

**Borough of Munhall
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday
April 19, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Preliminary Announcements**
- IV. Roll Call**

Councilman Brennan; Councilman Inglis, Councilman Votedian; Councilman Stein; Councilman Tichon; Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek; President Falce. – All present

Mayor Bodnar recognized all local emergency responders and read off the list of those who assisted Munhall VFD during the time of the fire at 111 Caroline Street.

Mayor Bodnar also presented commendation to Messiah Lutheran Church, Pastor Melba Diddle and Mr. Lebedda for their dedication to the residents of 111 Caroline Street.

NOTICE TO ALL PUBLIC SPEAKERS ADDRESSING COUNCIL

**NOTE THAT COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES
AND MUST AVOID REFERENCES TO PERSONALITIES AND
PERSONNEL RELATED ISSUES.**

V. Speaker(s)

- **Ray Kondas** – Ravine Street and other areas of the borough– He voiced his concerns for the condition of Ravine Street and the appearance of the Borough in general.
 - The borough engineer, Colin Lampark advised Mr. Kondas of the upcoming Ravine Street project.

- **Scott Stevens** – Parkview Towers – Thanked all emergency responders who assisted with the fire.
- **Jason Carter** – Concerns for E 13th Avenue – Discussed his concerns with the “downgrade” of the Borough and his neighbors who are renters.
 - Chief Campbell advised him to contact the police department whenever he needs to.
 - Council, Code Enforcement and Mr. Carter discussed several issues he is facing.
 - The lack of playground space for the children was also discussed.
- **Best of the Batch Foundation** – Latasha Batch along with their architect brought a presentation of their plans for an educational facility.
 - Discussion with several Councilpersons regarding plans for the building and the educational program.
 - Councilman Brennan asked about parking and Mrs. Batch advised this will not be a problem because the students are children and do not drive.
 - Mrs. Batch invited Council to contact the foundation offices with any future questions.
 - Council and Dave Cannon discussed the need to go before the planning board.
- **Charlie Batch** – West Field issues/Christmas program - Mr. Batch asked that Council to close only the bathrooms and not the entire field/playgrounds. He advised he will be available for any issues that arise and wants to work with the Borough to resolve any of the issues. He also discussed the foundations Christmas program and that it affects about 30 families.

VI. Public Comments on Agenda items:

- **Donna Dreshman** -
 - Motion 1 – Will we be promoting someone during the meeting?
 - Yes

- How many took the test?
 - Advised 9 and 5 were interviewed.
- Motion 2 – How many applied? Was it advertised?
 - Borough Manager, Joe Varhola, advised 8 and it was not advertised as 6 of them are returning from previous year.
- Motion 3 – What is the change?
 - Advised the limits are increased.
 - Solicitor, Greg Evashavik, advised we are now supporting state legislature
- Motion 4 –
 - What is the change?
 - Per Solicitor, Greg Evashavik, this changes from only State Police to local Police.
 - Can they be on private driveway?
 - Per Chief Campbell, yes with permission.
- After bill payment, what is the remaining balance?
 - Borough Manager advised \$1,950,000.

VII. Reports from Borough Officials:

Mayor - Mayor Bodnar reminded Council of the upcoming Student Government Day on May 17, 2017. He also discussed Memorial Day, May 29th and the need to get the cemetery ready, asking for volunteers to assist the Boy Scouts to put flags and markers on graves. Asked Council President Rob Falce to read a proclamation from MADD.

Solicitor – Personnel discussions during the Executive session and nothing additional to add.

Manager – Advised of future Government Census

Engineer – There is movement with the Safe Routes to School Program. And his recommendation to demolish 539 E 9th Street. Councilman Brennan advised he visited the property and it is “bulging” and needs to come down. Dave Cannon advised it is in the “Historic” district and that the previous manager did not file the correct paperwork. Joe Vahola will find out what extra paperwork needs to be completed. Solicitor Evashavik advised we need to submit this as an emergency. He asked what body deemed this “historical”. Dave Cannon answered the historical society and advised the building is already condemned. Solicitor Evashavik advised with Borough funds we can move immediately and that this cannot be a hazard to the residents. Advised to contact the historical society for their support but we will move without it as it can cause harm.

Motion for the Engineer to solicit 3 bids for the demolition of the property at 539 E 9th Street, Munhall PA 15120

- No report needed without application for DCED funds.

Motion – Councilman Brennan, Second – Councilman Tichon, Vote – Unanimous

Per Solicitor Evashavik, a report will be needed if Council decides not to advertise. And advised they do NOT have to because of the urgent situation. This report will be held on file in case there are questions about the project and its urgency.

Public Works Supervisor - Report given. Councilman Stein asked if we have street sweeping scheduled. Yes.

Police Chief – Report submitted

Fire Chief - Report submitted. Reminded everyone of the Food Truck event on May 6th and asked for volunteers for the Memorial Day banners. Rob Falce invited the fire department to have a booth at the upcoming Community Days and the summer Kick Ball Tournament.

Code Enforcement Officer – Report given. Update given on case against the Borough from Mrs. Sabo and that the Borough won the hearing. Councilman Brennan asked why the Best of the Batch foundation doesn't need to go before the planning committee. Dave explained why it is not required. Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek discussed that it may not be required but it would be good to have another set of eyes on the plans as well as keeping them in the loop. It presents consistency.

VIII. Items for Consideration:

1. Motion to promote Officer Michael Siess to the position of Sergeant.
Motion – Councilman Inglis, Second – Councilman Tichon, Vote - Unanimous

2. Motion to hire Matthew Toth, Camden Tichon, Logan Stein, Nathan McCullough, Anthony Wright, Joshua Votedian, Christian Miller and Silas Krupa as summer help at the rate of \$8.25 per hour.
Motion – Councilman Inglis, Second – Councilman Tichon, Vote – 4 Yes, 3 Abstain – Councilman Tichon on Camden Tichon, Councilman Votedian on Joshua Votedian and Councilman Stein on Logan Stein.

3. Motion to adopt Resolution 2017 -2 regarding the limit change for small chance gaming within the Borough.
Motion - Councilman Stein, Second – Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek, Vote – Unanimous

4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2017 -3 regarding the use of radar equipment by Borough Police.
Motion – Councilman Tichon, Second – Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek, Vote- Unanimous

5. Motion to approve handicap space at 116 West Marietta Street, Munhall, PA 15120

Motion – Councilman Brennan, Second – Councilman Votedian, Vote - Unanimous

6. Motion to approve handicap space at 150 West Schwab, Munhall, PA 15120

Motion – Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek, Second – Councilman Brennan, Vote - Unanimous

7. Motion to approve handicap space at 1806 Maple Street, Munhall, PA 15120

Motion- Councilman Tichon, Second – Councilman Votedian, Vote - Unanimous

8. Motion to approve handicap space at 110 West Marietta Street, Munhall, PA 15120

Motion – Councilman Brennan, Second Councilman Votedian, Vote - Unanimous

9. Motion to approve the March 15, 2017 minutes.

Motion – Councilman Votedian, second – Councilman Stein, Vote – 6 Yes, 1 Abstain – Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek was not in attendance for meeting.

10. Motion to pay bills for the period March 16, 2017 thru April 19, 2017, summarized as follows:

Administration	\$ 34,121.35
Police:	\$ 26,788.56
Fire:	\$ 32,740.73
Health & Sanitation:	\$ 18,540.99
Public Works:	\$ 71,077.57
Recreation:	\$ 4,267.71
Miscellaneous:	<u>\$ 292,482.57*</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 480,019.48

*MMO and BrickStreet insurance payments

Motion – Councilman Stein, Second – Councilman Tichon, Vote - Unanimous

11. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of March 9 through March 23 2017 as follows:

2017: Mar 9	\$ 118,821.01
2017: Mar 23	\$ 127,169.79
TOTAL:	\$ 245,990.80

Motion – Councilman Inglis, Second – Councilman Votedian, Vote - Unanimous

Other Matter(s):

Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek – Cost of recreation above, \$3000 of it came out of the West Field account but thought it would be interesting for the tax payers to know the cost of the monthly treatment of the field.

Councilman Brennan – Property at 428 8th Ave. He is not happy that it has not been put up for Sherriff sale. He states this should have been started 6 months ago. Joe Varhola advised he sent it up to have it started. He said there was a resolution by Council to have it done. Council did not ask for permission, we told them to do it. Advised he will be following up with Gerik Jenco to find out what happened.

He advised he feels the Borough should take charge of West Field. He encouraged Council to get the basketball court finished and a league started. There were discussions amongst Council about security on the field and possible summer league. Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek discussed fee structure reorganization of West Field. Engineer Lampark advise he worked on a project with West Mifflin and asked if we wanted some of that information and the name of the contractor. Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek said the director's position could go beyond West Field to the other borough parks. Council discussed different events such as Halloween parades and Easter Egg hunts etc.

IX. Adjournment:

Motion – Councilman Tichon, Second – Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek, Vote – Unanimous

Robert Flace – President of Council