

**Borough of Munhall**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 15, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.**

**Public hearing -To consider allowing eating and drinking establishments to be a permitted use in the general service area. – Solicitor Evashavik held a public hearing explaining the changes to take place for the motion below.**

Motion to amend Ordinance 1414 to allow eating and drinking establishments as a permitted use within the General Service area.

**Motion: Councilman Fallon; Second: Councilman Falce; Vote: Unanimous**

- I. **Call to Order – President Inglis**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance – Vice President Votedian**
- III. **Roll Call: Councilman Falce; Councilman Fallon; Councilman Ondo; Councilman Petruzzi - excused; Councilman Stein - via phone; Vice President Votedian; President Inglis**

**NOTICE TO ALL PUBLIC SPEAKERS ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

- **COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES**
- **MUST AVOID REFERENCES TO PERSONALITIES AND PERSONNEL RELATED ISSUES.**

IV. **Speaker(s) - None**

V. **Reports**

Mayor - Mayor Brennan mentioned the recent storms and the West Run Road creek and a slide. He asked what was run on the hillside behind the stands on West Field. Secretary Wirth advised Duquesne Light ran power up the hillside during the update of West Field. He mentioned the problems on Ravine Street as well as Homestead and West Homestead. He advised Council there needs to be a plan. He advised he would be speaking with the engineers of Homestead and West Homestead as well as Mr. Lampark for Munhall. He suggests the Borough speak to the residents and apply for federal help. He asked Mr. Younkins to be involved speaking with residents. He also invited Council to visit with the residents as well. He feels there is federal

monies available. Manager Varhola explained the process that needs to take place prior to applying for funds.

Mayor Brennan gave an update on the Hungarian Club, the Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat. The parade will take place on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 and Trick or Treat will be on 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Councilman Falce gave an update on Community Days. He advised they are scaling back the celebration because of Covid. He believes having a bouncy house is not conducive to the pandemic.

Mayor Brennan passed out the plans for the proposed Rallies on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He gave the floor to Mark Fickley who is the architect for Rallies, and he briefly discussed the franchise and their plan for the location.

**Solicitor** - Solicitor Evashavik noted that Motion 3 was reviewed, it is standard and needs to be in place. He confirmed that the Steel Valley Trail Council has provided all documentation and have taken possession of the storage trailer they have borrowed from the Borough. They will be returning it in the spring.

**Manager** – Manager Varhola advised he is moving along with the process of the RCAP grant. He discussed the site work grant and the bridge loan. The balance of all the accounts is \$1,877,722 and that we are ahead of 2020.

**Engineer** - Engineer Lampark completed the review of Propel School, and they are ready for final Council approval and permitting. He then discussed the projects for West Run Road and advised there is a combined maintenance agreement, from the 1970s, between Homestead, West Homestead and Munhall to maintain West Run Road and this agreement will go a long way when applying for a grant. He did advise that Munhall has no jurisdiction to go into the Ravine Street creek. He advised the only jurisdiction the Borough would have been where the creek comes into contact a borough asset or whatever the Borough owns. He stated the Borough needs at least a preliminary plan to approach the army corps of engineers and as for Ravine Street, the Borough can go to the edge of the creek and haul away debris, but they cannot allow equipment to be placed within the creek to do so. He discussed the last debridement. Manager Varhola advised 131

tires and 6 triaxles of debris and at the cost of \$12,000. Mr. Dave Younkins advised there isn't much debris in the Ravine section of the creek, but the problem is erosion of people's property at the creek edge. Engineer Lampark said the creek is owned by the State of Pennsylvania and the Borough. Manager Varhola advised West Homestead is taking the lead on the West Run Road project. Mr. Lampark advised he is working on the PDS permit for MS4 and he will be asking Manager Varhola to work with him on workshops regarding MS4. He will need more community action. Mrs. Maureen Fry asked what he is working on regarding Propel School. He explained and advised they are near final approval. Mrs. Fry asked how they could start without final approval. Code Enforcement Officer Dave Cannon advised this is normal practice. Engineer Lampark advised they just needed to provide some information. Mayor Brennan said they have installed steel at this point. Vice President Votedian mentioned it has been being discussed for two years.

#### **Public Works Supervisor – Report Submitted**

**Police Chief – Report Submitted –** Chief Campbell also briefly discussed the situation at the Hungarian Club and that they will be closed until they have a meeting with the LCB.

**Fire Chief – Report Submitted –** Chief Ed Pletsch discussed his report and recent grants that the VFD has been able to secure. He then explained his budget practice within the fire department. Vice President Votedian and Chief Pletsch discussed fire regulations for the new Rallys.

**Code Enforcement – Report Submitted –** Mayor Brennan asked Mr. Cannon about the process building with Propel. Engineer Lampark and Dave Cannon explained the third-party inspectors. Maureen Fry asked about the building process for the Batch Foundation. Dave explained they have been waiting for RCAP grant funds and paneling that has been back ordered. She then asked if he would open the alley behind the project and Dave advised no as it is still an active construction zone.

Councilman Ondo thanked Bob Bicsey for placing "watch children" signs on Roberta.

**VI. Public Comments on Items for Consideration**

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President Inglis asked Chief Campbell if he has enough crossing guards? Chief Campbell advised they could always use more, and they are waiting to hire one now. President Inglis advised Homestead pays \$15.00 an hour and Swissvale pays their guards \$15.40 per hour. He asked the Chief if he felt they would have more applicants if they paid better. Chief Campbell said there are some that come and go and others who have been with the Borough for a while. He also mentioned if one of the guards calls off a shift, and police officer will cover for them and that certainly is more costly to the Borough.

**VII. Items for consideration:**

1. Motion to approve the hiring of Richard P. Belajac to be a part time Crossing Guard with the salary of \$12.00 per hour pending a background and child abuse check.  
**Motion: Councilman Ondo; Second: Councilman Falce; Vote: Unanimous**
2. Motion to authorize Borough Engineer to prepare 2022 paving project.  
**Motion: Councilman Falce; Second: Vice President Votedian; Vote: Unanimous**
3. Motion to approve the mutual aid agreement between Munhall Borough and surrounding communities.  
**Motion: Councilman Fallon; Second: Vice President Votedian; Vote: Unanimous**
4. Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to enter a contract for the new building furniture at \$28,371.40 per year over 5 years.  
**Motion: Councilman Falce; Second: Vice President Votedian; Vote: Unanimous**

5. Motion to approve Resolution 2021-9 the acquisition and subsequent disposition of parcel known as 179-K-089 under the Vacant Property Recovery Program for 907 Hilltop Street, Munhall, PA 15120.

**Motion: Vice President Votedian; Second: Councilman Falce; Vote: Unanimous**

There was a brief description on where the property is located.

6. Motion to approve minutes from August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Motion: Councilman Ondo; Second: Councilman Fallon; Vote: Unanimous**

7. Motion to pay bills for the period August 11, 2021, through September 8, 2021, summarized as follows:

Administration	\$ 29,717.25
Police:	\$ 104,585.38
Fire:	\$ 18,932.40
Health & Sanitation:	\$ 39,571.04
Public Works:	\$ 59,067.92
Recreation:	\$ 4,770.92 **
Debit Services:	\$ 27,509.48
Miscellaneous:	<u>\$ 24,189.49</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 308,343.88</b>

**Motion: Councilman Falce; Second: Vice President Votedian; Vote: Unanimous**

**\*\* Includes utilities for all parks and the \$2000 paid to Carnegie Library for 2021 Community Day**

8. Motion to approve Payroll for the period of August 19<sup>th</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

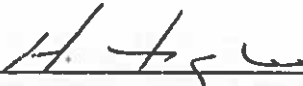
2021: Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 122,466.44
2021: Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>\$ 125,728.39</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 248,194.83</b>

**Motion: Councilman Fallon; Second: Councilman Falce; Vote: Unanimous**

**VIII. Additional Items:**

Councilman Fallon advised Council of the Steel Valley Veterans Day program meeting will be September 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm. He advised there is no decision on what level of program will take place this year because of Covid. He also advised Steel Valley will have Funder Under the Bridge which will benefit SVSD.

**IX. Adjournment: Motion: Vice President Votedian; Second: Councilman Ondo; Vote: Unanimous**

  
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**Harvey Inglis – President of Council**