

**Borough of Munhall
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday
December 20, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order - President Falce**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Ray Kondas**
- III. Preliminary Announcements**

President Falce advised Mayor Bodnar is absent but still recovering, he also announced the Reorganization meeting on January 2 at 7 pm, welcomed the new Council Members, for 2018, Joe Ballas and J. Putts Petruzzi and thanked Councilwoman Jill Fleming-Salopek and Councilman Brennan for their service on Council.

Councilman Brennan discussed the Homestead Cemetery Board. They are a five-member board, Mark Fallon, Michael Sarraino, John Johnson, Michael T. Perovich and Cindi Picciafoco. He stated he would like to have them sworn in at the Reorganization meeting on January 2nd. He also asked for the Borough to release the funds from the Homestead Cemetery account. There were several discussions between Council and Solicitor Nick Evashavik, about how best to release the funds and the final decision was to add an additional motion (see motion 13) to make sure the funds are released to the board once they are sworn in and they have opened, and signatures are approved for their checking account.

President Falce asked for a moment of silence for Jim Beserock.

Councilwoman Jill Fleming-Salopek thanked Council and the residents of Munhall Borough for allowing her to serve and wished Mr. Ballas and Mr. Petruzzi well in their positions on Council.

- IV. Roll Call - Councilman Brennan; Councilman Inglis, Councilman Votedian; Councilman Stein; Councilman Tichon; Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek; President Falce. All present.**

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):** None Scheduled

VI. **Reports from Borough Officials:**

Mayor –

- Chief Campbell read a letter that each department and Officer will receive from Mayor Bodnar. He thanked all for their dedication to him and the Borough through the years.

Solicitor – Nothing to report

Manager -

- Safe Routes to School must be done by August 6th, 2018.
- Public Works contract is completed and ready to be voted on in January.
- Black Path Travelers – Asking us to share a \$36,000 bill with PA American Water (there was a break that damaged path/path running from Ravine St to Homestead Duquesne Rd). Council decided against this.
- Mayor's office cleaned and painted.
- Bank balance is \$1,423,827.63

Engineer – Report submitted

Public Works Supervisor – Report submitted

Police Chief –

- Report submitted
- Asset Forfeiture will be covering the radios in Motion 2

Fire Chief - Report read

Code Enforcement Officer – Report submitted

VII. **Public Comments on Agenda items:**

Donna Dreshman

- **Motion 4** – Wanted explanation. Solicitor Nick Evashavik explained.
- **Motion 5** – Asked if who is purchasing the property. Dave Cannon and Joe Varhola explained.

- **Budget** – Thanked Joe Varhola for his work on it and asked if there is a breakdown of the new budget as it is released. Joe advised yes and explained why it was streamlined.
- Thanked Councilwoman Jill Fleming-Salopek for her service to the Borough.

Ray Kondas

- Asked about Motion 8. Joe Varhola and President Falce explained why it was being purchased. He asked about getting a copy of the new budget.

VIII. Items for consideration:

1. Motion to approve 2018 Chatham Agreement for usage of West Field for \$15,000.00 annually.
Motion -Councilman Tichon, Second- Councilman Inglis, Vote – Unanimous
2. Motion to approve purchase of Police Radio's from police forfeiture account in the amount of \$18,662.50 from Luttamus Communications.
Motion – Councilman Inglis, Second- Councilman Stein, Vote- Unanimous
3. Motion to approve 2017 Ford Interceptor and 2017 Chevy Tahoe, Lease via KS State bank \$25,398.76 ending 01/01/2021.
Motion- Councilman Votedian, Second- Councilman Stein, Vote- Unanimous
4. Motion to approve Memorandum of Understandings between Munhall Borough and Allegheny County District Attorney.
Motion – Councilman Brennan, Second – Councilman Votedian, Vote- Unanimous
5. Motion to approve Resolution approving VPRP (Vacant Property Recovery Program) 946 Hilltop St.
Motion – Councilman Tichon, Second – Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek, Vote - Unanimous
6. Motion to approve 2018 Budget without raising millage at \$9,050,500.
Motion – Councilman Inglis, Second – Councilman Tichon, Vote- Unanimous

7. Motion to adopt real estate tax ordinance for 2018 setting millage at 10.75 with no increase.

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

8. Motion to approve order of a 2018 Ford F350 with snow plow from Tri Star Motors for the sum of \$46,813.00

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

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

Motion – Councilman Stein, Second – Councilwoman Flemin-Salopek, Vote - Unanimous

10. Motion to pay bills for the period November 15, 2017 thru December 19, 2017, summarized as follows:

Administration	\$ 27,260.38
Police:	\$ 112,174.25
Fire:	\$ 23,693.13
Health & Sanitation:	\$ 63,107.68
Public Works:	\$ 143,872.82
Rereation:	\$ 34,032.08
Miscellaneous:	\$ 57,828.99
TOTAL:	\$ 461,969.33

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

11. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of November 2nd, 16th and 30th as follows:

2017: Nov 2	\$ 151,038.66
2017: Nov 16	\$ 140,998.40
2017: Nov 30	\$ 123,665.62
TOTAL:	\$ 415,702.68

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

12. **Added -** Motion to reimburse Tax Collector, Donna Mercuri, in the amount of \$50.00 for her recertification.

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

13. **Added** - Motion to release the Homestead Cemetery Account funds to the newly formed and sworn in Board upon the completion of their bank account opening and signature approval.

Motion- Councilman Tichon, Second – Councilman Votedian,

Comment on motion – Donna Dreshman asked the total of the current account balance. Joe Varhola did not have exact amount but stated its around \$10,000. She also asked if the board will be getting the records back from Mifflin Historical Society. Councilman Brennan advised the records will come back to the board. She asked where they will be stored. He advised that will be up to the new board. He advised all decisions will be up to the board.

Councilman Votedian thanked Councilman Brennan for all the work he did to assist with the formation of the new board.

Vote – Unanimous.

Other Matter(s):

Councilman Brennan thanked everyone he was able to work with over the years and advised he looks forward to working with everyone as Mayor.

IX. Adjournment:

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


Robert Falce – President of Council