

**Borough of Munhall Regular Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 17, 2016**  
**6:00P.M. Pension Investment Annual Report to Council**  
**Steven Shapiro, CFA, PNC Institutional Asset Mgt.**  
**6:30 P.M. Executive Session: Conference Room 7:00 P.M.**  
**Regular Meeting Council Chambers**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Senator Jay Costa**  
**Recognition of special attendees:**
  - Homestead Council President Lloyd Cunningham
  - Mayor Dindak of West Homestead
  - Mrs. Jane Bodnar
  - Austin Davis from County Executives office Rich Fitzgerald
  - Senator Jay Costa
- III. Recognition of Mayor Raymond Bodnar for 50 Yrs. Service**
  - Mayor given Borough Commendation with official Mayor Bodnar Day February 18<sup>th</sup> 2016
  - Received Commendation from Betty Esper and Borough of Homestead
  - Received Proclamation from Rich Fitzgerald’s office
  - Received Citation from Senator Jay Costa
  - Received Proclamation from Marc Gergley
  - Presented Portrait for Council Chambers wall
  - Mayor thanked everyone for coming and invited to refreshments during 15 minute recess

**Recess Called for 15 minutes**

**IV. Roll Call**

Councilman Brennan; Councilman Inglis, Councilman Stein; Councilman Tichon; Councilman Varhola; Councilman Votedian; President Falce.

All Present

**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.**

1. **Lloyd Cunningham, Homestead Council** - Allegheny Passage - Discussion regarding the new Allegheny Passage trail plans
2. **Michael Aldrich, Borough Business** - Congratulated Mayor Bodnar. Wanted clarity on garbage bill and missing discount and 1% discount on the real estate taxes.
3. **Ray Kondas** - Money - Where did the \$713K/731K money from the Sewer Authority go? Where did the 85K for the playground go? Where is the 14K for Homestead park? Why don't we collect our own taxes instead of Legal Tax?
4. **Mr. Wolf** - Drainage Pipe within the Borough - Why is the Borough replacing pipes within the Borough with 10 inch pipes when the code states they should be at least 16 inches?

**V. Public Comments on Agenda items only (#1-14).**

- Mike Sullivan - #2 Westfield - Can fees be waived or reduced - Use of lights, refreshment stand, locker room?
- Donna Dreshman - #1 Is there a fee schedule? - #6 How many properties? About 100. #4 Do we anticipate how many miles vs structures? Do we have a list of roads from worst? Yes. #12 is this figure comparable to last year? It is less. #13 What is the amount of the 4500? All of the lights and heat for the winter for all of the parks. #15 - What is the action? Will address at the time.

**VI. Move to approve January 20, 2016 Minutes.**

Motion - Councilman Tichon Second - Councilman Stein  
Vote - Unanimous

Question regarding January 20, 2016 minutes:

Councilman Inglis - #10 - Will Councilman Tichon abstain from votes regarding Police issues? Yes - Per Mayor and Solicitor it will depend if it regarding compensation or policy. - #14 - Who is Steve Kovacik?

Discussion followed.

## **VII. Reports:**

**Finance Committee Chair:** Councilman Varhola – Report submitted – Had a successful meeting with Bookminders

**Ec. Dev./Blight Committee Chair:** Councilman Brennan - Spoke with Enterprise Zone and advised of new ED/Blight Committee. Blight Committee is asking to speak with Council and Dave Cannon to possibly locate 5 properties that can be expedited to Sherriff sale. The Mayor and Councilman Brennan discussed 428 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Public Works Committee Chair:** Councilman Inglis – Met to discuss the Backhoe. Thanked PW Employees and Supervisor Biscey for job well done through winter.

**Public Safety Committee Chair:** Councilman Votedian – Discussions of take over of Whitaker PD but no decisions so far. Police contract coming to completion.

**Parks/Rec Committee Chair:** Councilman Stein – State Grants for park planning. Is matching grant. Also fee structure for Westfield is complete but is work in progress. Asking about who has final decision about how the field is lined. Council President discussed usage of the field and upcoming costs.

**Mayor Bodnar:** Memorial Day discussions about Homestead Cemetery. Bob Callen advised there is a War Memorial fund. Councilman Brennan advised he will make sure the area around the Memorial is taken care of for the services. Also asking about Cemetery cell tower. Inquiring about motion on the books about the field being called William W. Knight Recreation Park and staying such.

**Solicitor Evashick:** Homestead Cell Tower – Researched record of deeds and found that there is a ground lease for the ground the tower sits on and being paid at \$1000 per month. Homestead Cemetery owns the land and should be getting the money. But the Homestead Cemetery group is not getting it as there is no Cemetery group. Solicitor advised we are not a party to the agreement and we are not entitled to know who is being paid to. Greg may be able to revisit the contact with SBA to see if they will release the information to us.

Discussions regarding condemnation properties.

**Engineer Jewart:** Report submitted – Only new task is the demolitions and update for Safe Route to School. They will be checking sidewalks.

Borough Manager Bob Callen states he will be inviting the residents who own the sidewalks adjacent to the Safe Routes sidewalk areas.

**Public Works Supervisor Biscey:** Report submitted – Salt ordered and all trucks on the road.

**Police Chief Campbell:** Report submitted

**Fire Chief Pletsch:** Report submitted

**Code Enforcement Officer Cannon:** Report submitted

**Borough Manager:** Will discuss his items at next meeting.

#### **VI. 11. Items for Consideration:**

1. Public Hearing on Ordinance # 1577: William W. Knight Memorial Park, West Field 2016 User Fee Structure. Hearing held by Solicitor Greg Evashavik. Borough manager states the Ordinance has been in the office for a month for inspection. Fees were discussed. Councilman Brennan asked how fees can be changed in the future. Solicitor Evashavik advised after this evenings vote, they can be changed by vote of Council via resolution.

2. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 1577, setting the 2016 Fee Structure of William W. Knight Memorial Field, West Field.

Motion – Councilman Varhola Second – Councilman Tichon

Vote – Unanimous

3. Motion to advertise an amendment to Ordinance # 1358 of March 18, 1993, setting forth certain fees to be imposed by Munhall Borough Tax Collector on tax certifications , duplicate billings, non-sufficient funds check payment return, & cost per document copy.

Motion – Councilman Stein Second – Councilman Tichon

Vote – Unanimous

4. Motion to adopt Resolution #2016-01, authorizing the submittal of a \$250,000 funding application to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) via its Community Infrastructure & Tourism Fund (CITF) for Munhall Borough Abandoned Structure Demolition; and, Streets Repaving as identified in The Munhall Borough adopted Capital Improvement Program of August 2015.

Motion – Councilman Tichon      Second – Councilman Varhola  
Vote – Unanimous

5.      Motion to Adopt Resolution # 2016-02 reauthorizing the Munhall Borough Emergency Management Plan and the Hazardous Mitigation Plan, as recommended by the Munhall Borough Emergency Management Coordinator.

Motion – Councilman Votedian      Second – Councilman Brennan  
Vote - Unanimous

6.      Motion to authorize Borough Solicitor to file liens on various private, abandoned properties that have been maintained for several years by Munhall Borough Public Works Department

Motion – Councilman Varhola      Second – Councilman Votedian  
Vote – Unanimous

7.      Motion to finance the purchase of a Backhoe in an amount not to exceed a \$94,000 purchase price from Cleveland Brothers per its Pennsylvania State (COSTARS) pricing, and as identified in the 2016 Munhall Borough 2016 adopted budget and the Capital Improvement Plan of August 2015.

Motion – Councilman Inglis      Second – Councilman Brennan  
Vote - Unanimous

8.      Motion to purchase a Riding Tractor-Mower in an amount not to exceed \$18,000 as identified in the Munhall Borough adopted Capital Improvement Plan for 2016 and with available 2016 budget funds.

Motion – Councilman Inglis      Second – Councilman Votedian  
Vote - Unanimous

9.      Motion to Request Proposals (RFP) from area Vehicle Towing related business to be designated the preferred towing enterprise for Munhall Borough government to utilize in time of need.

Motion – Councilman Varhola      Second – Councilman Tichon  
Vote - Unanimous

10.     Motion to appoint Mike Galovich to the Munhall Borough Planning Commission for a four (4)-year term, effective immediately with such term to expire 12/31/2019.

Motion – Councilman Votedian      Second – Councilman Stein  
Vote - Unanimous

11. Motion to send and pay for Dave Cannon, Building Code Official to attend training sessions on 'Best Practices for Code Administration' & 'Residential Building Code Plan Review & Inspection' sponsored by the Pennsylvania Code Academy at a total cost of \$250 at Double Tree, Monroeville on March 9 & 30, 2016.

Motion – Councilman Stein      Second – Councilman Inglis  
Vote - Unanimous

12. Motion to exonerate Donna Mercuri, Munhall Borough Tax Collector from 2015 real estate taxes in the amount of \$288,124.89, effective January 5, 2016.

Motion – Councilman Tichon      Second – Councilman Votedian  
Vote - Unanimous

13. Motion to pay bills for the period January 21, 2016 through February 17, 2016, summarized as follows:

|                      |    |                              |
|----------------------|----|------------------------------|
| Administration       | \$ | 50,619.37                    |
| Police:              | \$ | 42,393.96                    |
| Fire:                | \$ | 29,750.41                    |
| Health & Sanitation: | \$ | 31,396.66                    |
| Public Works:        | \$ | 114,066.85 – Road Salt       |
| Recreation:          | \$ | 4,534.79                     |
| Debt Service:        | \$ | 21,859.78                    |
| Miscellaneous :      | \$ | 29,163.76 – 25K Workers Comp |
| TOTAL:               | \$ | 323,785.58                   |

Motion – Councilman Inglis      Second – Councilman Tichon  
Vote - Unanimous

14. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of January 28, 2016 through February 10, 2016 as follows:

|                  | Admin.      | Police       | Pub Wks     | Sanitation  |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| January 28, 2016 | \$10,426.89 | \$82,998.26  | \$17,312.42 | \$25,968.63 |
| Februa. 10, 2016 | 7 665.86    | 76 902.81    | 13 546.70   | 20 320.06   |
| TOTAL:           | \$18,092.75 | \$159,901.07 | \$30,859.12 | \$46,288.69 |

Motion – Councilman Votedian  
Vote - Unanimous

Second – Councilman Brennan

15. Recommend Disciplinary Action against Public Works employee for February 9, 2016 incident.

Motion- Councilman Tichon Second- Councilman Inglis  
Vote - (1) No- Councilman Brennan (6) Yes - Remaining Councilmen

Comment – Councilman Inglis – Can we make a part of William W. Knight field, Raymond Bodnar Field?

XI. Adjournment

Motion – Councilman Brennan Second – Councilman Tichon



Council President Robert Falce

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