

Borough of Munhall

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

The November 15, 2022 meeting of the Munhall Borough Council was called to order by Mr. Brennan at 7:05 pm in Council Chambers.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Abrams took the roll:

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
David Younkens, Council Member

Absent:

Others:

Seth Abrams, Borough Manager
Robert Bicey, Public Works Supervisor
David Cannon, BCO/Zoning/Code Enforcement
Rob Falce, Mayor
Thomas Fullard, Chief of Police
Ed Pletsch, Fire Chief
Greg Evashavik, Solicitor
Courtney Dumm, Engineer

Mr. Brennan announced that the executive session was held to discuss contractual issues prior to the meeting.

Presentation of Commendation

Mr. Brennan presented a Commendation to David Kasiorek for his service to the Borough through his volunteer community service and his videography of Borough events for the past 5 years.

Mayor Falce presented a Commendation to Breanne Francis for her academic and volunteer achievements.

Reports

President's Report: Mr. Brennan announced a change in the focus of Council meetings in 2023. The Workshop meetings, held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, will focus on reports and discussions. The Legislative meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month will focus on conducting new business.

Mr. Brennan announced additional items that will be added to the agenda, to approve a contract with David Kasiorek to provide videography services to the Borough in the amount of \$600.00 per year. Another motion will be made to approve disabled parking spaces for 2 separate residents.

Mr. Brennan thanked Mr. Hanna and Mr. Abrams for their work on the 2023 budget and announced that the budget will be available for public inspection beginning on December 1, 2022. There will be a public hearing held on December 13, 2022, and a final vote on December 20, 2022.

Mayor's Report: Mr. Falce announced the Steel Valley Holiday Parade will again take place this year. Light Up Night will be on December 2, 2022, at the old Borough Building. Santa and refreshments will be available in the fire hall afterwards.

Munhall Cares will be decorating the Community Room on December 8th and will have pictures with Santa on the 9th beginning at 6:30 pm.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Evashavik summarized the recent changes in the State fireworks law, and the additional enforcement that municipalities may enact.

Borough Manager's Report: On file. Mr. Abrams reported that the past month has been spent primarily working on the budget.

Engineer's Report: The report is on file. Ms. Dumm will be speaking with a vendor to determine the best method to develop a contract for storm sewer camera work.

Public Works Report: Mr. Bicsey reported that leaf pickup is occurring.

Police Report: The report is on file.

Fire Department Report: Chief Pletsch reported on responses and incidents over the past month.

Mr. Ondo and Mr. Brennan thanked Chief Pletsch for his service, 20 years as either Chief or Deputy Chief.

Code Enforcement: Mr. Cannon report is on file. All Washed Up Carwash will be opening this weekend and offering free carwashes during this grand opening.

Finance Committee: Mr. Hanna reported that there is still concern around the receipt of funds for the RAC-P grant for the current year. Other work is the budget to be presented in December.

Sewer Authority: Mr. Younkins reported that sewer re-lining is occurring and that the rehab work on the new sewer authority building is under way.

Mr. Brennan took a moment to congratulate Austin Davis and John Fetterman for winning their respective races for Lt. Governor and Senator.

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes: Mr. Hanna made a motion to accept the October 18, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Ondo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Speakers:

None

Public Comments:

Ms. Donna Ondo asked about the detailed costs for the Recreation and Miscellaneous expenses reported. Mr. Abrams will report back to Ms. Ondo and the public.

Business Items:

1. Motion to approve the bills from October 16th through October 31st in the amount of \$81,879.12
Motion made by Mr. Ondo. Seconded by Mr. Younkins. Motion carried.
2. Motion to approve the payrolls for October 22, 2022. Motion made by Ms. Fry and seconded by Mr. Stein. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve the hiring of a police officer from the Civil Service list pending the passing of final testing and final approval of Council. Motion made by Mr. Younkins. Seconded by Mr. Ondo. Motion Carries.
4. Motion to issue solicitations Engineering Services. Motion made by Mr. Younkins. Seconded by Ms. Fry. Mr. Stein asked if there was a reason to seek a new engineer. Mr. Brennan stated there was not a specific reason.
5. Motion to reallocate previously allocated funds for locks to purchase tables for the community rooms. Motion made by Ms. Fry. Seconded by Mr. Ondo. Ms. Fry stated that the table request is to facilitate the formation of a senior community group. Motion carried.
6. Motion to amend the agenda to add motions to the agenda to hire a videographer and to approve 2 applications for disabled parking. Motion by Mr. Ondo. Seconded by Mr. Younkins.
7. Motion to hire David Kasiosek to provide videography services for Council meetings in an amount not to exceed \$600/year. Motion by Mr. Ondo. Seconded by Ms. Fry. Motion carried.
8. Motion to approve disabled parking for residents on Longfellow Dr. and on E 10th Ave as recommended by the police department. Motion made by Mr. Younkins. Seconded by Mr. Ondo. Motion carried.

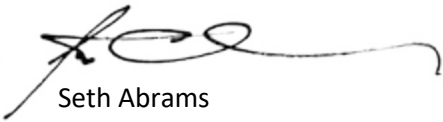
Comments by Council: None

Mr. Abrams reminded Council that they have been given an updated draft budget based on the feedback given over the past week.

Adjournment:

Mr. Stein made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 pm. Mr. Ondo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seth Abrams', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Seth Abrams
Borough Manager