

**Borough of Munhall  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order – President Inglis**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Falce**
- III. Preliminary Announcements - None**

**Roll Call: Councilman Falce (present); Councilman Fallon (present); Councilman Ondo (present); Councilman Petruzzi (present); Councilman Stein (present); Vice President Votedian (present); President Inglis (present)**

**NOTICE TO ALL PUBLIC SPEAKERS ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

- **COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES**
- **MUST AVOID REFERENCES TO PERSONALITIES AND PERSONNEL RELATED ISSUES.**

**IV. Speaker(s):**

- **Maureen Fry - West Virginia Ave – Borough Business – Mrs. Fry asked about 1860 West Street. She also voiced concerns about not being able to speak at Workshop meeting and the lack of finance meetings.**
- **Michael Aldrich – 9<sup>th</sup> Ave – MAPS – Mr. Aldrich addressed Council regarding the lack of budgeted funds for MAPS.**

**V. Reports from Borough Officials:**

**Mayor – Mayor Brennan thanked Mr. Aldrich for coming to the meeting and invited him to send a representative, along with a report, to each meeting monthly meeting. He asked Council to reconsider funds for MAPS. He then addressed the public not being allowed to speak at Workshop meetings. Mayor Brennan discussed the vacancy board function and that the Mayor would break a tie vote.**

**Solicitor – Mr. Evashavik advised of the follow up item he worked on for the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) from Brentwood Bank for \$1,000,000.00 at 2.25% interest. He advised Council there was a small change and that they need to have a motion to approve the resolution for the tax anticipation note with Brentwood Bank.**

**Added - Motion to approve the resolution for the tax anticipation note with Brentwood Bank.**

**Motion: Councilman Petruzzi; Second: Vice President Votedian**

**Question on the motion:** Mayor Brennan asked Councilman Stein about the last meetings discussion about not getting a TAN loan. Councilman Stein confirmed that to be true and that at the time they had just applied for it but hadn't decided to accept it. But explained that the decision was made to accept the TAN loan because of the reasoning explained to Council by Manager Varhola. He explained the TAN is needed to cover expenses until real estate taxes begin to be paid in April. Councilman Falce asked for the general fund balance and Manager Varhola advised \$478,000. He stated this is not allot of money to sustain the Borough for February and March.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Councilman Falce: Yes  
Councilman Fallon: Yes  
Councilman Ondo: No  
Councilman Petruzzi: Yes  
Councilman Stein: Yes  
Vice President Votedian: Yes  
President Inglis: Yes

Mayor Brennan asked about the repayment cost for the TAN. Solicitor Evashavik advised it can be paid early and Manager Varhola advised it will depend on when it is repaid.

**Manager –** Report submitted. Manager Varhola updated Council on the Waterfront beautification project. He advised it is not a Borough but a Waterfront project. He discussed the sale of 2412 Charles Street and that the decision has been made to retain the building and parcel. He asked to add a motion to reject all bids for the property.

Added - Motion to reject all bids for the sale of 2412 Charles Street.

**Motion: Councilman Petruzzi; Second: Vice President Votedian; Unanimous**

**Engineer –** Report submitted. Mr. Lampark explained there is a project in which the Borough has received a community development block grant in the amount of \$50,000. It will be used for catch basins. He stated the bid will be advertised January 24<sup>th</sup> and they will be opened in February. He updated the construction of 1860 West Street. He stated the current contract is 90% complete and as mentioned in previous meetings there was additional cost associated with fire proofing that needed to be dealt with. He discussed several options with Council and the decision was made to issue a change order and allow the contractor to remove the fire proofing which will be approximately 95% complete by the February Council meeting. He then advised the architectural plans are approximately 95% completion. Councilman Ondo asked what the fire proofing consists of and Mr. Lampark advised asbestos. Councilman Ondo asked about the additional cost and Mr. Lampark advised it will be a time and

material basis. Mayor Brennan asked about how the change order was approved and Manager Varhola advised via a phone vote on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Mr. Lampark explained further and advised that he recommended the change and advised of the contingency funds that will absorb the change. Mayor Brennan asked about the legality of the phone vote. Solicitor Evashavik advised it was.

**Public Works Supervisor** – Report submitted.

**Police Chief** – Report not submitted as their system is having problems with accurate reporting. They are working to switch to a new system.

**Fire Chief** – Report submitted.

**Code Enforcement Officer** – Report submitted.

**Mayor Brennan** – Mayor Brennan discussed how important the upcoming 2020 Census is to the Borough. He also offered his availability to speak at meetings for the residents. Councilman Falce and Councilman Ondo advised of the same.

## **VI. Public Comments on Items for Consideration:**

Resident asked for clarification on motion 2. Manager Varhola explained.

President Inglis advised residents to come to the podium to speak.

Michael Capp – 243 Grace St – Mr. Capp asked about the general construction items for 1860 West Street. Mr. Lampark explained.

## **VII. Items for consideration:**

1. Motion to refer animal Ordinance 1595 to the planning commission.

**Motion: Councilman Petruzzi; Second: Councilman Fallon;**

**Comment on the motion:** Councilman Stein asked if there have been complaints since last spring. Councilman Fallon advised he had spoken with a resident recently who voiced concerns about the smell and flies in the summer. Manager Varhola advised he and Dave Cannon have both offered to respond immediately if there is an issue and no one has contacted them. Councilman Stein stated his concerns about the ordinance including pigs and there seems to be a trend of people owning miniature pigs as pets. President Inglis advised Council isn't voting to pass the ordinance but to refer the Ordinance to Planning. Manager Varhola asked Councilman Fallon to give Dave Cannon the name of the person he spoke to. Councilman Fallon agreed. Councilman Falce advised this is for future animals.

**Vote: Unanimous**

2. Motion to exonerate Tax Collector, Donna Mercuri, in the amount of \$236,587.31.  
**Motion: Councilman Falce; Second: Vice President Votedian; Vote: Unanimous**
3. Motion to reappoint John Kevin Ondo to the Planning Commission.  
**Motion: Councilman Petruzzi; Second: Councilman Falce; Vote: Unanimous**
4. Motion to reappoint Matthew Bovee to the Munhall Municipal Sanitary Sewer Authority.  
**Motion: Councilman Stein; Second: Councilman Ondo; Vote: Unanimous**
5. Motion to accept the resignation of Mark Fallon from the Zoning Board.  
**Motion: Councilman Falce; Second: Councilman Petruzzi;**  
**Question on Motion:** Councilman Ondo clarified if Councilman Fallon had to resign.  
**Vote: Unanimous**
6. Motion to advertise for the open seat on the Zoning Board.  
**Motion: Councilman Fallon; Second: Councilman Falce; Vote: Unanimous**
7. Motion to approve sale of the borough owned parcel, 181-E-100, located at E. James in the amount of \$500.00 to James Konesky.  
**Motion: Councilman Falce; Second: Vice President Votedian; Vote: Unanimous**
8. Motion to approve sale of the borough owned parcel, 179-N-148, located at Creek Street in the amount of \$501.00 to Ryan Michael Perhac.  
**Motion: Councilman Fallon; Second: Councilman Petruzzi;**  
**Question on Motion:** Councilman Ondo asked if buyers will have to combine with their property. Solicitor Evashavik advised no unless it is an adjacent property and they want to combine them.  
Resident asked if the properties were appraised prior to sale. They were not.  
**Vote: Unanimous**
9. Motion to approve sale of the borough owned parcel, 181-A-081, located at Mary Street in the amount of \$1800.00 to Kenneth Lockhart.  
**Motion: Vice President Votedian; Second: Councilman Falce; Vote: Unanimous**
10. Motion to approve sale of the borough owned parcel, 182-A-010, located at Virginia Ave in the amount of \$1760.00 to Gregory Baranowski.  
**Motion: Councilman Stein; Second: Councilman Fallon; Vote: Unanimous**

11. Motion to approve sale of the borough owned parcel, 182-A-008, located at McWhinney Street in the amount of \$2260.00 to Gregory Baranowski.

**Motion: Councilman Stein; Second: Vice President Votedian; Vote: Unanimous**

12. Motion to ratify approval of removal of fire proofing at 1860 West Street for time and materials which will be monitored by Borough Engineer.

**Motion: Councilman Petruzzi; Second: Councilman Falce;**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Councilman Falce: Yes

Councilman Fallon: No vote as this is ratifying the original vote

Councilman Ondo: No vote as this is ratifying the original vote

Councilman Petruzzi: Yes

Councilman Stein: Yes

Vice President Votedian: Yes

President Inglis: Yes

13. Motion to approve November 20, 2019 and December 18, 2019 minutes.

**Motion: Vice President Votedian; Second: Councilman Stein; Vote: Unanimous**

14. Motion to approve the January 6, 2020 Reorganization meeting minutes.

**Motion: Councilman Falce; Second: Councilman Fallon; Vote: Unanimous**

15. Motion to pay bills for the period December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 through January 14, 2020 summarized as follows:

Administration	\$ 28,966.24
Police:	\$ 50,787.89
Fire:	\$ 12,854.80
Health & Sanitation:	\$ 13,410.06
Public Works:	\$ 37,593.42
Recreation:	\$ 1,509.26
Miscellaneous:	<u>\$ 128,802.82 *</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 273,924.49</b>

**Motion: Councilman Stein; Second: Vice President Votedian; Vote: Unanimous**

\*Includes \$128,103.35 for Borough Insurances

16. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of December 12th and December 26th, 2019.

2019: December 12th	\$ 134,855.13
2019: December 26th	\$ <u>145,316.00</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 280,171.13</b>

**Motion: Councilman Falce; Second: Councilman Fallon; Vote: Unanimous**

**Other/Additional Matter(s):**

Councilman Falce advised the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Yard Sale will be July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Dave Cannon advised the house across from the Borough office is under contract for over \$200,000.

Manager Varhola advised of a recycling grant received for \$232,000 dollars and the Borough match is 15%. This percent has already been met by payment of a vehicle.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

**Motion: Councilman Fallon; Second: Councilman Petruzzi; Vote: Unanimous**



Harvey Inglis – President of Council