

Borough of Munhall

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

The September 19, 2023 Workshop meeting of the Munhall Borough Council was called to order by Mr. Brennan at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Present:

Richard Brennan, Council President

Maureen Fry, Council Member

William Hanna, Council Member

Kevin Ondo, Council Vice President

Jason Stein, Council Member

Richard Votedian, Council Member (via teleconference)

Absent:

David Younkens, Council Member

Others:

Seth Abrams, Borough Manager

Greg Evashavik, Solicitor

Thomas Fullard, Chief of Police

Reports

President's Report: President Brennan announced that refuse collection in Homestead is going well and that progress is continuing on the playground projects. Finance and budgetary meetings are occurring at the department level.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Falce announced a Mayor's Meeting that he is hosting at the Carnegie Library of Homestead on September 27th at 6:00 pm. The next Main Street Market Night is on September 28th. He noted that families are already using the park at Trautman St even though it has been marked off as a construction zone. The Mayor introduced James "JJ" Heddleston as the new student liaison to the Mayor

Solicitor's Report: Reviewed and approved the MOU between the School District and the Borough, which is item #4 on the agenda. Continued to review routine contracts.

Manager's Report: Mr. Abrams presented the actuarially issued minimum municipal obligation for the pension and retirement funds. The requirement is approximately \$400,000, which is a slight decrease from last year. The insurance renewals have also been received and are in line with expectations based on hires and history.

Mr. Abrams read an invitation from the Best of the Batch Foundation for a wine fundraiser occurring on September 22nd.

Staff member John Szczypinski and the public works staff praised them for their work during the clinic presented by the Roberto Clemente Foundation on the 16th. They did exceptional work in making sure the event went smoothly and the Foundation and guests felt welcomed.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes: Motion to approve the August 15, 2023 minutes by Mr. Ondo. Seconded by Mrs. Fry. Motion passed 6-0.

Michael Stickle, an Eagle Scout candidate presented his plans to renovate the war memorial on Main St and requested that Council pass a motion officially approving the project as presented.

Motion to approve the Eagle Scout project and work to be done at the Ronald Watkins Memorial Parklet as presented. Motion by Mr. Ondo. Seconded by Mr. Stein. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comment:

Shannan Katanick, Munhall CARES. Mrs. Katanick spoke about the positive feedback and the impact that the Main Street vendors are seeing from the Main St. Market Nights. There will be a cleanup day on October 14th.

Joseph Chiodo, Trautman St. asked if there would be handrails placed on the sidewalk created at the Trautman St. playground and if the drainage concerns were addressed. Mr. Brennan stated that the drawings and specifications were completed by a professional engineer.

Business Items:

1. Motion to pay the bills for the month of August in the amount of \$746,837.79. Motion made by Mr. Hanna. Seconded by Mr. Ondo. Motion passed 6-0.
2. Motion to approve payroll for August in the amount of \$439,979.72. Motion by Mr. Hanna. Seconded by Mr. Ondo. Motion passed 6-0.
3. Motion to ratify telephone votes to:
 - a. Approve sale of the Borough's old woodchipper to South Versailles Township in the amount of \$2,000.
 - b. Approve the application to the Keystone Communities Grant for \$100,000 for the Main St. reconstruction project.

Motion by Mr. Ondo. Seconded by Mrs. Fry. Motion passed 6-0.

4. Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough and the Steel Valley School District for School Resource Officers. Motion by Mr. Stein. Seconded by Mr. Ondo. Motion passed 6-0.
5. Motion to approve the placement of ADA parking in front of 244 W. Larkspur St. and 707 E 17th St. Motion by Mr. Ondo. Seconded by Mrs. Fry. Motion passed 6-0.
6. Motion to approve a resolution appointing Seth Abrams and Kevin Ondo as delegates to the Southern Tax Collection Commission of Allegheny County. Motion passed 6-0.
7. Motion to approve the concurring resolution to apply to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for \$500,000 and authorizing the Borough Manager to serve as the authorized official to file all

applications and documents on behalf of the Borough. Motion by Mr. Ondo. Seconded by Mrs. Fry. Motion passed 6-0.

8. Motion to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$1,000 as a donation to Munhall CARES for the September Market Nights Community Event. Motion by Mr. Stein. Seconded by Mr. Votedian. Motion passed 6-0.
9. Motion to approve the Borough Manager to act on behalf of the Borough to liquidate all stocks of Sun Life Insurance and deposit the proceeds into the Borough's reserve (rainy day) fund. Motion by Mrs. Fry. Seconded by Mr. Hanna. Motion passed 6-0.
10. Motion to approve the application of Munhall Cares to Allegheny County for a Small Games of Chance license. THIS MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN DUE TO NOT HAVING THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK.
11. Motion to authorize the Manager to place Ford Explorers with VINs ending in 7268 and 9802 for sale on Muncibid. Motion by Mr. Ondo. Seconded by Mr. Stein.
12. Motion to approve the hiring of Colleen Faiello and Diana Ciccone as crossing guards effective at a rate of \$15/hour. Motion by Mr. Votedian. Seconded by Mr. Ondo. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comment:

Cheryl Lawson, West Run Rd. thanked the Borough for the radar speed signs but requested that the sign be moved away from the bend.

Ms. Pierce and Ms. Bujdos, Woodhill Ave requested the parking congestion that occurs during softball games be addressed, stating that the congestion makes it unsafe to exit private driveways.

Mrs. Fry announced the Strategic Planning meetings for public input on September 27th and October 5th. Guardian Storage is holding a free shredding event on October 7th.

Adjournment: Mr. Ondo made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Mrs. Fry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Abrams
Borough Manager