

Borough of Munhall
Workshop Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday,
March 8, 2017 6:30PM

- **Call to Order – President Falce**
- **Pledge of Allegiance – President Falce**
- **Roll Call: Councilman Brennan; Councilman Inglis; Councilman Votedian; Councilman Stein; Councilwoman Fleming-Salopek; Councilman Tichon; President Falce.**

Preliminary Announcement(s):

- **Chief Campbell - Discussed the St. Patrick's Day Parade.**

Guest(s):

- **Larry Stahl – Pizza Company Draft House – Answering concerns regarding the LCB posting on his new restaurant and plans for the business.**
- **Mark Perhacs – Health Insurance Consultant – Discussed his company and prior position with the Borough Police as a broker. He advised of way he saved the Borough money. Advised he filed reports for healthcare reform. Talked about different plans and carriers he may be able to bring with options. Council discussed the possibility of bringing him on during the 4th quarter.**

Council Item(s):

- **Connect – Municipal Contribution – Borough Manager Joe Varhola advised Council that he received the annual Connect contribution request (\$869.00). There was discussion as to whether our involvement with Connect is necessary. The decision was that it is not beneficial to the Borough at this time as allot of the services are available through the COG.**

- **Paving Schedule** – Borough Manager advised he and the Borough Engineer canvassed the Borough and created a list for paving and prioritizing that list. It was presented to Council for review. He also had conversations with PA American water about their projects. Joe advised he would like to add more to the list but that can be discussed later. He wanted to make sure Council saw the results of his work with Colin from Chester Engineers. He also advised the Borough will do most work on the alleys.
- **Willis Center** - Discussion to move to the next step but not make any moves until May when the School Districts feasibility study (what the school districts plan for the area) is complete. Councilman Brennan and Joe Varhola discussed plans for public hearings regarding this project.
- **Waterfront Compensation** – 3 Municipalities – TIF is coming to an end in 2018. They are looking for another plan once it ends. Munhall needs to decide on what our plans will be. Joe discussed with Council his email discussion with Lloyd Cunningham and made plans to attend an upcoming meeting. Council and Joe all agree there needs to be a new agreement. Councilman Tichon advised the Borough can take care of whatever it needs to just as we already do with the rest of the Borough. They also discussed the how the business district extension can play into this decision.
- **Mural Painting** – Mark Crewe – Joe Varhola advised Council that Mr. Crewe would like to paint a mural in the Borough and is asking permission to do so. Council advised Joe to talk with Mr. Crewe and ask him to present a plan for where he what location he wants to do the work and examples of his work. This will be decided later.
- **Dog Memorial** – Joe advised Council that there is a rescue group for Elkhound dogs who would like to build a memorial within the Borough. Council advised that they might want to check with the #1 Fire Hall as they are getting ready to build a new dog park.
- **Vacant Property Recovery Program** – 1224 Ravine – We have always approved this through the county in the past and Joe doesn't see any reason why we wouldn't approve again.

Additional Item(s):

- **Councilman Votedian** – Advised the furnace motor in the #5 Fire Hall is smoking and needs to be fixed or replaced soon. Told Joe Varhola to get bids for fixing or replacing. Councilman Brennan is looking in to the costs for Joe.
- **Councilman Stein** – Voiced his thoughts on the need for a facilities manager for West Field. President Falce feels there is a need for part time "Director" for the field. Joe discussed the current process for the field. Councilman Inglis voiced his concern about future cost of replacement of the field. Joe also advised of the softball field mound issue and the plan for fixing that issue.

Adjournment: Councilman Tichon, Second Councilman Inglis