

THE MUNICIPALITY OF MURRYSVILLE

Regular Voting Meeting – Wednesday, April 17, 2019

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Council of the Municipality of Murrysville held a Regular Voting Meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Present at the meeting were Council members Toni Brockway, Dayne Dice, Loren Kase, Jamie Lee Korn, Tony Spadaro, and Carl Stepanovich. Also present were Mayor Synan, Chief Administrator, James Morrison, Solicitor, George Kotjarapoglus, Director of Finance, Diane Heming, and Director of Recreation, Carly Greene. Council President Josh Lorenz was absent.

**"STUDENT RECOGNITION NIGHT"**

Mayor Synan recognized the following students for their outstanding accomplishments and presented each with a meritorious citation. Congratulations and good luck to all.

**Tina Henniger and Courtney Sheridan – FRobotics Team:** Tina and Courtney placed in the finals at the Pittsburgh Regional Competition and advanced to the first World Championships in Detroit which will be held April 24-27.

**Jack Culley – Franklin Regional Band:** Jack was selected to perform with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra as part of their student side-by-side program.

**Bhav Jain – Valedictorian:** Bhav was chosen Valedictorian for the Franklin Regional School District for the 2018-2019 school year.

**Meghna Iyengar – Salutatorian:** Meghna was selected Salutatorian for the Franklin Regional School District for the 2018-2019 school year.

**Nick Leopold – All Conference in both Football and Basketball:** Nick was named All-Conference Athlete in both football and basketball.

**Carter Dibert, Sophomore – State Wrestling Champion:** Carter captured the PIAA State Wrestling Championship in the 106 lb. weight class on March 9<sup>th</sup> in Hershey, PA.

**REGULAR VOTING MEETING  
AGENDA**

**ROLL CALL/VOTING ORDER:** Josh Lorenz - absent, Dayne Dice, Loren Kase, Carl Stepanovich, Toni Brockway, Tony Spadaro, Jamie Lee Korn, and Mayor Synan.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Kase led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**UNISTED AMENDMENTS:** Mr. Morrison stated that one bill needs added to the accounts payable, which is check #3919 Baierl Chevrolet. This is for a 2019 Chevrolet Silverado to replace car #7 in the Public Works feet for \$32, 919.00.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

- A. Accounts Payable
- B. Cash Investments and Transfers
- C. April 3, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Spadaro moved to approve the consent calendar items with the addition of Check #3919 Baierl Chevrolet to Accounts Payable. Mr. Stepanovich seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** Mayor Synan stated that "A New Look of Addiction" event will be held April 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Franklin Regional High School Auditorium. Topics includes what vaping devices and drugs look like and how they can be concealed, health issues associated with vaping, drug use and how to get help for your child. The event is sponsored by a joint effort of the Franklin Regional School District, Westmoreland Drug and Alcohol Commission, Saint Vincent College, and the Murrysville Police Department. This would be a good event for parents to attend.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual State of the Municipality, Murrysville Business District Discussion, will be held on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. at the Murrysville Community Center. Guest speakers include himself, PA State Representative, Robert Brooks, US Representative, Guy Reschenthaler, Westmoreland County Commissioner, Charles Anderson, and Chad Amond, President and CEO of the Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce. There is a \$10 fee. RSVP to westmorelandchamber.com or call 412-480-7023.

Coming up is the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Blessing of the Bikes Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine, at the Murrysville Alliance Church. All bikers and residents are welcome to the morning service at 11:00 a.m. and the blessing at 12:30 p.m. following the service.

The Murrysville Economic and Community Development Corporation wants local residents to have access to their local goods and services at their fingertips. April 23, MECDC will officially roll out its Meet Murrysville app. Users will have categorized listings of businesses with contact information and map directions.

Murrysville Parks and Recreation will hold their award ceremony for the 2018 Photo Contest on Tuesday, April 30, at the Murrysville Community Center. Come check out the photos at 6:00 p.m. followed by the awards at 7:00 p.m.

Franklin Regional officials invite all Delmont, Export and Murrysville residents ages 65 and over to the Annual Spring Senior Citizen Breakfast May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m. A complimentary sit down breakfast will be served. Entertainment will be provided by district music students. The breakfast will be held in the High School cafeteria, 3210 School Road, Murrysville. There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required by calling 724-327-5456 ext. 7646 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays. Reservation deadline is April 19.

The new recycling rules are out. No plastic bags or glass is to be place in recycling containers.

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Mayor Synan wanted to remind everyone that Sardis Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry is this Friday from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:** Mr. Morrison stated that the work at Community Park is well underway. The older age group equipment is almost complete. Plumbing at the water park began today. A June 1<sup>st</sup> opening day is still anticipated.

The Municipality received a dividend from the MRM Property and Liability Trust in the amount of \$2,477.00.

Corey Bohinc has been promoted to truck driver in the Public Works Department, replacing retiring Pat Kiebler. Anthony Talamo, a Murrysville resident, has been hired as a new police officer replacing Lee Wilhelm who will be retiring this fall. He will be sworn in on May 10.

June 19<sup>th</sup> will be the public hearing for the Titan Well Pad.

**COMMUNITY INPUT:** None

**LIAISON COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Spadaro: The Planning Commission met last night. Most of the conditions for the Titan Well Pad were approved. They may need a waiver for a gas well. Water will be trucked in instead of piped in. This will come before Council on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Also discussed was the Markosky traffic feasibility study. No one agreed on any of the options. The only thing agreed upon was that both bridges, Franklinton and Heather Highlands, should be replaced with new bridges. This will also be passed onto Council. The Fusting Executive Park at the intersection of Route 22/Manor Road/Wilson Road, SP-4-19, is a major land development. This was passed by the Planning Commission to move on to Council. Phase 1 will be started at the end of this year. The development includes construction of a Dedicated Nursing Associates corporate office, a restaurant, sports medicine building and retail strip, construction of 19 townhomes with adjoining greenspace, and an additional DNA office building. The plan will start off with at least 500 employees.

Mr. Stepanovich: April 9<sup>th</sup> there was a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee. A citizen was interested in a volley ball court, which will be looked into. Bill Paiano gave a briefing of the parks. All infields have been prepared, clay treatment, where applicable, has been applied, all grading is done, plumbing for the splash pad has been started and the scout project is coming along well. Carly Greene gave an update of the recreation report. As of April 9<sup>th</sup>, there was approximately \$85,000 as a result of the March for Parks, with record attendance. There were 300 kids pre-registered for the Egg Hunt, which got cancelled because of the bad weather. April 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a tree planting at Murrysville Community Park. Volunteers are welcome. Every member of the Parks and Recreation Committee was in attendance.

Mrs. Lee Korn: There is no new update from the Pension Committee. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Lee Korn noted that she will be in Boston and not able to attend that meeting. Any council member is welcome to stand in for her.

Mr. Dice: FTMSA met on Monday. The first payment in the Pucketa Creek agreement was made to Washington Township Municipal Authority. In regards to the ongoing expenditures, there was an expenditure of \$2 million for sludge de-watering at the plant and \$121,000 for the plant roof. Citizen comments were overall positive for the first time in a while. There is an upcoming meeting with the DEP in regards to the Consent Agreement, which involves all nine municipalities. FTMSA is wrapping up the study in regards to the abandonment of the Belair Pump Station. FTMSA is in the process of getting easements from the property owners to install the line, which will replace the pump station. Currently, FTMSA has inspected 2,500 out of an estimated 5,300 manholes and plans to be completed in a few months. The bid has gone out for repairs to the Heather Highlands and Turtle Creek interceptors.

Ms. Brockway: The Library Board meets tomorrow.

Mr. Kase: Murrysville Medic One meets tomorrow.

## WORKSHOP ITEMS

### ADMINISTRATION:

#### 9.A. Discussion concerning the financial status of the Community Center

Ms. Heming noted that it has been about four years since money was put into the Community Center. The Community Center originally housed the Library until 1995 when they relocated upstairs in the new Municipal Building. At that time, the Murrysville Women's Club donated that building to the Municipality with the intent that it would remain some type of civic community center. It never was expected to generate a profit. The main people using the center were the seniors, but there were a few renters who generated enough to help cover the costs of utilities or supplies. Around 2013-2014, the building needed a good bit of work done if the center was going to continue to be used. The interior and the exterior were renovated, new landscaping was installed and the parking lot was paved. About \$200,000 was put into the renovations. With the new roof proposed for this year and new carpeting, which will be talked about later, a total of about \$281,000 will have been put into the center. With the help of renovations, advertising on the website and through brochures, and word of mouth, the center is used all the time and is actually showing a profit since 2015. If the Municipality can clear a profit close to \$11,000 or \$12,000 a year over the next 20 years, that will cover what has been put into the center. Mr. Morrison stated that it is a fairly good return on the investment. Larger groups have been able to use the Community Center. There really aren't many other places in Murrysville to rent to have a baby show, wedding reception, or birthday party.

#### 9.B. Discussion concerning the bylaws and the appointment of board members to the Murrysville Parks and Recreation Foundation

Mr. Morrison stated that the Municipality has received its incorporation with the State. Now the Board needs to meet in order to authorize the filing of the 501(c)3 so that donation can be accepted. Bylaws and the Memorandum of Understanding have been presented as a draft to Council. Some feedback was received and has been incorporated and some suggestions will be incorporated.

Mr. Stepanovich asked about the quorum of four. The Board consists of seven people and if only four show up, then three would carry a motion. If there were seven people present, then three votes wouldn't carry a motion. Mr. Stepanovich felt there should be four votes in the affirmative of a motion. Mr. Morrison noted that there is an opportunity for Board members to call in and participate in the meetings. The thought was that since the Board doesn't meet regularly and it's difficult to maintain seven members, they don't want the business of the Board not to move forward due to a lack of votes taken.

Mr. Kase stated that he feels if you are on the Board, then you have to participate. We don't want to account for potential short comings of members not wanting to attend knowing that the quorum can consist of three.

Mrs. Lee Korn's asked how many Council members were going to be on the Board, or what was going to be considered for the makeup of the Board. Mr. Morrison noted that the Board would consist of seven members. There would be the Finance Director as Treasurer, The Recreation Director as Secretary, Mayor, a member of Council, a representative from the Parks and Recreation Board, and two residents at large. Mrs. Lee Korn's suggested that if a decision regarding "X" amount of money (a certain ceiling amount), that there be assured of at least four members. Mr. Morrison stated that a statement could be added that any action that would require an expenditure of funds be by a vote of four. Mrs. Lee Korn's asked if a stand in for a Council member could be used. The Mayor suggested that the wording could be to use a "designated" Council member. That way the seat could be filled by a designee.

Mr. Morrison stated that in order to get the 501(c)3 moving, there has to be designation of the Board. If Council is satisfied with the makeup of seven or five Board members, then at the next meeting the Council appointment can be designated and then request the Recreation Board to identify a member, and advertise in the Penn-Franklin News and hopefully get some response from the citizens. If we don't get the citizens response by the next meeting, there are still five members that can be appointed and the Board can begin to function. Mr. Morrison stated that he will advertise for the two at large members.

**ENGINEERING:** None

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS:** None

### **COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

**13.A. Consider approval to terminate the current contract with Nationwide Cleaning Services effective May 31, 2019**

Ms. Brockway made a motion to consider approval to terminate the current contract with Nationwide Cleaning Services, Inc. effective May 31, 2019. Mr. Dice seconded.

Ms. Heming stated that the custodial service has not provided satisfactory work. Issues have been

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addressed with the owner which really didn't help. The current contract allows for a 30-day cancellation notice by either party without incurring fees.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Dice – yes, Mr. Kase – yes, Mr. Stepanovich – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, Mr. Spadaro – yes, and Mrs. Lee Korn - yes. Motion approved.

**13.B. Consider awarding a month-to-month contract with Vanguard Cleaning System effective June 1, 2019**

Mrs. Lee Korn made a motion to consider awarding a month-to-month contract with Vanguard Cleaning System for custodial services for the Municipal Complex, Public Works, the Community Center including the rental office and the Senior Center, the Robert's property and all park bathrooms effective June 1, 2019. Ms. Brockway seconded.

Ms. Heming stated that she had no other comments and hopes that Vanguard does a good job.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Dice – yes, Mr. Kase – yes, Mr. Stepanovich – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, Mr. Spadaro – yes, and Mrs. Lee Korn - yes. Motion approved.

Mr. Kase thanked Ms. Heming for keeping on this issue and for expecting certain expectations. That's very much appreciated.

**13.C. Consider exoneration and exemption of real estate taxes for two parcels located in Heritage Estate parcels that were accepted by the Municipality as detention ponds. Parcel No. 49-03-14-0-066 and 49-03-14-0-067**

Mr. Stepanovich made a motion for exoneration and exemption of municipal real estate taxes on the following parcels of land located in the Heritage Estates: Map No. 49-03-14-0-066, Detention pond in the Heritage Estate plan of lots, Municipal real estate taxes for 2018 and all future years. Map No. 49-03-14-0-067, Detention pond located in Heritage Estates plan of lots, Municipal real estate taxes for 2018 and all future years. Mr. Spadaro seconded.

Ms. Heming stated that this is just some housekeeping. When the Municipality takes over a detention pond or any type of open space, two things need to be done to get the taxes exonerated. Council needs to approve and the School District will be asked to do the same thing. A packet will be sent to the County and asked to exempt the parcels from all future taxes.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Dice – yes, Mr. Kase – yes, Mr. Stepanovich – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, Mr. Spadaro – yes, and Mrs. Lee Korn - yes. Motion approved.

**13.D. Consider approval of a contract with Shaw Integrated Solutions to provide and replace the carpeting in the main area of the Community Center at a cost of \$18,509.09**

Ms. Brockway made a motion to consider approval of a contract with Shaw Integrated Solutions to provide and replace the carpeting in the main area of the Community Center at a cost of \$18,509.09. Mr. Spadaro seconded.

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Ms. Heming and Ms. Greene presented a sample of the carpet that was chosen for the Community Center. The carpet will be squares so that sections can be easily removed and replaced if needed. The carpet will be dark enough to not show the dirt and stains and the coloring goes very nice with the walls. The cost includes removal of the existing carpet, prepping the floor, and installing the new carpet. Shaw will also leave extra squares (two boxes) in case any of the squares do need replaced.

Mr. Stepanovich questioned why the company excluded vacuuming the carpet at the completion of the job. Ms. Heming stated that the new carpeting isn't vacuumed because of the glue. The company had indicated that the carpet should not be vacuumed for 24 to 48 hours so that the glue has time to set.

Mrs. Lee Kornis asked if the carpet had a warranty. Ms. Heming noted that the carpet has a 10-year warranty.

Mr. Kase asked if the Municipality has even kept a security deposit or not return one from the Community Center rentals for damages to the carpeting or other issues. Ms. Heming answered yes. Deposits used to be returned when a renter would return the key, but now we hold the deposit until the room or video has been viewed to assure no damages have occurred.

Ms. Greene added that she would encourage anyone that uses the Community Center to treat it as your own home. Try to prevent spills on the carpet, even though the new carpet should hold up a little better, and let's take care of it.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Dice – yes, Mr. Kase – yes, Mr. Stepanovich – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, Mr. Spadaro – yes, and Mrs. Lee Kornis - yes. Motion approved.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** None

**ENGINEERING:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Morrison asked Council what they would like to do about the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. July is a five Wednesday month. After a brief discussion, Council decided to change the meeting dates for July to July 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Morrison will advertise the change.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Kase stated that the Heritage Trail has been moving forward and people are anxious to start using the new part of the trail. Mr. Morrison stated the anticipated date of the opening is in August to coincide with Export Community Days. Mr. Morrison stated that he has a meeting scheduled with PennDOT the last week in April to get the Park & Ride underway across from Myers. Mayor Synan stated that there has also been discussion with folks in White Valley about the possibility of putting a lot out that way at the trail head.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ACTION ITEMS:** Mr. Morrison stated that he would advertise for two board positions on the newly created

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Murrysville Parks and Recreation Foundation for the 501(c)3. The change of dates for the Council meetings in July will also be advertised.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Stepanovich moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Lee Kornis seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

*The Regular Voting Meeting was broadcast on local government Channel 19. A true copy of the Council meeting DVD is available for the public to purchase from the Municipality of Murrysville and is in the Murrysville Public Library for review.*