

**Borough of Munhall
Workshop Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.**

- **Call to Order – President Inglis**

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

- President Inglis congratulated those who won in the primary election.

- **Council Item(s):**
 - **Paving update –** Manager Varhola advised project with Liberoni is complete and advised anyone with concerns or complaints to contact him directly.

 - **Sentry Locks and Door –** Manager Varhola advised of the \$14,472.00 invoice that will be paid by the Borough and reimbursed to the Borough by ACME.

 - **Halloween Parade donation –** Manager Varhola asked if there will be a parade this year and Mayor Brennan said yes. Mr. Varhola advised there will be a motion on the agenda for the donation of \$2500.00, to the Main Street Business association, for the parade.

 - **Parks Grant – Engineering –** Manager Varhola advised there is work to be done in the parks and that we have a \$241,000.00 matching grant that is available, and part of that match can be time and materials for the project. He suggested soliciting time and/or materials from the contractors who are working with the borough on present projects. He advised there needs to be a planned project that needs to come together first. He stated there will be a motion on the agenda to authorize the Engineer to start working on the project. There was a discussion about the timeline for the grant and Mr. Varhola said the Borough has 4 years to use it and that they are currently 2 years into that timeline. There was more discussion about the different grants that have been given to the Borough.

- **Office Furniture** – Manager Varhola stated there have been discussions about what type of furniture needed and how much is needed. He advised of the possibility of purchasing in phases as items may come up as the move happens or after the move. He advised he received quotes from Franklin and Easley & Rivers and that both are COSTAR pricing with Easley & Rivers being significantly less expensive.
- **VPRP – 3521 Forest Ave** – Manager Varhola explained the VPRP program. He advised they will need to pass a resolution advising they approve.
- **Police Computers** – Chief Campbell and Manager Varhola discussed the need for the \$38,000.00 in computers needed for the new building. President Inglis asked if it would come from Asset Forfeiture and Chief Campbell said it can. There were discussions about the equipment and what is needed. Manager Varhola advised the equipment can come out of the ARPA grant as well. Chief Campbell and Mayor Brennan discussed the current and future standing with Tupper. Mayor Brennan advised that the officers are glad they have the body cameras.
- **Carnegie Library Grant** – Manager Varhola advised the library needs the borough support to apply for a grant. He explained the grant.
- **Auditors Engagement Letter – Mark Turnley** – Manager Varhola explained the upcoming audit and that Mark Turnley will not be increasing his fees.
- **General Service Area – Verbiage** - Manager Varhola and Dave Cannon explained why the verbiage needs changed. The verbiage will be written by the Solicitor.
- **Additional Item(s):**
 - Manager Varhola advised of a quote he received from Bob Bickey for a “tipper”. He explained what it is but said he needed to clarify some things with Mr. Bickey but feels spending the money now may save money in the future.
 - President Inglis asked to have the agenda be placed on the website early so it can be viewed ahead of the meetings. Becki Wirth advised she will post it before the end of the business day on Thursdays. Manager Varhola advised the agenda may need updated from the Thursday postings because of items that come to him later.
 - Councilman Fallon advised the engine that sits by the Improve at the Waterfront must be moved so he contacted Century Steel and they are going to move it to another location within the Waterfront. He asked if Council would mind if it were moved to the Borough waterfront property. There was no opposition.

- Jack Cotter – 133 Hillcrest Dr – Concerns about gentlemen on Main Street – Mr. Cotter explained that the gentleman “acts up” and he is being told there is nothing that can be done. He discussed his concerns and his feelings about why he feels he has not been helped. Chief Campbell explained the Police Department standing on the subject and his concerns about the gentleman’s civil rights violation if asked to move. He explained what he has observed from the gentlemen. He stated both he and Mayor Brennan have asked the gentleman to move further down the street and he has refused. Chief Campbell said he has discussed it with Solicitor Evashavik. Mayor Brennan asked about the cameras in the location where the gentleman stands, and Chief Campbell said he would check on it. Mayor Brennan said he has received complaints as well and that people have said the gentleman goes out into the street. Chief Campbell said he would check on the cameras but when he observed the situation, there was no violation. There were more discussions something Mr. Cotter was told, how Mrs. Fry feels when she sees him on Main Street, about the situation and Chief Campbell advised again there is no violation and there is a concern about violating his civil rights.

- **Adjournment –**

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