

Borough of Munhall
Workshop Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday
May 8, 2019 6:30PM

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

Preliminary Announcement(s):

Mayor Brennan stated there had been a recreation committee meeting the prior evening and there were discussions about the summer program. He advised Council of a few items and Councilman Petruzzi advised they need to speak with himself or Councilman Ballas. Mayor Brennan advised his daughter would work the program if they can not find someone.

Speaker(s):

- **Maureen Fry – 124 W Virginia Ave - Willis Center Architect Report** – Mrs. Fry asked for an update on the Architect report and there was none available. She asked if the **Main Street Cameras** had been fixed and was advised the work is in progress. Mrs. Fry asked if the **council chambers microphones** will be fixed and was advised not at this time. She asked about the **Website status** and was advised there is a new website designer and Becki Wirth and the designer are working to update the site. Mrs. Fry asked if any **grants** had been applied for and if there were responses. She was advised that Wellington Strategies is working on grants for the Borough and there isn't an update. She asked how the **cleaning company** is doing and was advised the Borough is no longer using a cleaning company.

- **Donna Henderson – 3654 Wayne Rd – House on Wayne Rd.** Mrs. Henderson was not in attendance but a neighbor, Dale Price, came to speak on her behalf. He said he feels the empty house is a safety hazard. Councilman Votedian asked how long the home has been vacant and Mr. Price advised it had been for sheriff sale about 3 years prior. He said there has been a bulldozer in the yard for over a year and when the conversation is brought up to council, the new owner moves the dozer around in the yard. Dave Cannon explained with the new owner is on is 3rd contractor and is trying to finish the basement. Mr. Cannon advised he will be sure to follow the situation and advised he will give Mr. Price the new owners phone number.
- **Dan Lloyd – 400 8th Ave – Financial matters –** Mr. Lloyd stated he feels the “baggage” comments and information given at the candidates meeting held prior in the month were not correct. He held a discussion with Councilman Stein explaining why he feels the information given is incorrect. He talked about his time as President, passed out documents showing his position on the matter and pointed out financial information from Borough audits. He feels the turn around that happened, happened in 2013-2014. Mr. Lloyd is tired of being disparaged and feels he left the Borough in good shape.
- **Jennifer Boughner – 406 E 10th Ave – Rezoning of 9th and 10th –** Mrs. Boughner stated she is looking for information regarding rezoning on 9th and 10th. She discussed the hand delivered letter and Solicitor Evashavik advised because it is rezoning, it need not be mailed 1st class. She had concerns regarding the map and Mr. Evashavik stated if the map is incorrect, it will need to be corrected. Mrs. Boughner clarified the hearing time vs the regular meeting time and asked if they will be allowed to speak at the hearing. Solicitor Evashavik advised yes and no Right to Speak is necessary. Mr. Evashavik stated the different options on the vote taking place or not as Mrs. Boughner asked if a vote would take place at the hearing. President Falce and Manager Varhola both stated the process is in place so all sides and all concerns can be heard.

Guest(s): None

Council Item(s):

- New Garbage Truck – Manager Varhola advised a truck is needed and it will take close to a year to spec the truck out. He also advised there will be a purchase of (2) 2019 police vehicles for \$63,000. First Vehicle will be outfitting the vehicles and will save the borough \$5000 each.
- Rezoning 9th and 10th - Discussions took place earlier in meeting.
- St. Therese Food Bank – Councilman Stein wanted to bring the displacement of the food bank at the end of the month. He is asking Council to possibly find a location of approximately 20 x 20. They will need to storage and be able to pack bags. There were discussions about several possible options and Councilman Stein said he would check in to those suggestions.

Additional Item(s):

Councilman Stein – Clarified what he meant at the candidates meeting. He acknowledged there were items from the 2014,2015 and 2016's administration that were built upon and recognized Manager Varhola for his work over the past few years. Mr. Lloyd again explained his thoughts on the budget, surplus and tax revenue.

Mayor Brennan – Spoke to the planning commission about changing the Borough ordinance regarding animals. He asked about the process to update the ordinance. Solicitor Evashavik advised he has been directed to come up with an ordinance. He invited Mayor Brennan to discuss the ordinance with him. Mayor Brennan advised he has an ordinance, from South Park, that he feels has good information and parts of it may be usable for Munhall.

(Inaudible) Too many people talking at once.

Mayor Brennan asked when the borough audits are due, and he was advised September 2019.

A resident asked if there is an ordinance about how many animals a person can own. Dave Cannon advised you can not limit the animals unless there is a nuisance, smell or not cared for. Chief Pat Campbell asked for an explanation of her concerns and advised if there is an issue, they should call the police department.

Adjournment: