

Borough of Munhall
Regular Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 16, 2015
7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

- I. **Call to Order** – at 7 pm
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Dave Cannon
- III. **Preliminary Announcements**
 - Moment of Silence – Against Terrorism
 - Moment of Silence – For Ed Halko former Fire Marshal and as a fighter for over 60 yrs.
 - Rick Brennan – Misinformation of 100K balance and calculations were incorrect and will actually be 5K

IV. Roll Call – All Present

Councilman Ballas; Councilman Shields, Councilman Votedian; Councilman Brennan; Councilman Falce; Councilman Inglis; President Lloyd.

NOTICE TO ALL PUBLIC SPEAKERS ADDRESSING COUNCIL

NOTE THAT COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE
MINUTES AND MUST AVOID REFERENCES TO PERSONALITI
ES AND PERSONNEL RELATED ISSUES.

- V. **Public Comments on Agenda items only (#1-15). Others:**
 - 1. Ray Strobel – 4602 Homeridge - Council concurrence on Plot/Lot combination for 2301 Main Street. Gave his original to Borough Manager Bob Callen.
 - 2. Mike Aldrich, Borough Business.
- VI. **Move to approve the October 21, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes** - Motion – Councilman Shields, Second – Councilman Brennan – Vote - Unanimous

VII. Reports from Borough Officials:

Mayor:

- 27th Annual Light Up Night: December 4, 6:00pm
- Welcome to New Councilmembers
- Steel River Council of Government has been formed
- Asking for donations of flags for Veterans parks
- Possible Drone as well as personnel to cover security of the field.
- Requested Councilman Brennan to look into hot water for the Borough building

Solicitor:

- 19th Ave Playground property issues – deed issues
- 3Rivers Wet Weather consent decree –Existing order has expired. Deadline to sign new agreement by 12/15/2015. States he is working with Munhall Municipal Sewer Authority (actually responsible as the Borough transferred ownership of all sewer system responsibility over to them) and Chester Engineers. Advising to motion to complete and sign new agreement in case it is needed (in case MMSA does not do so in time).

Engineer:

- West Run Rd Dredging Project – Showed DEP pictures and they do not recommend dredging. If there is an environmental analysis and they find any vertebrae they will not approve. Lindsey asking for approval to find out cost of environmental analysis before trying to move forward.
- Preparing next rounds of demolitions
- Safe routes to School – Meeting next week with Bob Callen and Mr. Slegal

Manager:

- Proposed 2016 Budget – 4 Budget meetings since September
- Income/Revenue
 - 301.1 RE Taxes – 3.4 Million (net) including proposed 1.3 Mil increase (390K per Mil).
 - 3121.8 Verizon/Comcast Franchise Fee
 - 354.022 – Extra Duty Police
 - 355.05 – ACT 205 State Aid with Pensions
 - 364.3 Removal of incentive for early pay as recommended by 5 Year Projection Plan and Longfellow Co Op will be increased by 10K per year
 - 394.1 Tax Anticipation 1.1 Million

Public Works Supervisor: Report attached

- Christmas lights up
- Councilman Ingles asked about water and gas to the maintenance building

Police Chief: Report attached

- Drone demonstration this week by John Hudson (former FBI). Equipment estimate 3K – Can come out of asset forfeiture
- Asking Council to respond to Whitaker as soon as possible. Council President Lloyd asked his opinion. Chief advised we should at least go into discussions with them.
- Councilman Brennan asked questions about drone.
- Discussions about privacy/civil right laws regarding drones.
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Fire Chief: Report attached

- Alex Scripp had additional surgeries.
- #5 Fire hall - Going to be replaced per Biscey
- #4 Fire hall – Waiting for Fitting (Hruska coming)
- First Vehicle meeting – Not satisfied with work on ladder trucks.
- Did fire training at Park School and fire prevention at Eldercrest
- Safety check w/St. Therese.

Code Enforcement Officer: Report attached

- Information regarding Sherrif Sale Process– Clean and clear title first time through.
- Councilman Shields brought up that a business on Main St painted the bricks in front of his business. Solicitor to look into action that can be taken.

Sewer Authority: Sewage Rate Increase NOT Munhall Borough municipal government

- ALCOSAN is reason for rate increases. 11% per compounded. Sewage repairs, Bond payments and ALCOSAN increases have to be paid and the taxpayers have to absorb these costs.
- Explained \$16 Fee
- Discussion regarding incremental increases
- Discussion of next round of consent orders
- Councilman Brennan questioned comparisons to other local communities.
- Council President Lloyd explained that this is governmentally mandated work with no funding.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Mike Bevo – Item #6 - Asking if all 9 properties will be demolished. Council President explained that we are starting the process only.

Ray Kondos – Item #12 – Is this the same as what we were asking the residents for early payments for last year. Asking why we aren't giving the residents the 3% discount now. Council President Lloyd explained the interest rate at the bank and why it makes more sense to get the money from the bank this year instead of taking the 1% loss. Also had questions on calculations from previous meetings.

VIII. Items for Consideration:

Public Hearing on Ordinance 1574, an Ordinance defining and prohibiting nuisances in the borough including regulation of activities or dogs, cats and other animals.

Solicitor Evashavik held the hearing - Explained the ordinance – No questions/ No comments -Hearing concluded.

1. Move to adopt Ordinance # 1574, subject to the proper advertising for and repeal of Ordinance 1313 of 1988. Motion - Councilman Brennan, Second – Councilman Shields, Vote - Unanimous
2. Move to appoint Benefits Network to serve as the Munhall Borough employees' consultant for the annual amount of \$6,000. Motion - Councilman Ballas, Second – Councilman Falce – Comment – Council President - Non commission based and he ran the numbers , Vote - Unanimous
3. Motion to amend existing Agreement with turnkey Taxes, Inc., eliminating the heretofore reference of eCollect that was included in the original Agreement. Motion - Councilman – Brennan, Second – Councilman Inglis, Vote - Unanimous
4. Motion to Adopt and Ratify the Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations as adopted by the Munhall Borough Civil Service Commission on October 29, 2015. Motion - Councilman Falce, Second – Councilman Brennan, Question on Motion from Mayor – Were there changes? Council President said very minimal. Looks as though they are in compliance. Vote - Unanimous
5. Motion to appoint Spectrum Medical Services as the Borough's designated Random Drug and Alcohol testing service. Motion - Councilman Votedian, Second Councilman Inglis , Vote - Unanimous
6. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2015-08 known as a Slums & Blight Resolution required for the CDBG-Year 42 funding application for the abandoned and blighted structures positioned for Demolition. Motion - Councilman Inglis Second Councilman Votedian , Vote - Unanimous

7. Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2015-09 requesting \$50,000 in CDBG Year 42 funds through the SRCOG as allocated by the Allegheny County Department of Development. Motion - Councilman Falce, Second – Councilman Ballas, Question on the motion by Council President Lloyd. Asking Mayor Bodnar how the amount of CDBG money is determined. Vote - Unanimous
- 8 Motion to Approve the TIF Committee recommendation to redefine and extend the Tax Increment Finance District to include Amity Street from 10th Avenue to 11th Avenue in Homestead, and to include Doyle Avenue in West Homestead from Basic Avenue up to and including 540 Doyle Avenue. Motion - Councilman Shields Second – Councilman Falce – Question on motion by Councilman Ballas asking why Council is voting on Homestead location. Council President Lloyd states the Enterprise Zone recommended the TIF include some of the Borough treasures and some are located in Homestead. There were discussions on several locations. Vote - Unanimous
9. Motion to Approve the Reverse Subdivision Plan of Raymond & Teresa Strobel as approved by the Munhall Planning Commission, and, subject to review and approval by Borough Engineer. Motion - Councilman Ballas, Second – Councilman Votedian, Council President Lloyd asked Solicitor Evashavik to comment on the motion to explain the joining of these parcels being two are residential and one is business. Solicitor Evashavik explained how to change the zoning map. Vote - Unanimous
10. Motion to Request Proposals from Municipal Civil Engineering Firms to serve as Munhall Borough Engineer and for review and selection in January 2016. Motion - Councilman Shields, Second – No Second – Down by default
11. Motion to solicit Letters of Interest from interested and qualified Munhall Borough Residents for appointment or re-appointment on the following 2016 Borough Commissions to become effective February 1, 2016: Planning Commission & Zoning Hearing Board. Motion - Councilman Ballas, Second – Councilman Inglis, Vote - Unanimous

12. Motion to Authorize Manager to Request Proposals from Financial Institutions and to Apply for up to a \$1.1 Million Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) as recommended by the Early Intervention Program (EIP) interim study report. Motion - Councilman Falce, Second – Councilman Votedian, Question on the motion from Councilman Ballas asking what the % rate is. Borough Manager states between 1% and 3%, Vote - Unanimous

13. Motion to Appoint Dolores Coles as a Substitute Crossing School Crossing Guard immediately at the regular rate of pay, as recommended by the Police Chief. Motion - Councilman Inglis, Second – Councilman Ballas, Question from Councilman Shields regarding training for new crossing guards. Vote - Unanimous

14. Motion to pay bills for the period October 23, 2015 through November 18, 2015, summarized as follows: Motion - Councilman Inglis, Second – Councilman Brennan, Vote - Unanimous

Administration	\$ 22,325.79
Police:	\$ 10,224.88
Fire:	\$ 3,254.22
Health & Sanitation:	\$ 9,061.42
Public Works:	\$ 25,224.42
Recreation:	\$ 177.24
Miscellaneous:	<u>21673.29</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 73,141.26

15. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of November 5, 2015 through November 19, 2015 as follows: Motion - Councilman Shields, Second – Councilman Ballas, Vote - Unanimous

	Admin.	Police	Public Works	Sanitation
11/05/15	\$ 8,344	\$200,197	\$11,873	\$17,809
11/19/15	\$ 81,734	\$ 72,163	111,747	17,162
TOTAL:	\$ 17,078	\$289,906	\$23,620	\$35,430

16. Motion to approve the new Phase One consent order for DEP as required – Motion - Councilman Shields, Second – Councilman Votedian – Comment on motion from Council President Lloyd stating that this is strictly precautionary. “If it is not needed it is not needed” - Vote – Unanimous

Councilman Votedian –

- Discussed bonds for students for during Veterans day program. We did not present a bond this year. Mayor Bodnar asked that we send a check to the school for \$50.00.

Motion – Councilman Shields, Second – Councilman Falce, Vote – Unanimous

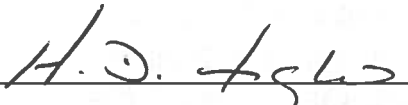
Michael Aldrich –

- Homestead Cemetery - A petition can be sent (via the residents) to the court to have Munhall Borough take care of the cemetery via court order.
- Discussions regarding cemetery records.

Comment by Council President Lloyd asking 2016 Council ask Solicitor to file claim on the cell tower. Also that Public Works director Biscey contact the trustee to see if we can have permission to go into the cemetery and plow during the winter

- Personal privacy/civil rights concerns discussed with Council and Chief Campbell.

XI. Adjournment – Motion- Councilman Shields, Second- Councilman Votedian, Vote – Unanimous



Council Vice President Harvey Inglis