

**Borough of Munhall
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday
March 15, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order – President Falce**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – President Falce**
- III. Preliminary Announcements - None**

IV. Roll Call

Councilman Brennan; Councilman Inglis, Councilman Votedian; Councilman Stein; Councilman Tichon; Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek; President Falce. All present but Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek

Mayor Bodnar and Chief Patrick Campbell presented Ofc. Shannon Tracy-Cagna, Sgt. Todd Fetzko and Ofc. Jason Trout with Commendations from the Borough for their performance of duty while responding the Park View Towers fire. Both Mayor Bodnar and Chief Campbell spoke of their courage and heroism. Their families were thanked for their attendance. Each officer was presented with the Commendation and a Medal of Valor. Mayor Bodnar also thanked all other first responders.

Park United Methodist Union thanked each officer and presented a small gift.

Councilman Brennan asked if this medal has been given out prior to this meeting. Chief Campbell advised he has not given one out in the 22 years he has been with the department.

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.**

V. Speaker(s)

Barbara Mima – Delinquent Garbage – Not present
Sandra Matthews – Outer deck at Draft House Bar – Not present
Judith Wilkinson – 10-day eviction ordinance – Renter permit being revoked after 3rd shooting – Drugs and tenants that put personal and family lives in danger. – Not present

Michael Orr – Mr. Orr of 847 Creek Street – Voiced concerns regarding the wall behind his house. Dave Cannon advised he and the Borough Engineer Collin from Chester engineers as well as Public Works Supervisor Bob Biscey, would all look at the wall.

Ray Kondas – Ravine Street and other issues – Not present

VI. Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Donna Dreshman -

- Motion number 3 - She thinks that the ordinance was changed years ago. Was advised by the Borough Manager Joseph Varhola that there was a special meeting in December 30, 2008 but it was never formalized by administration. Solicitor Evashavik explained as well.
- Motion number 5 – She asked what was the exoneration number for 2016. Borough Manager Joe Varhola advised.
- Motion number 2 - She asked if this Tax Collector motion is the same as discussed in previous meeting answer. President Falce advised that it is. Solicitor Evashavik advised this is just formalizing it.
- She asked for the balance in account after this month's bills are paid. Joe Varhola answered 1.7 million.

- Motion number 11 – She asked for explanation of the amount for Mr. Harkovick. Joe Varhola explained the payment.

VII. Reports from Borough Officials:

Mayor - Reminded Council of student government day 2017 set for the May Council meeting on May 17. He reminded them the students will take over the meeting.

Mayor Bodnar also reminded everyone of the Memorial Day celebration on May 29 at the Homestead Cemetery.

Solicitor – Solicitor Evashavik discussed the TIF expiration and having received an email from the attorney for Homestead with ideas for after the expiration. The solicitor went on to explain what the TIF is and how it is used. He explained the original agreement and advised if there isn't a new agreement that each Borough would be responsible for the upkeep of their section of the Waterfront (just as is currently done throughout the rest of the Borough). Homestead is proposing that there be a new agreement where each Borough would put in two mils of each real estate assessments and the funds would be used for upkeep of the Waterfront. He explained that they want to include Marcegaglia, US Steel and other businesses that are not currently in our footprint. This will add real estate assessment to Munhall Borough and increase the amount that will need to be placed in the fund. President Falce advised it must be a unanimous decision between all three boroughs. Mayor Bodnar advised he would like to be involved in the meetings. Councilman Brennan asked if the access road to our property within the Waterfront is part of the TIF? Solicitor Evashavik advised no. Not all properties within the waterfront are part of the TIF. He, Councilman Brennan, stated we should press them to include that property into the TIF. Solicitor Evashavik advised there has been discussion to include that property, the flyover and the storage property but Council should remember that this

will increase our contributions to the TIF. We will have to contribute two mills for this property in the real estate assessments.

Manager - Joe advised he wanted to announce that ALOM will be recognizing Munnhall Borough as a Banner Community. He asked President Falce to explain. President Falce advised this is awarded to communities that have sustainable practices including an interest in governmental cooperation, sound fiscal management and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders. The Borough will be recognized on March 31, 10 am, at the Allegheny County Courthouse by County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and ALOM.

Councilman Inglis questioned Joe on the Allegheny County winter program and Joe stated he contacted and they told him we were not accepted in the program. He advised he would follow up on that response and get back to Councilman Inglis. Councilman Tichon stated what he understood this program to be and Joe and Dave Cannon agreed but advised we were not a part of the program at this time. Dave Cannon stated you must sign up for the program. Joe will follow up to see why we were declined and what we need to do going forward.

Engineer - President Falce read the report as Colin was absent. He advised that the COG had accepted the lowest bid for the ADA doors \$17,986.00 from Automated Entrance Systems.

Public Works Supervisor - Absent. Report submitted. Councilman Inglis advised the Main Street lights have been changed and there are more to come.

Police Chief - Report submitted. Council President Falce wanted to commend Ofc Dave Smoley about a January night that there was a power outage in the Gardens. Ofc. Dave Smoley responded with urgency to open the shelter, contact Duquesne Light and communicated with President Falce with updates throughout the evening and overnight.

Fire Chief – Report submitted. Chief Pletsch also brought attention to their yearly fundraiser on May 6th from 12 noon to 6pm. It is called the “truck fund” and that there will be 30 food trucks positioned in and around the Pump House. He stated that will be shuttles running from Sand Castle’s parking lot to the location of the food trucks.

Code Enforcement Officer – Report submitted. No additional information at this time.

VIII. Items for Consideration:

1. Motion to adopt Ordinance 1586, confirming Tax Collector salary set on February 15, 2017. **Public hearing** – A public hearing was held by Solicitor Evashavik for consideration of the Tax Collector’s compensation set during the February 15, 2017 meeting. This will be effective January 1, 2018. Face will be 1.5 percent and any delinquent or penalty will be collected at 2%.
Motion - Councilman Tichon, Second - Councilman Inglis, Vote is Unanimous.
2. Motion to accept bid for ADA doors from Automated Entrance System – CTIF Grant \$17,986.00.
Motion - Councilman Votedian, Second – Councilman Inglis, Vote – Unanimous
3. Motion to approve Ordinance 1568 changing vesting period from 10 years to 9 years per motion from December 2008. **Public Hearing** – A public hearing was held by Solicitor Evashavik . He explained that action was taken and recorded in minutes dated December 30, 2008 but was never formally acted upon. And under ordinance 1568 the pension vesting period was changed from 10 years to nine years for nonunion employees. Although they approved this action, the change was never formally completed because of administrative breakdown.

Comment on the motion - Donna Dreshman asked how did we come about finding the action was never taken. The Borough Manager and Code Enforcement had a discussion and it was discovered.
Motion – Councilman Tichon, Second - Councilman Inglis, Vote Unanimous

4. Motion to approve resolution and application for 1224 Ravine through the Allegheny County Property Recovery program.
Motion - Councilman Votedian, Second - Councilman Tichon, Vote – Unanimous

5. Motion to exonerate the Tax Collector for the year 2016 in the amount of \$291,206.05.
Motion- Councilman Brennan, Second - Councilman Tichon, Vote – Unanimous

6. Motion to approve handicapped space at 500 East 12th Ave, Munhall, PA 15120.
Motion- Councilman Votedian, Second - Councilman Stein, Vote – Unanimous

7. Motion to deny handicapped space at 2400 Perry St, Munhall, PA 15120
Motion- Councilman Tichon, Second - Councilman Brennan, Vote – Unanimous

Explanation from Chief Campbell – There is no parking on the resident's side of the street, she doesn't drive and there isn't a safe place to put the sign.

8. Motion to approve handicapped space at 121 E. 19th Ave, Munhall, PA 15120
Motion- Councilman Brennan, Second - Councilman Inglis, Vote – Unanimous

9. Motion to accept the February 15, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion- Councilman Votedian, Second - Councilman Tichon, Vote – Unanimous

10. Motion to pay bills for the period February 16, 2017 thru March 15, 2017, summarized as follows: (Just add totals)

Administration	\$ 29,386.59
Police:	\$ 48,172.38
Fire:	\$ 14,464.86
Health & Sanitation:	\$ 36,308.94
Public Works:	\$ 70,571.17
Recreation:	\$ 2,057.02
Miscellaneous:	<u>\$ 30,818.00*</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 231,778.96

*BrickStreet workers comp

Motion- Councilman Inglis, Second Councilman Brennan, Vote – Unanimous

11. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of February 9 through February 23, 2017 as follows:

2017: Feb 9	\$ 115,610.85
2017: Feb 23	<u>\$ 145,144.53*</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 248,561.60

*Includes yearly Harkovick payment

Motion- Councilman Stein, Second - Councilman Tichon, Vote – Unanimous

Other Matter(s):

Borough Manager Joe Varhola explained Silas Krupa is asking to do an Eagle Scout project within the Borough. He wants to place bicycle racks in Trautman and Woodhill parks. It was also suggested that maybe some could be added around the Library, the Waterfront and around West Field. All of Council agrees this

is a good project. Solicitor Evashavik advised he should submit a plan for his project prior to a vote for approval. Councilman Brennan advised he was successful in having all of the businesses within the Borough (including ALL of 8th Ave.) added to the Enterprise Zone.

IX. Adjournment - Motion - Councilman Tichon, Second - Councilman Brennan, Vote – Unanimous.

Robert Falce - Council President

