as well. Colin advised they are scoping for another grant. A low volume road grant to do work on Dickson and Boone. He apologized for the delay getting the Willis Center building report to Council until today. Mayor Brennan asked him if there is anything that can be done for residents on Ravine Street. Colin advised he is aware of the slide on Homestead Duquesne Road. It

has been stabilized and they are looking for the property owner. Manager Varhola advised he met with Joe Heffley with Congressman Doyle's office, and there is a gentleman named Jeff Scheifer who is in touch with the Army Corp of Engineers regarding Ravine. Colin advised that they are aware of the issue and Mayor Brennan stated the people are losing their homes and garages. He asked if there is a plan in effect that can be announced to the residents. Colin advised that the parcels are on private property. Solicitor Evashavik advised all waterways are owned by the state. Joe Varhola advised is being handle by the Army Corp of Engineers. Mayor Brennan stated that there is a sewer line that runs the creek and Councilman Ballas agreed that it is a sanitary sewer line that had been lined a few years ago and that may be why there is more water now than before as the old line was rusted and had holes that water was seeping through thus the lesser amount of water going underground. He advised the consent decree forced them separate the storm water from the sanitary sewer water. Both Colin and Councilman Ballas advised this plan cost taxpayers because they don't care how the work is done or where the money is coming from, they just wanted it done. The sewer authority took care of what they had to and there is nothing else for them to do. Mayor Brennan stated that there currently wasn't a plan to help the residents there and Colin advised that Joe Varhola is working with people to address it. A resident from Ravine advised years ago he watched someone who was replacing their concrete driveway dump in to the creek and was told the Army Corp of Engineers is who will have to be contacted. He is concerned about how the water flows and hits this concrete. He asked if someone can get in touch with someone from the Army Corp of Engineers to get an update. Colin advised the resident to contact the DEP if he sees anything such as happened again.

Public Works Supervisor – Thanked Rob for Community Day work and agreed it was a success. President Falce thanked him for the assistance of the Public Works crew. Nothing to add to his report.

Police Chief – Report given to Council. He advised of an incident with an officer who was working a transport and had to be treated.

Fire Chief – Report given to Council. Discussed flood water pumping policy. Gray water cannot be pumped. There is nowhere to put it. It's against the law to put it in to the street and asked for understanding when they must refuse to pump. President Falce thanked them for their help with Community Days.

Code Enforcement Officer – Report given to Council. In addition, there will be cell phone antenna poles being installed on Cambria and Main Street to assist with dropped calls. They do not want student calls to drop when they are calling their parents to come and pick them up. Their main concern are school districts. Manager Varhola advised that Dave and Bob Smith

from Public Works are now certified Storm Water management inspectors. Dave explained the strictness of the laws regarding flood water pumping and Chief Pletsch said they are followed.

VI. Public Comments on Agenda items:

Donna Dreshman – Motion 2 – How many positions are open? Manager Varhola advised it is still in discussion. Donna asked if the position will be advertised. Mr. Varhola advised yes. There was a discussion about past practices. Solicitor Evashavik advised that legally the positions do not have to be advertised. Donna asked if a CDL License will be required and the answer is no. Councilman Tichon stated that would be a good idea. Motion #3- Clarified that part of 9th Avenue is already B2. Solicitor Evashavik advised the steps to rezone are that he will draft an ordinance, the Engineer will draft a new zoning map that will be attached to the new ordinance, he will then send everything to the Allegheny County planning department, who will review it for up to 6 weeks, then it will be advertised and can be an additional 2 months and then it will go on the agenda and a hearing will be held. Donna asked about notification to residents/ land owners. Solicitor Evashavik will handle that when it comes time for it. After motion #6 and #7, what is the balance? Joe Varhola advised \$2,868,624.41. Donna asked if any motions will be added to the existing items for consideration. Councilman Tichon advised any Councilman can add a motion at any time.

A resident asked if Mr. Evahsavik has a timeline for motion#3. He answered that the range can be 3-6 months.

VII. Items for consideration:

1. Motion to advertise for bids for the Shady and Harvey Ave extension culvert project.
Motion: Councilman Tichon; Second: Councilman Ballas; Vote: Unanimous
2. Motion to approve advertisement to accept applications for position(s) within the Public Works department.
Motion: Councilman Inglis; Second: Councilman Petruzzi; Vote: Unanimous
3. Motion to proceed with rezoning of Ninth and Tenth Ave from Andrew to McClure to B2.
Motion: Councilman Ballas; Second: Councilman Votedian; Vote: Unanimous

4. Motion to approve a handicapped sign at 887 Munn Street as approved by Officer Williams and Chief Campbell.

Question – Councilman Stein asked where this is located.

Motion: Councilman Ballas; Second: Councilman Tichon; Vote: Unanimous

5. Motion to approve the August 15, 2018 minutes.

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

6. Motion to pay bills for the period August 16th thru September 18th, 2018, summarized as follows:

Administration	\$	35,122.88
Police:	\$	28,274.18
Fire:	\$	85,125.39
Health & Sanitation:	\$	37,468.82
Public Works:	\$	359,155.70
Recreation:	\$	3,218.62
Miscellaneous:	\$	<u>7,327.34</u>
TOTAL:	\$	555,692.93

Becki Wirth advised that the Public Work amount included \$278,755.07 for Caruso and Sons (paving) \$22,034.62 was for Creative Enterprises (Hamilton Rd. project)

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

7. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of August 9th and 23rd, 2018 as follows:

2018: Aug 9th	\$	131,431.84
2018: Aug 23 rd	\$	<u>138,322.52</u>
TOTAL:	\$	269,754.36

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

Other/Additional Matter(s):

Mayor Brennan asked about the Fire Department in the current Borough building and another million dollars should be added. Councilman Votedian said it is in discussion. Mayor Brennan advised it hasn't been discussed with him and several Councilmen stated they had not been part of the discussion either.

Lori Brennan asked for clarification about the charitable donation being passed. Solicitor Evashavik advised it is a donation agreement that has been executed that allowed the Borough 4 months to do due diligence involving things like the engineer doing the building check for structural deficiencies and checking a property title search. He and that a decision will need to be made before the end of the 120 days. Mrs. Brennan asked if a public vote had to be done and Greg advised Council will need to vote. Mrs. Brennan asked if it will need to be on an agenda as a motion. Greg advised we are still within the 4-month window and we have not accepted ownership, but the October meeting will be the last meeting they can vote to accept ownership or not. Councilman Votedian advised that the fire department hasn't been discussed publicly because we haven't accepted ownership. Mrs. Brennan asked if it is the intent to have a public meeting. And the answer was yes. Councilman Inglis discussed the merging of #3 Fire department and the lack of interest at that point. Mayor Brennan said he was interested and advised it was a question. He asked Councilman Inglis if he was attacking him and Councilman Inglis advised no. Mayor Brennan stated that he was "being attacked left and right". Michael Capp commented that he didn't know that the fire department was closed but advised that these things do matter to the residents, but they are not aware. He commented on the Borough website and the delay of minutes to the site. Manager Joe Varhola advised the Borough is currently working on a new website. He stated that misinformation is behind the recent rumors and then people come in to attack Council because of something that isn't true. Mr. Capp stated that it isn't all rumors because he has been on the Allegheny County website and can't find out what year the current building was built. He said that's not a rumor it's a problem. Mr. Varhola agreed with him and advised when Mr. Capp found information out regarding this to let him know. President Falce advised that website belongs to Allegheny County. Fire Chief Pletsch wanted to clarify that the closing of Fire Station #3 was a mutually agreed upon merge. It was not closed, they merged because of enrollment and it made sense to do so. Addressing concerns about safety, he advised they are well above the curve in response time. The numbers are in his monthly report. Mayor Brennan wanted to bring attention to a petition that is being signed and wanted to read it. The petition asks that that Council conduct a public hearing, to inform residents, of Councils plan to acquire Willis Center and convert it into the new Borough building,

Police Department and office space for Turtle Creek Mental Health and Mental Retardation resulting in the likely demolition of the current historic Borough building. The petition also asked that Council make public the reports regarding the scope of work for the Willis Center and current building and proposed funding. The petition asks that all this information be given before Council proceeds with a vote. Mayor Brennan advised that he did not have a hand in writing the petition. He advised it is just asking to be informed. David Kasiorek advised it has signatures of residents and business owners who contribute allot to the town.

VIII. Adjournment:

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert M. Falce". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Robert Falce – President of Council