

**Borough of Munhall  
Regular Council Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, July 17th, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Mayor Brennan will present recognition to Eagle Scout Ryan Rossner Gedman – Cancelled and moved to August 2019 meeting**

**Mayor Brennan read proclamation for Betty Mabry Davis Day on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

**Roll Call: Councilman Ballas; Councilman Inglis; Councilman Petruzzi;  
Councilman Stein; Councilman Tichon; Councilman Votedian; President Falce**

**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 – Grants, parking, Hoss Plumbing and Homestead Duquesne Rd – Mrs. Fry asked for an update on the status of grants. Manager Varhola gave the update. Mrs. Fry asked about line painting on Main Street. There was a discussion regarding possible guidelines and a study that would need to be done. She then asked about checks written and Joe Varhola advised. Her next question was about the project on Homestead Duquesne Road. Dave Cannon explained.**
- Donna Ondo – Harvey/Shady project – Mrs. Ondo asked about the completion of the project on Shady Ave. Engineer Lampark advised of the plan to complete the project.**
- Michael Capp – Willis Center, Fireworks and spending – Mr. Capp asked about the parking lot section of the contract with TCV. Solicitor Evashavik advised they are waiting on the Borough. He discussed his concerns about fireworks within the borough and possibly updating the borough ordinance. He then shared his thoughts about the motions regarding Cintas.**
- Charles Parnell – Borough building and Orchard St parking – Mr. Parnell advised of his concerns about parking on Orchard Street. He asked for a "Dead End" street**

sign. Councilman Inglis and Councilman Ballas advised one will be placed the very next morning. Mr. Parnell expressed his attachment to the current Borough building.

## **V. Reports from Borough Officials:**

**Mayor** – Mayor Brennan confirmed with Chief Pletsch that the VFD is prepared with cooling stations if need be because of the temperatures for coming days and advised that Representative Austin Davis' office has announced reduced vehicle registrations for seniors. He thanked Mr. Parnell for his comments regarding the Borough building and stated he had questions regarding motion #7. He thanked Council for moving forward with the plan to allow TKA to render schematics for 1900 West Street. He asked Manager Varhola what the plan would be, and Joe advised. He then advised of the Homestead Cemetery improvements. He thanked the Borough for picking up trash. President Falce asked how the cemetery's tax-exempt status is coming along and Mayor Brennan advised it is moving forward but slow. There was then a discussion about how the summer program is going.

**Solicitor** – Solicitor Greg Evashavik advised he worked on a couple ordinances and will be holding a hearing later in the meeting for motion #4.

**Manager** – Mr. Joe Varhola advised his report is the actual agenda.

**Engineer** – Report submitted. Colin Lampark gave an update on the Roberta Drive project. Mayor Brennan asked about the phone pole at First Commonwealth Bank. Manager Varhola advised what happened with the pole and that there will be a vactor coming to clean it up at the cost of Duquesne Light.

**Public Works Supervisor** – Report submitted. In addition, Mr. Bicsey advised the PW employees have been trained in CPR and flagger training.

**Police Chief** – Report given.

**Fire Chief** – Report given.

**Code Enforcement Officer** – Report given. He advised the resident at 124 Crawford and the neighbors are happy with the parking pad laid. 3604 Wayne Road waterproofing update. The project is almost complete. He also updated the Main Street businesses.

**President Falce** - Reminded everyone of the upcoming yard sale, on 7-27-2019, and how to be added to the street listing. He also discussed the 2019 Community Day on 9-21-2019.

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

Donna Dreshman – Motion 6 – Is this new? Manager Varhola explained what the product is and why its needed. She then asked for the remaining balance after bill payments. Manager Varhola advised \$2,942,239.16.

John Skeels – Motion 6 – Where does it come from? Joe Varhola advised Astro Turf. He asked where the money come from? Joe advised from the recreation budget.

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

1. Motion to approve the purchase of First Aid equipment, from Cintas. Four first aid cabinets in the amount of \$1076.00. The cabinets will be placed as in Administration, Public Works, the repair shop and the Police station. One eye wash station in the amount of \$550.00 to be placed in the Public Works area and ten small first aid mobile bags in the amount of \$1850.00 to be placed in the Police vehicles. The recently purchased first aid kits will be moved from the Police vehicles to the Public Works vehicles. The total equipment purchase will be \$3476.00.  
Manager Varhola advised there will be an additional eye was station added for the Police Department changing the total to \$4026.00.

**Motion: Councilman Votedian; Second: Councilman Ballas; Vote: Unanimous**

2. Motion to approve Cintas to maintain the Borough AEDs in the amount of \$99.00 monthly. **Removing as Officer Abate will add the Borough AEDs in with his check of the police AEDs.**

3. Motion to approve Allegheny Fence to install a gate on the eastern side of the basketball court and raise the fence in front of the scoreboard for the total amount of \$5860.00.

**Motion: Councilman Petruzzi**

**Comment on motion:** Councilman Stein asked Manager Varhola to make a statement on why a gate on the court is needed. Mr. Varhola explained the children are jumping the fence at the score board. Mayor Brennan asked to place a gate in that location as well. A discussion ensued and Mayor Brennan feels there should be steps added to the back lot and a gate added. Council, Mayor Brennan and Joe had a discussion regarding the fence in the area and agreed to come back to the discussion at a future date.

**Second: Councilman Votedian; Vote: Unanimous**

4. Motion to approve Ordinance 1594, as amended and restated effective January 1, 2013, an ordinance of the Borough relative to the establishment and maintenance of the non-uniform nonunion employees.  
Hearing – Solicitor Greg Evashavik conducted a hearing to advise residents regarding the ordinance. Residents asked who the plan was through and were advised Nationwide. They were also advised of the 6% employee and 3% borough match. Greg advised it is a directive from the actuarial.

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

5. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-3 authorizing an application to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program to construct a comprehensive plan with the Boroughs of Homestead and West Homestead committing the amount of \$20,000.00 to the project.

**Motion: Councilman Ballas**

**Question on the motion:** President Falce asked Joe Varhola to explain. Joe explained that we would be combining efforts with Homestead and West Homestead, to put together a 5-year comprehensive plan. Resident Maureen Fry asked what the money would be used for and Mayor Brennan advised it would go towards a comprehensive plan with Homestead and West Homestead and this will help when applying for Munhall stand-alone grants as well as grants projects that include our borough as well as Homestead and West Homestead. Mrs. Fry asked what the money will be used for. Manager Varhola advised the borough will be hiring a consultant to build a document which will be the comprehensive plan. Engineer Lampark advised of several project the plan might include. Mayor Brennan advised it is a future plan for the three towns. Joe Varhola advised the process.

**Second: Councilman Inglis; Vote: Unanimous**

6. Motion to approve the purchase of crumb rubber for West Field in the amount of \$1852.00 from Astro Turf.

**Motion: Councilman Ballas; Second: Councilman Tichon; Vote: 6-1 (Councilman Inglis voted Nay)**

7. Motion to authorize TKA to create a schematic design and preliminary design drawings and report for renovation and additions to 1900 West Street in the amount of \$36,186.00.

**Motion: Councilman Inglis; Second: Councilman Stein**

**Vote:** Councilman Tichon called for a Roll Call vote.

**Comment on the motion:** Mayor Brennan asked if the \$36,186.00 includes the measuring of the building and Manager Varhola advised yes. Mayor Brennan advised having read that it did and since the borough turned over drawings, will the cost be reduced by that amount. Joe advised he would ask and sent a text at that time. There was a discussion about tabling the motion until the cost is clarified. Solicitor Evashavik advised there were different ways to do it and one would be to accept the motion as it is assuming the reduction has been factored in or that the price would be reduced if found that it needed to be.

**Councilman Votedian stated he would like to the motion to be tabled until the cost is clarified. Councilman Petruzzi seconded.**

**Roll Call: To Table the Motion**

**Councilman Ballas – Yes**

**Councilman Inglis – No**

**Councilman Petruzzi – Yes**

**Councilman Stein – No**

**Councilman Tichon – Yes**

**Councilman Votedian – Yes**

**President Falce - No**

8. Motion to advertise ORDINANCE 1595, amending Ordinance 1381, regulating animals kept within the Borough. **Removed after explanation from Solicitor Evashavik regarding what he has written and what it includes. He stated it is not ready for a vote yet and should be referred to planning.**

**Added Motion** – Motion to send Ordinance 1595, amending Ordinance 1381, to the Planning Commission asking for a hearing offering their input and bring their input back to Council.

**Motion: Councilman Tichon; Second: Councilman Petruzzi, Vote: Unanimous**

9. Motion to approve handicapped parking sign for 407 E 11<sup>th</sup> Ave as approved by Officer Williams and Chief Campbell.

**Motion: Councilman Tichon; Second: Councilman Ballas; Vote: Unanimous**

10. Motion to approve a handicapped parking sign for 4214 Fairfield Ave as approved by Officer Williams and Chief Campbell.

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

11. Motion to approve a handicapped parking sign for 113 19<sup>th</sup> Ave as approved by Officer Williams and Chief Campbell.

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

12. Motion to approve the June 19, 2019 minutes.

**Motion: Councilman Votedian; Second: Councilman Votedian; Vote: 6-1**

**(Councilman Ballas abstained as he was not in attendance at the June meeting)**

13. Motion to pay bills for the period June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 through July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019, summarized as follows:

Administration	\$	21,352.17
Police:	\$	56,096.59
Fire:	\$	12,295.28
Health & Sanitation:	\$	54,852.16
Public Works:	\$	90,056.47
Recreation:	\$	8,192.66
Miscellaneous:	\$	<u>111,766.61**</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>354,611.94</b>

\*\* Borough Insurance(s)

**Motion: Councilman Inglis; Second: Councilman Tichon; Vote: Unanimous**

14. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

2019: June 13th	\$	143,581.23
2019: June 27th	\$	<u>134,188.78</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>277,770.01</b>

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

**Manager Varhola advised he heard back from Felix Cardella with TKA and he agreed the total sum, of Motion 7, would be reduced as he now has the original drawings of the building at 1900 West Street. Mayor Brennan asked that the motion be voted on.**

**Re-added Motion 7:** Motion to authorize TKA to create a schematic design and preliminary design drawings and report for renovation and additions to 1900 West Street in the amount of \$32,186.00.

**Motion: Councilman Stein; Second: Councilman Inglis, Vote: ROLL CALL**

**Councilman Ballas – No**

**Councilman Inglis –Yes**

**Councilman Petruzzi – No**

**Councilman Stein – Yes**

**Councilman Tichon – No**

**Councilman Votedian – No**

**President Falce – Yes**

Mayor Brennan asked Council to clarify their intension. Councilman Ballas advised he feels an environmental study should be done on 1900 West prior to spending \$32,186.00. He asked Manager Varhola if he had a quote, from the same company who studied the Willis Center, and the quote is \$3450.00.

**Added Motion –** Motion to approve Allegheny Global to preform an environmental study, at 1900 West Street, in the amount of \$3450.00

**Motion: Councilman Tichon;**

**Question on the motion:** Councilman Votedian asked what happens after the environmental study. Discussions happened between Council and the Borough Engineer and basically it will depend on what the study shows. Councilman Votedian asked if the study shows there is asbestos, will it need to be taken care of before any construction can happen and Colin advised it will need to remain safely or be removed. Mayor Brennan stated he feels there is very limited asbestos within the building. He said it is fine to do the study, but he wants to know what Councils intention is with the building. He said he feels the study for the Willis Center should have been done prior to accepting the buildings.

**Comment on the motion:** Maureen Fry would like to hear from Council on their votes. President Falce advised they would stay to discuss with her. Another resident inquired about the next steps after the environmental study. Colin Lampark advised the architect will be more informed when making his design plans. Discussions continued amongst Council, the engineer and Mayor Brennan. Borough Secretary Becki Wirth spoke to the subject from the Safety Committee and Workers Compensation perspective.

**Second: Councilman Ballas; Vote: ROLL CALL**

**Councilman Ballas – Yes**

**Councilman Inglis –Yes**

**Councilman Petruzzi – Yes**

**Councilman Stein – Yes**

**Councilman Tichon – Yes**

**Councilman Votedian – Yes**


**President Falce – Yes**

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

**Councilman Ballas** – Mr. Ballas wanted to make Council aware of an email he received from Mike Pavlik. Mike stated he received an email from the President of West Penn Soccer asking if we would consider a soccer field on the Boroughs Waterfront property. Mr. Ballas said that since NUVO backed out of their deal with Munhall because of site preparation costs, he suggested we reach back to Mr. Pavlik once we receive those findings from NUVO. Per Manager Varhola, the findings should be given to the Borough as part of the agreement with NUVO. Mr. Ballas asked Mr. Varhola to verify if he had spoken to Port Authority and Mr. Varhola responded that they were looking for a place for a garage but there were discussions about a possible park n ride. He said that Siemens is also looking for additional parking. Councilman Ballas asked Solicitor Evashavik if they can now approach a commercial realtor now and Mr. Evashavik advised they can now do so. Mayor Brennan asked why they do not keep the property, put a soccer field there or a borough park. Councilman Votedian said the site preparation may be too expensive.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

**Motion: Councilman Tichon; Second: Councilman Ballas; Vote: Unanimous**

  
Robert Falce – President of Council