

Borough of Munhall
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 16, 2016

By Becki Wirth - Secretary

6:00 P.M. Public Hearing: Demolition-CDBG 41/42

6:30 P.M. Executive Session: Conference Room

7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting Council Chambers

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Girl Scouts Troop 5841 – Addison Fandre and Katie Campbell
- III. Roll Call
Councilman Brennan; Councilman Inglis, Councilman Stein;
Councilman Tichon; Councilman Varhola; Councilman
Votedian; President Falce.

Fire Chief Ed Pletsch and Mayor Bodnar presented Councilman Rich Votedian plaques and commendations for 55 years of service to the Borough of Munhall through VFD #1.

NOTICE TO ALL PUBLIC SPEAKERS ADDRESSING COUNCIL
NOTE THAT COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES
AND MUST AVOID REFERENCES TO PERSONALITIES AND
PERSONNEL RELATED ISSUES.

1. Sandra Wolf - Homestead Cemetery – Representing the volunteer group asking for assistance with Cemetery work. Solicitor Evashavik and Council discussed the Cemetery with Mrs. Wolfe.
Mayor Bodnar thanked the volunteers and discussed expenses to run the Cemetery.
Ray Kondas asked who is getting the money for the tower. Mayor Bodnar advised the tower is under investigation.
2. Attorney Angelo Ferronte, Hays Mansion: Memorial Day Event – May 28th, noon – 2pm. Discussed events for the day.

Speakers (Continued)

3. Cheryl Chapman – Discussed 3-Boroughs Group grant submission for decorative lights and trash cans along 8th Ave. Asking for \$15K TIF money to complete the decorative lights in Munhall.
4. Linda Vignetti - Dickson St/Boone Way - Discussed need for road repairs on Dickson/Boone Way. Advised water is jumping the road on to sidewalks.
5. Ray Kondas – Finances – Asking about money transfers between the Borough and Sewer Authority. Asked about security company for Borough. Voiced concerns about contacting Police Department through 911.

IV. Public Comments on Agenda items only (#1-10).

Agnes Hogg - #3 Suggesting the finance chair be the 3rd signer. Per Councilman Varhola, this is conflict with his regular Employer.

Donna Dreshmam - Will there be additions to agenda as the executive session ran so far over their normal time. Per Council President , no. #6 Will the Borough contribution actually be 10% or up to 10%. #7-8 – Will they receive benefits? No. What changed that we are hiring 2 instead of discussed 1. Per Manager Bob Callen, it is budgeted and both are residents of the Borough. Does Becki have to move into the Borough? Per Solicitor Evashavik, no, as this is non union and completely up to Council. #9 Recreation expenditure of \$16.00, is this correct? Yes.

V. Move to approve January 20, 2016 Minutes (not available)

VI. Reports:

Finance Committee Chair: Councilman Varhola – Report submitted.

Ec. Dev./Blight Committee Chair: Councilman Brennan – 44 abandoned properties and 39 vacant lots – Borough needs to be more pro active about abandoned properties on Sherriff sale.

Public Works Committee Chair: Councilman Inglis – Report submitted

VI. Reports (continued)

Street Paving - Councilman Stein: Street Paving Decision –
*See attached cost spreadsheet – figures will need updated
– Comment on Motion from Donna Dreshman asking about
Dixon Street being on the list.

Motion for Chester to create and advertise a Bid Document -
Motion – Councilman Stein Second – Councilman Votedian
Vote - Unanimous

Public Safety Committee Chair: Councilman Votedian –
Report Submitted

Parks/Rec Committee Chair: Councilman Stein -
Discussed concerns about appliances for Westfield
concession stand. Talked about ribbon cutting/field
dedication on May 19, 2016 and plans are for Mr Campbell to
attend.

Mayor Bodnar – Said he spoke what he needed to earlier
with Attorney Ferronte regarding Hayes Mansion. Also
reminded everyone of Memorial Day celebration on May 30th.
Advised everyone to be watching for sign ups for
Government Days. We will go to the school several days in
May, the parade will be on the 19th and they will take over
the Council meeting that night. In addition he discussed the
Civil Service list, Policing Whitaker and the need to hire 1 or
2 additional Police Clerks for security within the building and
field.

Solicitor Evashavik: Advised the Sewer Authority Solicitor is
asking to amend Borough ordinance so they can be allowed
to do work within the Borough.

Engineer Jewart: Asking for clarification on 44 abandoned
properties. Asked Council to add Harrison St to listing.
Explained she will do a drive by evaluation of all 44
structures and then submit a cost proposal

Public Works Supervisor Biscey: Report submitted.

VI. Reports: (continued)

Police Chief Campbell: Report submitted – Discussed policing Whitaker. He needs additional information. Had discussions with the DA and the DEA regarding asset forfeiture.

Fire Chief Pletch: Report submitted. Discussed accident on West Run Road with Council.

Code Enforcement Officer Cannon: Report submitted. Also advised the new dentist office on Main Street will have his sign light off at 10 pm.

Borough Manager: Trautman Infield dirt issue – Advised dirt will be approx. \$4K and the Munhall Borough Baseball Association will have it laid and landscaped; Asking for motion to order dirt.

Motion – Councilman Tichon Second – Councilman Varhola
Vote – Unanimous

Sewer Authority – Mike Terrick – Advised the \$700K Mr Kondas brought up was used to lay 70 miles of sewer pipes and catch basins. Brought up Rain Tax but said he would have more information regarding this at the April meeting. He advised they are about 70% complete with Borough sewer piping and that they are lining the pipes and wanted to advise administration in case they receive calls about the smell. Also the Sewer Authority board is asking to use the extra office space on the 2nd floor of the Borough building. He stated that they will give Solicitor Evashavik a tenant contract to go over.

VII. Items for Consideration:

1. Public Hearing on Ordinance # 1578: Tax Collector Fees. Solicitor Evashavik held the hearing.
2. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 1578, setting forth authority for the Tax Collector to affix certain fees such as Certification preparation, Duplicate Bills, Non Sufficient Funds and for document copies.

Motion – Councilman Stein Second – Councilman Tichon
Vote - Unanimous

3. Motion to change the 3rd person for Munhall Borough check signing from Office Secretary to Councilman Brennan.
Motion – Councilman Votedian Second – Councilman Varhola
Vote – (6) Eye (1) Councilman Brenna abstained
4. Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-03 authorizing the filing of an application for \$20,000 in CDBG funds to be applied to Municipal Building ADA Doors.
Motion – Councilman Tichon Second – Councilman Varhola
Vote - Unanimous
5. Motion to publish Council's intention to accept applications through April 15, 2016 for 5 part-time Summer Youth labor positions at \$8.25/hour and no benefits.
Motion – Councilman Inglis Second – Councilman Votedian
Vote - Unanimous
6. Motion to authorize Manager to negotiate with PNC Institutional Investments to manage the new-employees Defined Contribution Pension Plan, and, to set the employee contribution at 2% of payroll matched by employer contribution at 5% from of payroll.
Motion – Councilman Votedian Second – Councilman Brennan
Vote - Unanimous
7. Motion to authorize the hiring of Rose Ann Needham as part-time Administrative Assistant for 20 hours/week at \$12.00/hour.
Motion – Councilman Inglis Second – Councilman Votedian
Vote - Unanimous
8. Motion to authorize the hiring of Jacquelyne Coles as part-time Administrative Assistant for 15 hours/week at \$12.00/hour.
Motion – Councilman Votedian Second – Councilman Inglis
Vote – Unanimous

9. Motion to pay bills for the period February 18, 2016 through March 16, 2016, 2016, summarized as follows:

Administration	\$ 32,257.16
Police:	\$ 51,469.53
Fire:	\$ 16,292.89
Health & Sanitation:	\$ 29,106.08
Public Works:	\$ 70,300.30
Recreation:	\$ 16.00
Debt Service:	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous:	\$ 4,000.00 (COG)
TOTAL:	\$ 203,441.96

Motion – Councilman Inglis Second – Councilman Votedian
Vote - Unanimous

10. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of February 25, 2016 through March 10, 2016 as follows:

	Admin.	Police	Pub Wks	Sanitation
2016:Feb: 25	\$7,779.19	\$68,199.19	\$17,698.70	\$26,548.06
2016: March 10	\$6,065.86	\$69,162.22	\$13,515.61	\$20,273.42
TOTAL:	\$13,865.05	\$137,365.56	\$ 31,214.31	\$ 46,821.48

Motion – Councilman Tichon Second – Councilman Stein
Vote – Unanimous

Mayor Bodnar – Asked Council to be advised of the Christmas budget (is \$2K) as the large wreaths need to be replaced this year. Asking for new ones to be ordered.

Councilman Votedian – Thanked Chief Pletsch and the Firemen for the acknowledgement this evening.

VIII. Adjournment –

Motion – Councilman Thicon Second – Councilman Varhola



Council President Rob Falce