

**Borough of Munhall
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday
February 15, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

I. Call to Order - Vice President Votedian

II. Pledge of Allegiance – Dave Cannon

III. Preliminary Announcements

IV. Roll Call – All present but President Falce

Councilman Brennan; Councilman Inglis, Councilman Votedian;
Councilman Stein; Councilman Tichon; Councilwoman Fleming-
Salopek; President Falce.

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.**

V. Speaker(s)

- **Scott Stevens** - Parkview Towers fire – Not in attendance
- **Ray Kondas** -166 W. Marigold – Finances, Grants and other issues – Mr. Kondas is concerned West Homestead is getting grants and not Munhall. Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek advised of several the Borough has applied for and gotten. Mr. Kondas also asking about past finances.

VI. Public Comments on Agenda items:

- Donna Dreshman – Motion 1- Is it up and ready on the Borough website. Yes. Motion 2 -Asking for clarification of what “penalty” is. Motion 5 – What is total after bills are paid? Joe Varhola states 1.2 million.

VII. Reports from Borough Officials:

Mayor –

Mayor will be honoring several individuals for their contribution to the Methouse fire. He states there will also be a meeting for the Cemetery committee on February 19th at 1:30pm at the Borough Building. He stated he will be contacting Bob Hurley, Allegheny County/Rich Fitzgerald's office, regarding the flyover and its connection with 837.

Solicitor –

Solicitor Evashavik advised the Jr Achievement property is now concluded and the Borough is now listed as the tax-exempt owner of the property. He is also still working on ongoing items.

Manager –

Joe Varhola stated he and Colin with Chester Engineers have gone over Safe Routes to School and they are hopeful the project will be completed late summer early fall. They are now working with someone new at PennDot. Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek asked if funding is coming in and Joe advised it is. Joe advised the Borough office is ahead of schedule for audits this year. He states the he and Colin with Chester drove around looking at streets for paving and they have gotten a list together for 2017.

Engineer –

Colin reiterated his commitment to have Safe Routes to School completed and removed from his report soon. States the ADA door bid process is complete and we received 2 bids. He will be working to get the work done as soon as possible. Colin, advise he and Joe Varhola attended a workshop regarding MS4. Said he will be meeting with Bob Biscey regarding DEP requirements for MS4. He said that they were approved to start submitting drawings and specs for CTIF grant (\$150,000). Would like to get started in April. Councilman Stein advised he would

like to see an action being taken by the March meeting. Colin advised they were approved to give the SVCOG their specs and drawings so that the bidding could start soon after.

Public Works Supervisor - Bob Biscey advised Kostovny Electrical will be completing work for Main Street lighting. They have gotten the materials needed to complete the project. Councilman Stein asked if there is a schedule to having the Borough streetlights changed over to LED. Bob advised Duquesne Light wants it to be in strings of 10 lights a year. They will all be replaced but it will be a slow process.

Police Chief -

Chief Campbell advised of his report. Several Councilman asked how everything is with the departments new officers and desk clerk.

Fire Chief –

Chief Ed Pletsch advised his report and emphasized zero (0) injuries. There were several compliments on his Methouse Report and he received several comments on a job well done by the Munhall Fire.

Code Enforcement Officer –

Dave Cannon advised of his report and that almost all residents are now back in their apartments at the Methouse. The only floors off limits now are the 6th and 7th floors.

Sewer Authority –

Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek states the 2014-15 audit is in its final stages and 2016 is underway. She said they do have a budget for this year and the work was completed by Matt Bovee and Joe Ballas. Now, they are in the enforcement stage of dye testing and allot of letters have gone out to residents. She states that the Authority received a \$132,000 grant for the ALCOSAN project and it will be contingent flow monitoring results. Dave Cannon

asked about possible extensions for corrections. She advised it depends on what needs corrected and to refer any callers to Matt Bovee.

VIII. Items for Consideration:

1. Motion to approve ECode Ordinance 1585, codifying all Borough ordinances. **Motion – Councilman Tichon, Second – Councilman Brennan, Vote - Unanimous**
2. Motion to set compensation for Tax Collector, starting January 1, 2018, at commission rate of 1.5% on amounts collected at discount and face and 2% on amounts collected at penalty. **Motion – Councilman Inglis, Second – Councilman Tichon, Vote - Unanimous**
3. Motion to approve Steel Valley Enterprise Zone Corporation (SVEZC) to continue to provide services for the program or 2017 for a fee of \$9000.00 with \$4000.00 to be paid to Starrett and Associates for administrative services. **Motion – Brennan, Second – Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek, Vote - Unanimous**
4. Motion to accept the January 18, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes. **Motion – Councilman Stein, Second – Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek, Vote - Unanimous**
5. Motion to pay bills for the period January 18, 2017 thru February 15, 2017, summarized as follows:

Administration	\$ 25,551.50
Police:	\$ 61,089.66
Fire:	\$ 43,896.45
Health & Sanitation:	\$ 40,619.51
Public Works:	\$ 61,538.91
Recreation:	\$ 5,806.76
Miscellaneous:	\$ 37,308.70
TOTAL:	\$ 275,811.49

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

6. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of January 12th through January 26, 2017 as follows:

2017: Jan 12	\$ 115,610.85	Motion – Councilman Tichon
2017: Jan 26	<u>\$ 132,950.75</u>	Second – Councilman Inglis
TOTAL:	\$ 248,561.60	Vote - Unanimous

Other Matter(s):

Joe Varhola advised Mayor Bodnar brought to his attention that St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish is celebrating their 25th anniversary and they are looking for ads for their program. Councilman Tichon suggested the full page and divide it amongst those on Council. Nothing to come from tax payers. Council agree the will give Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek their donations.

IX. Adjournment:

Vice President Votedian ask for a motion to adjourn, Councilman Tichon motioned.



Robert Falce - President

