

**Borough of Munhall
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday
January 17, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

I. Call to Order - President Falce

II. Pledge of Allegiance - President Falce

Moment(s) of Silence for Michael "Mickey" Harcovich and Susan Fleming.

III. Preliminary Announcements - None

**IV. Roll Call: Councilman Ballas; Councilman Inglis;
Councilman Petruzzi; Councilman Stein;
Councilman Tichon; Councilman Votedian;
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):

- Judith Wilkinson – 622 E 10th Street - Renter Ordinance – Concerns regarding the property next to her. Asking for changes to ordinance. Dave Cannon and Mrs. Wilkinson discussed prior property incidents.

VI. Reports from Borough Officials:

Mayor –

- Advised he is getting situated in his new office.
- Swore in Homestead Cemetery board and #5 Fire Department officers.
- Spoke with Pittsburgh Penguins regarding the waterfront property.
- Woodhill resident issue – Asked Bob Bicsey to watch the area for ice. Councilman Stein advised issues has come about from a sump

pump that is draining in to the street per the request of the sewer authority.

- o West Homestead said they have no plans to leave MAPs.
- o Thanked the Street Department for their hard work.

Solicitor – Nothing to report

Manager –

- o Will advertise for positions available on boards and committees
- o Proposal for collections of 8th Ave meters
- o Glen Coles CDL License

Engineer –

- o Paving projects are beginning for 2018 – Cost estimates should be available soon.
- o Demo projects coming soon

Public Works Supervisor – Report submitted

Police Chief – Report submitted

Fire Chief - Report submitted

- o #1 Fire Department Oldies Dance – February 3rd

Code Enforcement Officer – Report submitted

VII. Public Comments on Agenda items:

- Donna Dreshman -Motion 1 - How many years will the contract be? It will be 4 and 3% each year. – After bills are paid what is the balance left over? \$987,423.20 – Will there be anything added this evening? It is possible. – Asking for Public Works building to be named after Mickey Harkovich.

VIII. Items for consideration:

1. Motion to approve the Public Works (Teamsters Local Union 205) Collective Bargaining Agreement.
Motion: Councilman Inglis; Second: Councilman Ballas; Vote Unanimous
2. Motion to ratify **Ordinance 1589** keeping the tax millage rate at 10.75 with no increase.
Motion: Councilman Stein; Second: Councilman Votedian; Vote Unanimous

3. Motion to approve **Resolution 2018-1** setting the Tax Collector's surety bond for \$1,727,165.00.
Motion: Councilman Tichon; Second: Councilman Ballas; Vote: Unanimous
4. Motion to hire Robert Homa as a part time Crossing Guard per request and approval from Chief Campbell.
Motion: Councilman Tichon; Second: Councilman Petruzzi; Vote: Unanimous
5. Motion to advertise the board/commissions/authority openings, (2) Planning Commission, (1) Civil Service Commission, (1) Sewage Authority and (3) Steel Valley Enterprise Zone, with submissions being due no later than 4pm, February 14th, 2018.
Motion: Councilman Ballas; Second: Councilman Votedian; Vote: Unanimous
6. Motion to approve a handicapped sign be placed at 220 W. Schwab Ave. Chief Campbell has approved.
Motion: Councilman Stein; Second: Councilman Tichon; Vote: Unanimous
7. Motion to approve (1) handicapped sign be place at 3712 Main Street. Chief Campbell has approved.
Motion: Councilman Ballas; Second: Councilman Petruzzi
Question on the motion: Councilman Inglis – Asking for exact location. Chief Campbell explained.
Vote: Unanimous
8. Motion to approve the December 20, 2017 minutes.
Motion: Councilman Votedian; Second: Councilman Stein; Vote: Unanimous
9. Motion to pay bills for the period December 20, 2017 thru January 16, 2018, summarized as follows:

Administration	\$ 27,028.92
Police:	\$ 10,021.12
Fire:	\$ 13,750.62
Health & Sanitation:	\$ 23,623.93
Public Works:	\$ 200,532.08
Recreation:	\$ 3,824.42
Miscellaneous:	<u>\$ 142,991.51*</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 421,772.60

*\$108,688.75 Insurance(s)

Motion: Councilman Inglis; Second: Councilman Stein; Vote: Unanimous

10. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of December 14th and 28th, 2018 as follows:

2017: Dec 14	\$ 125,833.85
2017: Dec 28	<u>\$ 132,552.94</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 258,386.79

Motion: Councilman Tichon; Second: Councilman Stein; Vote: Unanimous

Other Matter(s):

Mayor Brennan asked if current board/committee members, who's times are expired, must reapply or do we just check to see if they want to renew. Per Borough Manager Joe Varhola, they need to send a letter of intent.

President Falce asked if the alternates are expired for the Civil Service committee. Joe Varhola advised he will check in to it.

Councilman Votedian addressed writer of recent online article regarding the waterfront property with his concerns of how the article was written.

Chief Campbell expressed his concerns as to how his name was brought in to the article and he never spoke to the writer.

President Falce said he was concerned about the light in which the members of Council were portrayed. The article didn't say they were dishonest but the play on words left residents believing there was a problem.

Solicitor Evashavik explained the eminent domain process and the acquisition of the Jr. Achievement property (including taxes and conditions).

Mayor Brennan advised it was taken under eminent domain for Parks and Rec use and asked council to get a commercial appraiser to get a proper value of the property. Who would pay for the appraisal? Residents. What would the cost be? Between 6-10 thousand dollars. Mayor Brennan asked Council for their blessing to continue looking for funding to develop the Jr. Achievement property as a park. He advised he has already spoken to the Penguins organization and will continue to reach out if Council agrees. Councilman Tichon advised he, and Council, are open to all options. .

Councilman Stein explained Jr. Achievement owed approximately \$70,000 in back taxes and he questioned if the land were truly worth at least the assessed value of \$265K why didn't JA opt to sell the land instead of giving it away.

Resident Scott Stevens asked about possible solar panels. Joe Varhola advised leasing the property is always an option.

IX. Adjournment:

Motion: Councilman Tichon; Second: Councilman Stein; Vote: Unanimous


Rob Falce – President of Council

