

**Borough of Munhall
Workshop Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 11th, 2019 6:30 P.M.**

- **Call to Order – President Falce**
- **Pledge of Allegiance – Dave Cannon**
- **Roll Call**: Councilman Ballas (present); Councilman Inglis (present); Councilman Petruzzi (present); Councilman Stein (absent); Councilman Tichon (present); Councilman Votedian (present); President Falce (present).
- **Preliminary Announcement(s)**: **None**
- **Guest(s)**: **None**
- **Council Item(s)**:
 1. **Peoples Gas Easement** – Manager Varhola explained the Peoples Gas request for a station on a small section of property behind Trautman Field. Mayor Brennan agreed it makes sense to put the station there. Manager Varhola discussed the price they are offering to pay to place it there and that it is a one-time payment of \$3000.00.
 2. **Trautman Field Renovations** – Manager Varhola advised the Campbell Foundation will be paying for improvements at Trautman Field such as the roof of the concession stand and the dug outs as well as adding dug outs to the small field. They will also be paying for the canopy replacement and some sections of fencing. He then advised Solicitor Evashavik put together a construction agreement.

3. **Parcels to be auctioned** – Manager Varhola advised the bids for the parcels will be opened at the regular Council meeting on December 18th.

Mayor Brennan asked if the Fire Station on Charles Street is on the list for bid and Manager Varhola confirmed it is. Manager Varhola explained the bid process and stated they can decide if they want to accept the bids. There was a discussion between Mayor Brennan, Manager Varhola, Dave Cannon and Council about zoning or possible rezoning of the property.

4. **Tax Resolution to adopt budget** – Manager Varhola advised there will be a motion to vote on the Tax Resolution on the December 18th agenda.
5. **Ordinance 1598** – Manager Varhola asked Mayor Brennan to elaborate on why he vetoed this motion at the November Council meeting.

Mayor Brennan advised he feels Council should talk about the ordinance further prior to voting on it. He feels there is allot of leeway in the definition of the word vacancy and what would constitute a vacant building. He feels there is too much discretion and doesn't agree with the fees to be charged. He feels the charges become a burden on the residents.

Councilman Tichon questioned how close the ordinance is to the industry standards. Can things be addressed individually? Manager Varhola explained how the ordinance came about. There were discussions about how someone would know if its vacant or someone out of town. Mayor Brennan asked if the Homestead Munhall Housing Authority and/or any apartment building would fall under the ordinance. The discussions ended with agreements that the term vacant needs to be defined.

- **Additional Item(s):**

Mayor Brennan asked about the timeline for advertising the tax ordinance. Manager Varhola advised it was advertised on December the 5th and was for view in the Borough office as of December the 6th. He advised the 18th will be more than the 10 days needed. Mayor Brennan stated he wanted to be sure. Maureen Fry asked Manager Varhola to clarify again and he advised again it was advertised on December 5th and was for view in the Borough office on the 6th. He reminded Mrs. Fry that she was informed when she came in on the 6th that the budget was being “tweaked” and would be available at the end of the day. Mrs. Fry asked why it wasn’t available and Mr. Varhola advised it was for view in the Borough office on Friday the 6th. Mrs. Fry questioned the availability of the budget, the figures on the final budget meeting and the figures that are in the current budget available. Manager Varhola, Councilman Inglis and President Falce clarified for Mrs. Fry.

Councilman Votedian voiced his concerns about the recent Holiday Light night. He felt that senior Veterans were not asked to speak during the ceremony. Mayor Brennan apologized and stated he didn’t know Councilman Votedian was a Veteran. He said he asked Mr. Ondo to speak to get him involved. He again apologized if Councilman Votedian felt slighted and that he felt Councilman Votedian was taking a “slap” at him. Other Councilmen and President Falce brought the conversation to a close.

Councilman Ondo asked to be involved in future conversations regarding Ordinance 1598.

- **Adjournment:**

Motion: Councilman Tichon; Councilman Ballas; Vote: Unanimous