

**Borough of Munhall
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday
April 18, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Preliminary Announcements**
- IV. Roll Call: Councilman Ballas; Councilman Inglis; Councilman Petruzzi; Councilman Stein; Councilman Tichon; Councilman Votedian; President Falce.**

State Representative Austin Davis – Presented Council with a Citation for being a Banner Community again in 2018.

President Falce – Presented Proclamation to Carol Shrieve from the Carnegie Library of Homestead for National Library Week. **Carol Shrieve** discussed the resources available through the library as well as concert events.

NOTICE TO ALL PUBLIC SPEAKERS ADDRESSING COUNCIL

- COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES
 - MUST AVOID REFERENCES TO PERSONALITIES AND PERSONNEL RELATED ISSUES.
- V. Speaker(s):**
 - **Sandy Matthews** – Property damage – Asked Council about ordinance about run off. Joe Varhola advised he is meeting with Allegheny County.
 - VI. Reports from Borough Officials:**

Mayor – Discussed opening day for baseball on April 21st (boys) and invited everyone to participate in cleanup day on the 21st as well. Asked someone to check on the water running at Park Square fountain. Advised Homestead Cemetery has lost its tax-exempt status and are working to resolve the issue quickly. Said in the future he will be asking all three Boroughs to pitch in

with grass cutting to help get the cemetery group started. Enterprise Zone is looking in to baskets on 8th Ave. but said it may be too expensive. He will circle back with Joe Varhola once he has solid numbers.

Solicitor – Said at the direction of Council he filed a municipal claim against Thomas and Steven Olenak for 820 Hall Street demolition, \$10,489.00. Also explained paper street legal review as well as Allegheny County Vacant Property recovery program.

Manager – Said the 2020 Census will soon begin. Said Audit is almost complete. Worked with Hatch/Chester on Storm Water seminar. The remaining balance after bills is \$761,922.61.

Engineer – Annual Storm Water seminar - DEP expects that residents be kept informed of what they have committed to do and what is expected of us to do. Recommends attendance. Advised the Safe Routes to School construction is “around the corner”. States PennDOT is also adding additional ADA ramps at no cost to the Borough. Explained 2018 Paving project brought to 3 (Cambria, Trautman and Woodhill) of 6 base bids for \$301,868.45 to Peter J. Caruso and Sons. Borough Manager Varhola said we will revisit budget later to include the other 3 base bids. Colin also noted the urgent (not emergency yet) storm sewer project on Harvey extension where a sink hole is opening.

Public Works Supervisor – Report submitted. States he is sending some of the crew to a chainsaw awareness class. They will also be replacing the roof of the pavilion at the Video Dr. playground. Advised they started hot patching about 2 weeks ago.

Police Chief – Report submitted. Advised local bar is currently closed. LCE and DEA task force were involved, and residents attended a Crime watch meeting and played a big part in closure.

Fire Chief – Report submitted. Discuss recent accident at Waterfront.

Code Enforcement Officer – Report submitted. Advised Trautman will be worked on by Bob Bicsey and Public Works. He is also has a fence company looking at the batting cages at West Field.

VI. Public Comments on Agenda items:

Councilman Ballas - Motion 1 – What’s going on with the building? Mayor Brennan advised it is being remodeled and will be a technological space.

Mayor Brennan – Motion 8 – Wants it tabled. He has reviewed the minutes and has some changes. He would like the vote to wait until the changes are entered.

Councilman Tichon asked what changes? Mayor Brennan said he felt the meetings held were against the Sunshine Act and this was not added to the minutes. Several Council approved as it was discussed. The secretary was advised to enter the information and resend the minutes to everyone. The motion will be voted on but will state in the motion to include the information Mayor Brennan is asking to be entered. There was a discussion between Councilman Stein and secretary Becki Wirth regarding prior minutes. **Motion 2** – Not happy that Council is posting the property again.

Kevin Williams – Motion 2 – Inquired how the property will be advertised. Solicitor Evashavik explained it will be posted the same as the last time - for Sale/Or Use of. He said any and all bids can be rejected. We are taking offers. Councilman Inglis advised this is the second attempt and we can then enlist a commercial broker.

VIII. Items for consideration:

1. Motion to approve a Building Investment Loan with Main Street/Tax Increment Financing Program funds to Blaise Peterson for the former Owl's Club, 108 W. Eight Avenue, Homestead, PA. The loan for \$150,000 is for a ten-year term at an interest rate of 4%.

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

2. Motion to approve advertising for proposals for possible use and/or sale of the Waterfront property. Advertisements will run for one day in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for \$475.00, in the Philadelphia Tribune for \$ 1052.39 and in the Morgantown Dominion Post for \$95.52 We are waiting for estimates from the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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

3. Motion to advertise for bids on the pipe replacement project for the Harvey Extension culvert.

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

4. Motion to accept Base Bid A, B and F of the 2018 Paving Project and award contract to Peter J. Caruso and Sons of Pittsburgh for the amount of \$301,868.45.

Motion: Councilman Inglis; Second: Councilman Votedian
President Falce advised to enter the roads to be paved as Trautman, Cambria and Woodhill.
Vote: Unanimous

5. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-3 for the Borough opposition of House Bill 1620, entitled the "Wireless Infrastructure Development Bill".
Motion: Councilman Stein ; Second: Councilman Votedian; Vote: Unanimous
6. Motion to approve Resolution 2018-4 – Act 55 Supporting Institutions for Pure Public Charity.
Motion: Councilman Ballas; Second: Councilman Petruzzi; Vote: Unanimous
7. Motion to approve to hiring Aidan DiGiannurio and Anthony DiGiannurio as summer help at the rate of \$8.50 per hour.
Motion: Councilman Tichon; Second: Councilman Votedian; Vote: Unanimous
8. Motion to approve the March 21, 2018 minutes to include Mayor Brennans changes.
Motion: Councilman ; Second: Councilman Ballas; Vote: Unanimous
9. Motion to pay bills for the period March 21st thru April 20th, 2018, summarized as follows:

Administration	\$	40,455.30
Police:	\$	105,913.48
Fire:	\$	14,612.02
Health & Sanitation:	\$	18,388.33
Public Works:	\$	82,492.33
Recreation:	\$	4,667.90
Miscellaneous:	\$	<u>95,231.74</u>
TOTAL:	\$	361,761.10

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

10. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of March 8th and 22nd, 2018 as follows:

2018: Mar 8	\$	131,311.23
2018: Mar 22	\$	<u>133,911.19</u>
TOTAL:	\$	265,222.42

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

11. Motion to hire Kate McDonald and Taylor Rojtas as playground directors at the rate of \$15.00 per hour for 4 hours per day, 4 days a week for the 4 weeks the playground will be open.

Motion: Councilman Inglis; Second: Councilman Votedian

Question on the motion by Councilman Petruzzi – Confirming that this playground is for the children. Councilman Ballas confirmed they are restarting the summer program for the children that will run from June 18th through July 12th. President Falce thanked them for restarting the program. Councilman Ballas will be checking in to grant funding.

Vote: Unanimous

Other Matter(s):

Councilman Votedian – Asking about 2 hour parking on Main Street. Councilman Stein advised there was a discussion about the difficulty patrolling it. Chief Campbell advised it will not be easy but they will do what they are directed to. There was a discussion about business and residents that live and operate on Main Street. Mayor Brennan advised there is a parking committee. Chief Campbell advised the ordinances are very old and should be updated. President Falce advised it be referred to the parking committee for further discussion. There was a conversation about who was/would be on that committee. Possible advertisement for a future meeting so residents can voice their opinions as well as Joe Varhola, Dave Cannon, Chief Campbell, Councilman Votedian and 4 or 5 business owners.

IX. Adjournment:

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



Robert Falce – President of Council