

The regular meeting of the Munhall Borough Council was held on July 16, 2014 in Council Chambers, Munhall Borough Building, 1900 West Street, Munhall, PA 15120. The meeting convened at 7:07p.m. with Council President Dan Lloyd presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led under the direction of Bernie Shields. A moment of silence was held in honor of the passing of our employee Anne Dzuka.

Preliminary Announcements: None

Roll Call: Present

Dan Lloyd, Council President	Bernie Shields, Councilman
Harvey Inglis, Council Vice-President	Joe Ballas, Councilman
Rob Falce, President Pro-Tem	Rick Brennan, Councilman
Richard Votedian, Councilman	

Also in Attendance

Mayor Raymond Bodnar	Robert Callen, Borough Manager
Harry R. Faulk, Assistant Manger	Patrick Campbell, Chief of Police
Ed Pletsch, Fire Chief	David Cannon, Code Enforcement
Bob Bickey, Public Works	Greg Evashevick, Borough Solicitor
Lindsey Jewart, Borough Engineer	

Public Speakers

1. Carol Ostrowski, 624 E. 14th Ave, Munhall

The resident is unable to park in front of her residence due to the police enforcing the no parking within 30 feet of a stop sign regulation. Everyone fights to park to in front of their residence on the street. Mrs. Ostrowski now has to park her second car on the side of the house or behind it.

Councilman Lloyd advised Mrs. Ostrowski to come to the next parking committee meeting for this issued to be addressed. Chief Campbell advised that Mrs. Ostrowski did not receive a ticket, and the parking regulation is state law and we cannot change it. Councilman Brennan asked could we enforce the lines paid on the curb. Mr. Campbell replied only if a sign is posted at that line that it can be enforced.

2. Jim Barca, 1151 Brierly Lane Extension, Munhall

At last months council meeting, Mr. Barca had to park in the spot designated for police in the Borough parking lot. After the meeting a parking ticket was issued. The police shift starts at 2:30pm and those that only park there are the ones that do not live in the community, the others are picked up in squad cars. Were the signs ever approved by council also, how many tickets were issued that night?

Councilman Lloyd entertained a motion to take the signs down in the Borough Parking Lot except the handicapped parking signs.

Motioned by Mr. Falce Seconded By Mr. Inglis

Motion carried unanimously

3. Mike Aldrich, 431 East 9th Ave, Munhall

It has been three years since the roof of the transmission building on 8th Ave has collapsed and something needs done. Also, the code enforcement officer has a plan to put these properties back on the books. Council needs to start doing something.

Councilman Lloyd stated that he has met with someone that is interested in that property on 8th Ave. Council would like to see that building reused instead of having a vacant lot. Also if we take a property and don't have a seller, then the Borough of Munhall is responsible for that property. Two months ago, council voted to allocate \$25,000 for Sherriff sales of blighted property.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

1. Donna Dreshman, Forest Ave, Munhall

Questioned how many years does it take to be eligible to be vested?

Councilman Lloyd replied 12 years for FOP and 10 years for Teamsters. For non-union employees it is optional and it is not addressed in the plan at this time.

Questioned if the \$30,000 CDBG Year 41 money will be used this year?

Manager Called replied no.

Questioned how many names were submitted for the alternate of the Munhall Civil Service Commission?

Councilman Lloyd replied two.

Questioned how many names were submitted for the Munhall Municipal Sanitary Sewer Authority?

Councilman Lloyd replied four, but two withdrew.

Questioned who will pick the legal council for the Civil Service Committee?

Solicitor Evashevick replied council will control the cost, however the commission will be able to pick their own council.

2. Scott Stevens

Questioned what is in mind of the property that council is trying to obtain at the Waterfront?

Councilman Lloyd replied that we are in negotiations to try to obtain that property and hopefully next month we will be able to make an announcement.

Move to approve the June 18, 2014 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of Council.

Motioned by Mr. Inglis

Seconded by Mr. Ballas

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports from Borough Officials

Mayor: The Post Gazette had a wonderful article about our Project Lifesaver that was initiated by Patrolman James Williams. He should be commended. There is a pool of money available for our residents to obtain a free bracelet. The weight scales will soon start to be used to monitor trucks down along 8th Ave and the Flyover. We still need answer on how we will house the prisoners. Also the hour's needs to be

changed for our part-time office assistant due to meetings are in the building after he leaves. Councilman Lloyd advised the Mayor that the office assistant is your employee and you can schedule his hours accordingly. Also councilman Lloyd stated there are meetings being held with West Mifflin to house prisoners. Mayor Bodnar reported that 80% of overtime is court time. Chief Campbell stated that the insurance carrier does not approve of the idea of having unsworn people watching the prisoners; also there are issues still with the fax machine.

Solicitor: The Sanitary Sewer Authority asked to enact a new ordinance to allow them to enforce the Borough's existing ordinance against illegal storm water connections. Also a meeting needs to be scheduled in regards to the sewer pump station. The recent development is who is responsible for the repairs.

Manager: The defined contribution retirement plan for employees hired after 1/1/2012 is required according to the collective bargaining agreement. This plan has never been implemented. The parking committee did meet and have provided recommendations that are in the action items tonight. A light work duty policy is being developed at this time. A framework is being laid out to resurrect a Park and Recreation Board. Ten LED lights on 10th Ave were installed and there is an opportunity to purchase an additional 20 LED lights. Sites have yet been determined and the cost is \$109.00 per light. Council held interviews for alternates for the Civil Service Commission and for a position on the Sanitary Sewer Authority.

Engineer: A prior demo site on 8th Ave and Ravine Street was visited to determine if storm water runoff was causing damage to the adjacent property. There were no obvious issues with the grading. The resident also questioned a paper street on the property. There are no records pertaining that a paper alley existed on the property. There was a landslide into a creek on Forest Ave behind the Public Works Garage. Studies are being performed to stabilize the slide and to test if any further slides will occur.

Public Works: Council was provided a copy of my report. Lines are being painted on Main Street and the baits for the rats are in and will be placed in catch basins.

Chief of Police: 594 calls for service were answered leading to 582 police reports. 59 arrests were made and 97 citations were issued. Officer James Williams has been teaching police departments in the County about Project Lifesaver. In response to overtime, Council will soon have a detailed report.

Fire Chief: The Fire Department responded to 30 calls for the past month. No injuries to report. There will be a purse bash on Aug 9th.

Code Enforcement Officer: According to the County website, the 19th Ave playground is still owned by the Borough of Munhall. Mr. Evashevick stated to site the owner that the property was originally sold to. Officer Caterino should be commended for finding the autistic child that ran away from home last month before the child wandered into the tunnel that leads to the river.

Sewer Authority: The Authority wants to take ownership of the Pump House and the process has already started. We have the first case that was taken to court for dye test violations. The owner will have to pay the costs of the court. Bids were awarded for phase two of the sewer renovation project with an interest rate of 2.2%. The work shall begin in the fall. There are reports of sinkholes throughout the Borough, we are aware of those and they are slated for inspection.

Items for Consideration:

Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to prepare a Request for Proposals for a Comprehensive Liability Insurance Plan.

Motioned by Mr. Shields Seconded by Mr. Inglis

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise to amend Parking Ordinance in relation to the 8th and 9th Avenues, McClure and Dixon Streets area of Munhall

Motioned by Mr. Ballas Seconded by Mr. Falce

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-02 requesting a CDBG grant in the amount of \$30,000 from the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development and to designate An Lewis as the official to file this application for Munhall Borough.

Motioned by Mr. Votedian Seconded by Mr. Ballas

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to apply for an additional 20 LED Street Lights from Duquesne Lights Co. in an amount of \$109 per light.

Motioned by Mr. Shields Seconded by Mr. Inglis

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to establish a Light Work Policy for injured workers who qualify for same under a physician's care and direction, and, as a means to control escalating Workers Comp premium costs.

Motioned by Mr. Inglis Seconded by Mr. Falce

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to appoint Mr. Woodburn as a First Alternate member of the Munhall Civil Service Commission and for such alternate term to be for a 6-year period.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Condas voted by Mr. Shields, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Inglis

Mr. Woodburn voted by Mr. Ballas, Mr. Falce, Mr. Votedian, Mr. Lloyd

Motion to appoint Mr. Condas as a Second Alternate member of the Munhall Civil Service Commission and for such alternate term to be for a 6-year term.

Motioned by Mr. Shields Seconded by Mr. Falce

Motion passes unanimously

