

Borough of Munhall
Workshop Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday
March 13, 2019 6:30PM

- **Call to Order – President Falce**
- **Pledge of Allegiance – Secretary Becki Wirth**
- **Roll Call: Councilman Ballas; Councilman Inglis; Councilman Petruzzi; Councilman Stein; Councilman Tichon; Councilman Votedian; President Falce. - All Present**

Preliminary Announcement(s):

- Borough Manager Joe Varhola advised the Homestead Grays Bridge will be repaired March the 25th through early June of 2019. The work will be 10 pm to 6 am and there will be detour signs.
- Jessie King – 4609 Woodhill Drive – Came to discuss his horses. By adding additional fencing, he plans to move the horses further up in the field away from the back fence during the day. President Falce said he visited and didn't smell anything until he was at the fence. Mr. King advised it was probably the hay he was smelling as it has the hay does have that odor. He said that he is keeping the area clean with cleaners, deodorizers and even has a bug zapper. Chief Campbell mentioned that his children love the idea of having the horses next door. Mr. King said he just wanted to come and make sure Council knows the horses are not there to irritate anyone and they will be sure to keep things cleaned up and once they have the new fence in, the horses will be in the upper field during the day. Council asked if they have had any conversations with the neighbor and he said they don't speak to each other. Mrs. Brennan asked if the neighbor was notified when that Mr. King was coming to the meeting and was told that the neighbor didn't notify Mr. King when she was going to come to the meeting they came to. Mr. King said he would be willing to talk but he is not going to fight.

Guest(s):

- County Councilman Paul Klein – Councilman Klein presented President Falce

with a certificate of recognition for Munhall once again being a Banner Community. He explained the program and was happy to present the certificate to President Falce as there are “good things happening in Munhall”. President Falce stated this would be the 3rd year in a row that Munhall is recognized as a Banner Community.

Council Item(s):

1. 9th and 10th Ave rezoning - Manager Varhola discussed why they are working to have this area rezoned. He stated the reason is for future sale of the properties that exist (i.e. Propel, Carnegie Library, St. Margaret Church, St. John Church, Assentation, the Church and the Hungarian Reform Church). As R1, they are limited in what can be done with the properties. Making them B2 will open the properties up for additional possibilities upon sale. There were discussions about possible revitalization of the area and having it a B2 zone will help.

Maureen Fry asked about notification to the neighbors in that area. Dave Cannon explained the legal procedure to make the change.

2. 930 Ravine St. – Demolition – Joe Varhola advised contact has been made with the home owner. They do not have the financial means to pay for the demolition. Joe and Solicitor Evashavik put together a \$200 per month payment plan with the home owner. There will be a motion, on the March 20th, 2019 agenda, to approve HHR Construction and Excavation to demolish the home for \$7500.00.
3. Sgt Joe Cibula Retirement – Manager Varhola advised Council that Sergeant Joe Cibula has entered the DROP plan for April 1 201 and that he is owed 10 weeks of vacation and 18 sick days.
4. LGA Internship – Code Enforcement – Joe Varhola stated there will be an intern who will work with Dave Cannon and himself to update the existing Code Enforcement program. They will be going to other, similarly sized boroughs and townships, to discuss their exiting code enforcement software. The idea is to bring our fee structure, and software, in line with the other areas.

Additional Item(s):

- Manager Varhola advised Public Works has received a quote of \$38,700.00 for a new tar buggy. Councilman Stein asked how much has been paid in the past for rental of a buggy and Supervisor Bob Bicsy advised around \$1500.00 per week.

- Mr. Varhola stated that Chief Campbell has received a quote of \$2826.00, for a machine that will make ID badges for Borough employees. There was a discussion about possible future uses of the badges (i.e. solicitation permit badges and Borough employee badges that will allow access to different areas of the Borough building).
- President Falce announced Community Day 2019 as September 21, 2019, 2p to 9pm, at Trautman Field. He said there will be additional details soon.
- Councilman Ballas asked what the balance is after the finance meeting on March 11, 2019. Councilman Stein advised \$1,833,219.33 and we are head of last year by \$1.3 million and there will not be a need for a loan to get the borough through to tax season.
- Joe Varhola advised approximately \$579,000 has been spent on catch basins and road repair and paving projects. He stated Shady/Harvey Ave project alone used \$179,000 leaving \$400,000. He stated the new paving bids will be opened at the next regular council meeting on March 20th and will be aggressive and other than the end of Shady at Summerfield and Roberta and some of the allies that are planned, the decision can be made to add something else in to the project. He feels the expenditures will be close to \$400,000. Mayor Brennan asked if any allies are in the plan and Joe advised Acorn Way is part of the project. Mayor Brennan advised there is an alley in Munhall Garden that is terrible. Joe advised that is the alley he is referring to and that they plan to put a catch basin in as well. Council, Mayor and Joe Varhola discussed other allies that need work.
- Dave Cannon stated the house on 102 E 21st Street has been sold for \$193,000 and Jesse advised there is another man coming to invest in Munhall.

Adjournment:

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