

Council of the Municipality of Murrysville held a Regular Voting Meeting on Wednesday, August 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Present at the meeting were Council members Tony Spadaro, Toni Brockway, Josh Lorenz, Carl Stepanovich, Jamie Lee Korn, Loren Kase, and Dayne Dice. Also present were Mayor Synan, Chief Administrator James Morrison, Finance Director Diane Heming, Community Planner Hayley Welsh, Engineering Director Scott Hilty, Director of Recreation Carly Greene, and Public Works and Parks Director Bob Bell. Solicitor George Kotjarapoglus was absent.

Mayor Synan
The Municipality of Murrysville recognizes Susan Miller

Mayor Synan presented Susan Miller with a plaque recognizing her nine years of dedicated volunteer service. Susan has lead walks at Westmoreland Conservancy Reserve, Pleasant Valley, Townsend and Duff Parks, offered tours, became a member of MCP, monitored purple martins and blue birds and offered monthly presentations at the Murrysville Visitor Center. Her devotion to teach others about the beauty of Murrysville only helps to make Murrysville parks and community better. Susan Miller spoke on how she was introduced to Duff Park a few years ago through training for cross-country ski racing. She was shown the wild flowers in Duff Park and from there joined the Westmoreland Bird & Nature Club. She was asked to lead a nature walk at Pleasant Valley Park and Townsend Park. She had a dream of leading wetland tours and that dream has come true. She took training for 3 years and went on to make a website and YouTube channel. The Mayor, Council, staff and residents of Murrysville appreciate and want to thank you.

Mr. Lorenz added that there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer in the municipality. Anyone interested in getting involved should visit the website and consider volunteering.

PUBLIC HEARING
Public Hearing on 2019-2023 Capital Improvements Program

Finance Director, Diane Heming presented a summary of what is included in the Capital Improvements Program for 2019-2023. The bulk of money will come from real estate taxes. The CIP includes any major projects or purchases over that five-year period. This CIP will become the basis for the 2019 budget that is presented to Council in November. No new taxes are required in the new year and no new borrowing. We are using some monies from the fund balances in the Capital Reserve. The CIP is divided into categories of Road Projects, Facility Maintenance, Fire Equipment Purchases, Public Works, Police Equipment, Park Improvements. There is also a breakdown of what will be proposed in the 2019 budget. Council had no questions. Mr. Lorenz wanted to highlight that it was mentioned there would be no new taxes and no new borrowing proposed in the 2019-2023 CIP. This will be brought back to Council in September.

Walter Cebulak, 4000 Fredricksburg Court, Export, had a question regarding any road requirements relating to the proposed school expansion falling into the CIP. That there may be some deficiencies that may need addressed by the Municipality for infrastructure relating to that project. He didn't hear anything mentioned in the CIP related to that.

Mr. Morrison explained that if any improvements are agreed to through the School District and the Municipality, as part of the conditional use process, the burden would be placed on the developer just like with any development within the Municipality.

Mr. Lorenz closed the Public Hearing at 7:27 pm.

REGULAR VOTING MEETING AGENDA

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

UNLISTED AMENDMENTS: 15B. Engineering: Consider Authorization to Advertise DPW-7-18 Crack Ceiling Project.

Mrs. Lee Kornis moved to approve the Agenda, as amended. Mr. Stepanovich seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

A. Minutes of July 11, 2018 Council Meeting

Mrs. Lee Kornis moved to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2018. Mr. Kase seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Synan stated that the 2nd annual Concert in the Park is going to be this Saturday from 4:00 pm till dusk followed by fireworks, four different groups playing during the event, beer, and different food trucks will be there. Mayor Synan would like to thank the sponsors who helped make this event possible. All are welcome. Murrysville Area Soccer Association is having their Beat the Heat 5K walk/run August 18th, 8:00 am starting at the Miracle Field Sports Complex on Weistertown Road. It's the only fund raiser that the boosters have and will include amazing raffle baskets donated by local businesses.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS: Mr. Morrison welcomed Corey Fearon, our newest police officer who was sworn in on Monday and currently going through training. Equipment for Community Park has been ordered. The installation will be postponed until spring. A nice note was received from the Murrysville Historical Preservation Society thanking us for entering into agreement with them for stewardship of the Staymates Cabin. Welcome Verdale Price who will be taking the minutes and transcribing them which will help free up some time in the office for Public Works.

Mr. Lorenz asked what would be replacing the wagon which was eliminated from the park project. Mr. Morrison stated that a climbing dome and zipline will be added. The zipline is designed to accommodate children five and over.

COMMUNITY INPUT: None.

LIAISON COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Spadaro: A feasibility study for improvements on Sardis Road, Logans Ferry, Vincent Hall and Old 22 was presented at the Planning Commission meeting last night. There were 5 alternatives discussed. One suggestion would have to take some property from Vincent Hall, Old 22 and Sardis to widen it to New 22. There were suggestions about taking out bridges and putting new bridges in and widening Sardis Road. That was the Initial meeting and will meet in late December to discuss more facts and costs.

Mr. Stepanovich: The EAC, Environmental Action Committee meeting was cancelled this past month.

Mr. Kase: Medic One discussed the passing of the volunteer emergency services academic program. Everyone was in support of it. The new Medic One facility is well underway and anxious to move forward and get into the new building.

Mr. Lorenz: None.

Mr. Dice: The FTMSA met in July and awarded bids. A bid was awarded to TMR Roofing to replace the actual roof at the plant for \$122,000. Bids were awarded for HVAC, general mechanical and electrical. General mechanical was awarded to Ferri Inc. for \$921,000, HVAC was awarded to Mark Inc. for \$400,000 and electrical was awarded to Bonder Inc. for \$131,000. They also voted to seek a bond for \$10 million for the needed infrastructure improvements. Several residents showed up to voice their concerns about the Sloan School project. FTMSA engineer is to re-examine the project and look into the sewer module for the under estimated tap and EDMU and how it will affect the project as a whole. Kevin Kaplan, Director at FTMSA and the engineer from Mott MacDonald will be here at the next meeting to discuss. A motion had passed to put any approvals into the pending status. FTMSA has had a problem with port-a-john companies dumping into manholes and sewers throughout Murrysville. If anyone sees a port-a-john company doing that, please call FTMSA. Any dumping should be done at the plant itself.

Ms. Brockway: The Library met on July 19th. There was a lot of discussion around internal agenda items such as strategic plan, audit, etc. The Adult Wednesday Night Café program that ended was a big success. There will be an open mic night and ice cream social to celebrate on Wednesday, August 15th from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Library. They will also be announcing the winners of the raffle baskets. The children's summer reading program was also an outstanding program with nearly 1,000 children participating. The celebratory party was today. Saturday, August 18th, the Library will be hosting a 20th anniversary Harry Potter celebration. September 25, there will be a joint annual meeting of the Murrysville Community Library and Murrysville Community Library Foundation Board to thank donors and recognize others. The Foundation Board is running a technology fundraiser campaign to update technology throughout the

Library. Community support is greatly appreciated. The next Murrysville Community Library Board meeting will be next Thursday, August 16.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

ADMINISTRATION

9A. Discussion of the 2019 – 2023 Capital Improvement Program – None.

9B. Update on the 2018 Goals.

Mr. Morrison gave an update report on the status of projects that the staff has undertaken through the first six months along with the goals that were set by each department and the status of those goals. This is done as part of the planning process for the year.

Mr. Stepanovich asked if there was any direct correlation between the goals and the annual meriting. Mr. Morrison answered that there is a direct correlation. This goal setting process is used during the staff evaluations which occur in September as part of the planning for the following year's budget.

ENGINEERING

10A. Discussion concerning authorization to advertise DPW-2-18 Lyons Run Road Slide Repair Project.

Mr. Hilty spoke of the washed-out slide area of Lyons Run Road which is closed. The road had been closed due to the culvert replacement and work that was being done on Trafford Road. Since then it has remained closed. Estimated cost is \$102,000 to repair and reconstruct that area. We will use a portion of MS4 funds, Sardis Road Phase II funds, and a portion of the Twin Oaks Land Improvement funds which have been re-allocated to this project for this year. The reason for asking for authorization tonight is that we were waiting to secure all permits for working that close to the stream and now all permits have been secured and we're ready to move forward to see what the bids come in at.

Mr. Kase questioned if the culvert work being done on the road could have possibly been the cause by the staging of vehicles for that project. Mr. Hilty answered that it doesn't appear that way because stream has a natural bend right there and washed out the slope during the heavy rains. The staging of the vehicles was on the other side of the stream and up from the where this occurred.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

11A. Discussion concerning S-5-18, Nobs Estates Revised (Ponko) Minor Subdivision, 6123 Farm Road, 2 Lots, R-R- Zoning.

Ms. Welsh spoke regarding Mr. Mark Ponko proposing to have a 2-lot subdivision on his property at 6123 Farm Road. The staff reviewed the plan and approved it for recommendation. The DEP, who was the only external party involved, also reviewed his application and plan and approved it. The Planning Commission,

at their meeting on July 17th, approved recommendation to Council for the plan, on the condition that Mr. Ponko is to provide a fee in lieu of \$1,200 payable to Murrysville Community Park.

PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS: None.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

ADMINISTRATION:

13A. Consider approval for the Murrysville Police Department to advertise for the acceptance of applications to establish a police eligibility list.

Mr. Spadaro made a motion to approve. Mr. Dice seconded.

Mr. Morrison noted that the Municipality is required to have an active eligibility list of police candidates which is good for one year. The current list expired August 1st so this will give us the go ahead for testing for the new eligibility list.

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

13B. Consider exonerating real estate taxes due on six (6) parcels of land deeded to the Municipality to be used as open space or detention ponds: 49-15-06-0-180, 49-03-11-0-001, 49-10-12-0-083, 49-03-14-0-064, 49-03-10-0-110 and 49-03-10-0-101.

Mrs. Lee Kornis moved to approve. Ms. Brockway seconded.

Ms. Heming stated that she has already sent a letter to the school district asking them to exonerate their portion of the taxes and once we do the same with ours, It will then go to the county and they will do their exoneration. All are detention ponds except for one is open space.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro - yes, Ms. Brockway - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mrs. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, and Mr. Dice - yes. Mr. Lorenz – abstained because four of the six parcels are in the development where he lives. Motion approved.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

14A. Consider approval of S-5-18, Nobs Estate Revised (Ponko) Minor Subdivision, 6123 Farm Road, 2 Lots, R-R- Zoning.

Mrs. Lee Kornis moved to approve. Mr. Kase seconded.

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

ENGINEERING:

15A. Consider authorization to advertise DPW-2-18, Lyons Run Road Slide Repair Project.

Ms. Brockway moved to approve. Mr. Spadaro seconded.

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

15B. Consider Authorization to Advertise DPW-7-18 Crack Ceiling Project.

Mr. Kase moved to approve. Mr. Stepanovich seconded.

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS:

16A. Consider awarding bids for the sale of used municipal vehicles.

Mr. Spadaro moved to approve. Mr. Dice seconded.

Mr. Bell stated that they received bids for two old police cars going out for surplus sale; a Chevy Impala and a Ford Interceptor. The Impala is going to New Jersey and the Interceptor is going to Wall, PA. All of the decals, lights and sirens have been removed. Mr. Lorenz asked if we have a reserve. Mr. Bell answered that we do have a reserve and a 5-star bid rating.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Morrison wanted to remind Council that the August 22nd Council Meeting will be a Public Hearing for the School District. The format will be to open the Public Hearing, give the School District the opportunity with their staff to present an overview of their plan, to have FTMSA address any concerns that Council may have, and possibly have the Transportation Engineer and Municipal Engineer who will review the traffic study. We will then open it up for public comment.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ACTION ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Kase moved to adjourn. Mr. Spadaro seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved. The Council meeting concluded at 8:04 pm.

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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.