

THE MUNICIPALITY OF MURRYSVILLE  
Regular Voting Meeting – Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Council of the Municipality of Murrysville held a Regular Voting Meeting on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Present at the meeting were Council members Tony Spadaro, Loren Kase, Dayne Dice, Carl Stepanovich, Jamie Lee Korn, Toni Brockway, and Josh Lorenz. Also present were Mayor Synan, Chief Administrator James Morrison, Finance Director Diane Heming, Community Planner Hayley Welsh, Municipal Engineer Scott Hilty, Planning Consultant Allen Cohen, and Solicitor George Kotjarapoglus.

**REGULAR VOTING MEETING  
AGENDA**

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

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

**UNLISTED AMENDMENTS:** None

Mrs. Lee Korn made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Stepanovich seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

- A. August 8, 2018 and August 22, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Spadaro moved to approve the Minutes of August 8, and August 22, 2018. Mr. Kase seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** Mayor Synan stated that the Vietnam Wall that is 80% replica of the Vietnam Wall which is 360 feet long and includes every name found on the permanent wall in Washington, DC will be at the Murrysville Community Park from October 10-14. Put this on your calendar – it's going to be a special event for the community.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:** Mr. Morrison had some staff comments. October 3<sup>rd</sup> will be Allen Cohen's last day as Planning Consultant, Penny Fox has resigned her position, we're looking to fill the receptionist position out front, and we received one application for the vacant library position. Would Council like to schedule an interview before next meeting? Mr. Lorenz answered yes. Mr. Morrison stated that there had been some garbage collection issues lately but thinks we have them straightened out. They were mainly due to vacation time and being short of drivers. Contract requires them to pick-up within 24 hours of the designated day of collection. If that doesn't happen, call the office. We keep track of that.

**COMMUNITY INPUT:** Mr. Lorenz explained that this is where the audience has the opportunity to talk about anything and everything as long as it is three minutes or less.

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**Ross Eaton**, 4002 Murry Highland Circle, Murrysville: Mr. Eaton stated that he is here today to discuss the Sloan Elementary Campus Plan. At the last meeting you heard from some people who expressed concern about the plan, but he wanted to assure Council that the plan also has widespread support from within the community. Mr. Eaton presented Council with a petition expressing support of the school district's proposed plan. Over the course of about a month 120 signatures in support were collected and read a few comments from the neighbors who signed the petition. Mr. Eaton invites Council to review the comments at their convenience.

**Amanda Faher**, 3408 Bianca Court, Murrysville: Ms. Faher stated that she is here to show her support for the plan as well. She has three sons at Heritage. They built their home in Murrysville five years ago based on the school district. She was very surprised to see the condition of Heritage last time she volunteered there. This is not the kind of conditions that she wants her children to have. She hopes that Council will be reasonable and allow this plan to go forward for the benefit of our children and community.

**Tarah Kunmsky**, 3004 Lexington Court, Export: Ms. Kunmsky is a 40-year resident born and raised here. She and her husband are both Franklin Regional graduates. She stated that there are no supporters of this project is very false. There is a large group of parents raising children and full-time workers who can't make it to the meetings that are in support of the project. She feels we are falling far behind other schools and we as Murrysville residents who have had children in the district currently and past, the standard of excellence of education has always been a priority of our district. Most of the people opposed to this would probably not be opposed if taxes didn't come up. I don't want taxes to go up either, but you get what you pay for. She hopes that the school district and administration can come to a compromise with issues of sewage, runoff, pollution in the stream, and get things fixed. This project is vital and important and can't wait for 5 to 10 more years.

**Joan Kearns**, 4947 Longview Court, Murrysville: Ms. Kearns stated that she knows well the parameters under which Council is expected to make a decision. She also knows that this application is a Conditional Use. The application is not just the 98 acres across the road. The impact goes far beyond those 98 acres. She trusts that Council looks at all of the issues that surround this proposal. When you start dealing with conditions, you have to make sure those conditions resolve the major concerns of people who have spoken in front of you and the Planning Commission. These are not minor issues – they are major issues not only to the immediate residents but to many people of all ages in this community.

**Dick Kearns**, 4947 Longview Court, Murrysville: Mr. Kearns showed pictures of Sloan Lake from Sloan Bridge taken February 15, 2018. He said Sloan Lake doesn't exist every day, but after a torrential rain it does, which has happened about three times this year. Next was a Sewer Pipe Infiltration Illustration, Sewer Manway Overflow Illustration, and Additional Sewage Illustration from Sloan Expansion. Mr. Kearns stated they had 2,200 signatures on the petition they submitted. Not one was against the school. The

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problem was where the school is going to be location. The additional sewage into the FTMSA pipe is going to be a health hazard.

**Walter Cebulak**, 4000 Fredricksburg Court: Mr. Cebulak distributed a handout to Council. The Sewage system serving the Sloan School has demonstrated its poor hydrologic performance with sewage overflows increasing in 2018. From the School Road Pump Station there has been three overflows this year. The Tarr Hollow/Od William Penn overflow there has been four this year documented. This is a trend that is continuing and getting worse. The additional 45 EDUs effective sewage output from the expanded Sloan Campus will further worsen the health and safety of Murrysville citizens already affected by these overflows. He asks that Council consider the health and safety impact of this project. It's clear that FTMSA plans to address this problem according to Mr. Kapland but, is most likely not occurring until 2022.

**Russ Phillips**, 5069 Northlawn: Mr. Phillips stated that he was there to talk about the Sloan Campus Project and the Municipal General Provisions for Conditional Use. Section B. The location and size of the use and its relations to streets giving access to it. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic to and from the use will not be hazardous or inconvenient to the dominant character of the district or interfere with the normal traffic of the streets thereof. Mr. Phillips showed a detail of Trans Associates' Traffic Study on Longview Court and Sardis Road, Sardis Road and Crowfoot Roads, The Municipal Building and Sardis Road, and Bulltown Road and Sardis Roads comparing the number of cars now and number of cars if the building was built. Section C. The location, size and site layout of the use shall be such that it will be harmonious to the district in which it is situated. Mr. Philips showed pictures of houses across from the building and showed a picture of the wetlands where they are going to build the building or put concrete. He stated that this is not harmonious to the area.

**Valerie Mittereder**, 105 Park Lane: It's a fact that there is going to be more traffic on the roads, roads which can't handle it. It's a fact that the sewage system is overloaded and that this will add to the bad situation we already have. It's a fact that during peak traffic time, ambulance, police and fire trucks will be delayed. Studies are requested for a reason. In this case, there is nothing to support locating all the elementary students to the Sloan Campus. There has also been nothing to support that you could build anything further on that property. This idea was first brought up in the 1970's and it was determined that it wasn't a good idea. Why has all this time and money been spent when no one seems to want to listen to the facts. We aren't against the school. We are against putting it on a substandard piece of property on substandard roads. Put the school elsewhere. There are other options.

**Kate Manka**, 3806 School Road: You have head us speak and the Planning Commission has head us speak. Most who have spoken, tax was the last thing we ever brought up. Not that it shouldn't be considered, because there are some people who can't afford it. The main concern for the community is raw sewage plus the safety issues. As a mother who had a child at the stabling where there was a lot of access for

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emergency vehicles to get to the building, what would the response time be to this campus. That land was bequest to the School District. A wise person once said to me, no one gives away good land.

**Gail Wolfe**, 3644 Forbes Trail, Murrysville: Although Council does not regulate or control the operation of FTMSA, everyone is aware of the problems ongoing with that authority. For many years FTMSA chose to ignore or did not do what was necessary to keep up with the growth of the Municipality and surrounding areas. Developments were allowed without making sure the system could handle the additional impact. Whenever a problem was brought to their attention they employed a delay tactic hoping the people and the property being affected would just go away. The standard response to anyone trying to recoup losses was to sue us. We finally have the opportunity to hold FTMSA responsible until the necessary measures are taken to make their system reliable. But any improvements won't be made until 2020 or after flow studies are conducted.

**Ed Mittereder**, 105 Park Lane: Mr. Mittereder had a conversation with Kevin Holerin, Assistant Regional Director for the Department of Environmental Protection. He said that nothing regarding the Sloan Pump Station and Sewage Plant has been approved yet. The pumps station as it is today is completely overloaded and adding more volume to it is only asking for more ill-advised discharge of raw sewage in that area. It really should be fixed and remedied before any additional sewage and water go into the lines. There is a lot of overflow. This is not acceptable. If you lived in the area that has overflow of sewage going into your yard and house, what would you do about it? Would you be happy? This is about health and safety. The residents and taxpayers should be higher priority than a building for the school.

**Lynn Full**, 5001 Greensburg Road: Say yes to the school – that's easy, but do so with complete disregard for the 900-1,000 additional people adding to the already overloaded sewage system which overflowed three times this year. Say yes to the school, but disregard the fact that two bridges will need to be one and a round-about created on Crowfoot. Buses will need rerouted. The new building is in the center of Murrysville, but not in the center of the School District. The philosophy of "build it and they will come" does not work. That is no field of dreams. That's a field of wetlands. Say yes to the school, with complete disregard for the safety of your young children being housed in one location that is not easily accessible to emergency vehicles.

**Sue O'Mahony**, 4064 Northlawn: Prior to the Public Hearing, some were mailed drawing and plans of the new school. Would it be possible to have larger drawings and plans, that you don't need a magnifying glass to read them, on display either at the Municipal Building or perhaps the Library so that the public can view what is being proposed.

**Randall Heurp**, 4109 Deer Oaks Court: Sloan The Sloan Project will dump 15 EDUs into the Sloan sewage pump which is already overflowing. With this sewage problem it would seem logical for the Heritage and Newlonsburg kids to stay in their schools. Unfortunately, these schools dump into the main sewage pump

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and that overflows too. So where ever these kids go, you're going to get overflow. People from Haymaker Run complain about sewage overflow, but if you read the Minutes of February Council meeting, the overflow is not coming from the Sloan station. Also, Tarr Hollow and Old William Penn are much nearer the old schools than the main campus. So, Haymaker isn't being affected by Sloan. A lot of people are complaining about traffic, but they can never find a traffic engineer who will agree with them. There are four schools at the main campus. The traffic can get bad but it's not horrible. We don't want a repeat of the stabbing at the High School. Newlonsburg and Heritage kids should be off the main campus in case a disaster should happen again. That way they would be somewhere else, instead of all being concentrated there.

**Bettie Carlson**, Turnberry Court: Ms. Carlson stated that she is an educator, a parent, and a taxpayer. The issue is that she lives downstream and has had sewage in her yard. There is a lawsuit about to happen because the sewage problem has not been fixed. This is not about the school, it's about location. It is pretty hard to try to sell a house or live in a house with raw sewage in your yard. First point is that you can't buy and house here and you can't sell it. Second point is that In the past 15-20 years, we have had failing sewers and rising taxes. The Superintendent is a former coach and of course he is for a big sports arena. The people in this area don't use the sports facilities now, the community doesn't swim at the pool, the community doesn't use the weight room. Last of all, Ms. Carlson stated that she graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School which was built in 1947. We don't tear down our homes when something is wrong – we fix it. It is unfortunate that the school district didn't repair the building. If we are going to tear down Heritage, build the new school there. A friend has a child who has a one-hour commute to Heritage now and you want them to have more than a one-hour commute? That's ridiculous.

**Judith Johnson**, 5000 Northlawn Circle: Ms. Johnson would like to call your attention that right down Crowfoot Road adjacent to Murry Woods is the Crowfoot Rod & Gun Club. They are good neighbors and we don't worry about them. But there has been illegal hunting by others on heavily wooded areas around Murry Woods on both sides and even on property of the school. She has encountered a hunter, hunting illegally. He was in camouflage, had his face covered, and carrying a rifle. We live in the country, with gun owners. Do we want any of our children victims of even an accidental stray shooting incident from a bullet? This is not the place for a school.

**LIAISON COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Spadaro: No meeting

Mr. Stepanovich: There was a meeting on August 28 of the Environmental Advisory Council. They discussed that in order to sell your home or refinance your home, there is an ordinance that requires that the sewer line be inspected in order to get a no-lien letter. This is something we should all understand. Also, there is a gas well coming at the intersection of Hillview Road and Bullinger in the later part of 2018. It was

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decided that the Environmental Advisory Council will generically study the Environmental Impact Statement and understand it explicitly well going forward and have better input than they have in the past.

Mr. Kase: Medic One had 1,444 ambulance calls. They are very active in the community and are there for us. They were given state money to buy eight new stretchers for the ambulances.

Mrs. Lee Kornis: Since she had been sick, Mr. Morrison reported on the quarterly report with all positive recurrence on the plan. We're moving forward.

Mr. Dice: The FTMSA met in August. They do have grievance issues. Their engineer did give an update. They gave their engineer instructions to coordinate a rainfall monitoring program. This will be done in conjunction with the DEP. This mapping alone will take nine month which is the first step toward the flow study which as a whole will take 2-3 years. The entire project could be anywhere from 30-50 million dollars. They want to float a bond for 10 million dollars and will be seeking the Municipality to join them so that they can secure a reduced interest rate.

Ms. Brockway: The Library met Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. The Harry Potter program was a great success. Nearly 175 people participated. Each month the Library will host Art Talk. Each month a different artist will put their artwork on display at the Library and will be asked to talk about their work. Check out the Library website for additional Library programs and special events at [www.thelibrary.org](http://www.thelibrary.org). The next Library Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

## COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

**PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS:** Nothing

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**10.A.** Consider an authorization to solicit proposals for a hydrologist to review conditional use applications as they relate to Section 220-31 CC, Exploration or production of oil or natural gas from a shale reservoir or source rock.

Ms. Brockway made a motion to approve. Mrs. Lee Kornis seconded.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mrs. Lee Kornis - yes, Ms. Brockway – yes. Mr. Lorenz – abstained, and explained that his law firm represents clients that had interests that may be adverse to Huntley & Huntley. Any matter that involves Huntley & Huntley, he will not participate in discussion or vote on that. Motion carried.

## **ENGINEERING**

### **11.A. Consider approval to re-advertise bids for the Morosini Road Project.**

Mrs. Lee Kornis made a motion to approve. Mr. Kase seconded.

Mr. Hilty stated that bids were sent out to eight contractors and didn't receive any bids. One reason is that we are requesting it be done by October 31. A lot of the contractors are behind or delayed due to weather conditions. Also, there were PennDOT prequalification's that were listed in the specifications that he feels the contractors were concerned that they would not prequalify or be approved for the bid. The bid was revised to extend to December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline and the prequalification's were taken out. Also, it was only advertised in the Penn Franklin so now they are going to put it in the District Builder Exchange the Old Dodge Report so that it gets out to a larger audience. We will not lose the \$35,300 grant because of the delay.

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

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **12.A. Consider approval of the 2019-2023 Capital Improvements Program.**

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

Diane Heming, Finance Director, stated that nothing has changed since discussion last meeting.

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

### **12.B. Consider entering into agreement with the Cohen Law Group for consulting services on the renewal of the Comcast cable agreement.**

Mr. Morrison gave Council some background on the 10-year Comcast agreement. The 10 years are up. The current agreement is a nonexclusive agreement between the Municipality, Comcast or Cable Franchise Fees. It is well defined within Federal Regulations on what the Municipality can or cannot have in an agreement. We are currently paying \$385,000 a year in our cable franchise fee and only regulates cablevision. It is a non-exclusionary agreement which means that anyone is welcome to provide cable TV services in the Municipality of Murrysville. However, no one else has chosen to provide services within the Municipality. Cohen Law Group is a well-known Pittsburgh law firm that specializes in negotiating cable agreements. It is recommended that we do engage Cohen Law Group in the amount of \$14,280 which is a 15% discount if we choose both services – the negotiation and the audit.

Mrs. Lee Kornis made a motion to accept. Mr. Lorenz seconded.

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

**WORKSHOP ITEMS**

**ADMINISTRATION:** None

**ENGINEERING:** None

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

**15.A.** A discussion concerning SP-6-17 Sloan Elementary School Land Development Plan, CU-7-17 Sloan Elementary School Conditional Use, P-L Zoning, CU-8-17 Sloan Campus Major Excavation and CU-9-17 Sloan Campus Wetland and Wetland Buffers, 4121 Sardis Road, Murrysville, PA

Mr. Morrison wanted to make clear that the administration is neither proponent or opponent of any land development that comes in. It is our responsibility to provide facts concerning the proposed development and provide any necessary information to council so that they can make an informed decision.

Scott Hilty, Municipal Engineer, spoke about Act 537 Sewage Facilities of the State of Pennsylvania. Basically, municipalities are required to develop and implement comprehensive official plans which provide for the resolution of existing sewage disposal problems, provide for the future sewage disposal needs of new land development and provide for the future sewage disposal needs of the municipality. The definition of EDU is also in there. The flow level fluctuates between 300 gallons per day and 400 gallons per day per EDU. The Sewer Authority provides, maintains, owns or operates sewage facilities. The Act 537 plan has to be adopted by all municipalities that are served by that facility. This is usually a lengthy process in updating Act 537 by getting all the surrounding communities thru the process of going through the Planning Commission and Council for approval. When a new land development is proposed, the Municipality is required to revise their official Act 537 Plan. There are two ways to revise the plan: 1) Sewage Facility Application Mailer (postcard); and 2) Planning Module Component.

Operations, Chapter 94 and FTMSA. FTMSA is required in the NPDES permit to submit monthly a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) to DEP which gives them the recording of their sewer flows and their organic flowing at the treatment plant. Then at the end of each year they are required to submit a Municipal Waste Flow Management Report that ensures there is sufficient time to address existing operational problems.

EDU Equivalent dwelling unit—For the purpose of determining the number of lots in a subdivision only as it relates to the determination of planning exemptions and fees for planning module reviews under this chapter, that part of a multiple family dwelling or commercial or industrial establishment with flows equal to 400 gpd. These flow figures are not intended to be used for the calculation of flows for the design of community sewerage systems or for the allocation of flows related to community sewerage systems.

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In that Chapter 94, the definition of a hydraulic overloaded system is the condition that occurs when the monthly average flow entering a plant exceeds the hydraulic design capacity for 3-consecutive months out of the preceding 12 months or when the flow in a portion of the sewer system exceeds its hydraulic carrying capacity. There are two types of overload. You can be hydraulically overloaded or organically overloaded. In Chapter 94, both hydraulic and organic have to be in the report.

Corrective Action Plan definition: A plan and schedule developed by the permittee of a sewerage facility which has an existing or projected overload. A CAP establishes actions needed and a schedule to reduce the overload and provide needed capacity. Once you submit your corrective action plan they are going to go through and do their analysis to determine whether or not they should allow you to add any additional taps to the system.

If the school is built or not built, it is not going to add to additional overflows. You are going to have overflows dependent on the weather. Weather is the main factor. If we have a stretch where the ground level is high due to rain, we may have overflow.

Regarding the time frame, Mr. Hilty stated that we received a letter dated June 15, from DEP identifying that FTMSA in their Annual Report reported that the system is hydraulically overloaded and FTMSA has not submitted a Corrective Action Plan. We have a letter dated July 13, to PA DEP from Mott McDonald, the engineer for FTMSA, outlining the proposed interim Corrective Action Plan. This report basically shows what they have done to date to try to help with overflow ad conditions in their sewer system as well as what they are planning. We then received a letter dated August 13, from PA DEP approving the interim Corrective Action Plan and allocating a total of 178 EDUs to FTMSA specifically with 75 EDUs allocated for Murrysville. Mr. Hilty stated that he had an opportunity to look at the Corrective Action Plan submitted by Mott McDonald.

Mrs. Lee Korn asked what plans the school has regarding storm water.

John Frederick, Engineer for the Sloan School project, answered that the existing Sloan School and its proximity to Haymaker Run, the new building is actually upstream or upgradient of the Haymaker Run Watershed Tributary. Mr. Frederick presented a drawing showing that everything is at higher elevation and away from the stream banks. Bioretention areas, rain gardens, permeable pavers, and additional detention storm basins will be added to the site.

Mr. Stepanovich stated that we have residents that are having overflowing and sewage problems. The school being built is not going to add to that. There is no resolution to the residents that are having flooding being discussed or offered and he is having a problem with that. He feels that the School District is saying we are not going to add to it, so its' not our problem.

Mr. Morrison added that there is a serious problem in this community and it's not created by the next building permit we issued for a house or the next commercial development we approve. This is a problem that been coming over the last 20 years. It's been neglect of the infrastructure and improper management of the system that has created this. This is a problem that FTMSA has failed to address for a number of years. It's a municipal wide problem, it's a system wide problem and it's not going to get corrected

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overnight because it didn't happen overnight. Until we pressure the authority and get the Corrective Action Plan moving forward, we are going to deal with this on a daily basis. DEP recognizes at this point, at least an attempt is being made. But instead of shutting the community down, they are recognizing that an effort is being made and letting taps being made available.

Mr. Lorenz noted that a big problem which is affecting the community is FTMSA and the sewer system. FTMSA has to address that. Council has been actively working to facilitate that. We have been involved with the DEP for quite some time now to try and get this issue resolved and on the right track.

Chief Tom Seefeld presented a slide presentation and stated that he wanted to address some concerns that have been raised and answer any questions about security. He is there on behalf of the Murrysville Emergency Responders, Fire, EMS and Police. Every Emergency Responder is willing at any time to put their life on the line for you. As far as the police go, yes, we'll take a bullet for you. As far as the medics, they have more pressure today than normal with what's occurring out in society, and the fire also. What's unique to all of us is that generation after generation we're there to give you the best service and protection that we can do.

The Murrysville Police Department on March 25, 2006 received accreditation thru the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission under the PA Chiefs. This is probably one of the greatest accomplishment our Police Department has done in his 10 years of being Chief. In 2006, we were the 35<sup>th</sup> Police Department out of 1,200 in Pennsylvania to be accredited. What has helped us with this program is that this is the framework, the groundwork that is laid for the officers to do their duty every day. They are highly trained, there is a lot of in-house instructors, the officers are very professional (which he demands as Chief), and he believe the Police Department does an outstanding job with the service they do.

Their Mission Statement: Working in partnership with our community and schools to ensure safety, security, and confidence through professional police service in the highest standard.

Chief Seefeld talked about April 9, 2014 in which a pretty drastic, critical incident occurred at the school. He was the first police office to go thru the door. In a typical average day at the Police Department, there are 8 officers working total, 2 administrative staff. 2 detectives, the SRO's working at the schools, and typically 3 in the street. During a critical incident, you have to take charge and you've got to lead and direct the police officers as to what they are to do, and where you want them positioned. On his drive from the station to the school, he was directing his officers where he wanted them set up. The scene was chaotic, but you have to remain calm. We train our officers the best we can We have good communication and networking with other local agencies, with the school district, we're involved in planning, putting things in place where we can respond, and do the best we can do for the community. We are now in the history books of the worst mass stabbing there ever was. Every Fire Chief, the Medic Director, and I are leaders. We know how to lead and want the public to have confidence in that. It's a commitment.

Chief Seefeld said that he has talks in front of large crowd at schools, universities and conferences. At the FBI Conferences he talks about lessons learned, about our tactics, doing better next time, and they learn how we got through. We are known throughout Pennsylvania as a community that survived and came together when we needed that. Murrysville was put in the light of a community that came together, emergency services that know what they are doing – we did the best job we could do.

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March 2015, he was invited by the FBI Director to go to Quantico, VA at FBI Headquarters to be in a National Training Film “The Coming Storm” and about 4 or 5 other Chiefs that had mass casualty incidents. That film is used across America.

Expect the unexpected when preparing training for critical incidents and developing a security plan. Emergency Responders are the calm in the storm – we have to be part of a team together to get the job done as best we can do it. We plan the best we can. Plan for the worst and hope for the best. We will adapt to the situation at hand.

The Superintendent of our schools is now on a Safety and Security Committee for the state. After April 9<sup>th</sup> a new emergency plan has been developed for the school district. Chief Seefeld stated that he is part of that and so is the SRO and the School Safety Committee. There are security measures in place at the school. We have a School Resource Officer who has been there since 2001 and the latest development is the school police. The officers have the emergency plan on their phones. It’s one of the best plans he has seen laid out.

One last thing that has come up early on was that there were so many accidents on Sardis Road. A lot of that information was inaccurate. Chief Seefeld showed a chart of the accurate amount of accidents while school was in session Monday through Friday from beginning of school to the end of school.

Mrs. Lee Korn asks the Chief to talk a little bit about the school police for Sloan campus. Chief Seefeld was involved in the interview panel to pick the director of school police public safety. The SRO and the director have interacted almost daily now. It’s up to the school to determine the number of officers they want and the hours they want them. And yes, the officers will be armed.

Mr. Lorenz thanked the Chief for coming and speaking on this. He sleeps much better at night knowing that him and the rest of our First Responders are here. That’s one of the reasons why he came to Murrysville and why he enjoys being here.

Mr. Lorenz noted that it was 9:50 and there is a fair amount of things to go through, from an executive session standpoint, that have to be addressed. His suggestion to Council is that we have another workshop session at the next meeting for a pickup where we are leading off this evening. Mrs. Brockway said that she has a question she would like added to the next session regarding safety and the picking up and dropping off kids. When you look at safety and a parent that has to pick up a child at one school and in the other school, there is no way to cross over. You cannot get from one school to the other easily with children. Mr. Lorenz noted that anyone else that has questions they want answered to get them in so they can be reviewed and have any staff or advance preparation ready.

Mrs. Lee Korn asked if the four gentlemen in the audience from the School District would introduce themselves. Jim Heck, Director of Facilities for the School District. Robert Hatcher, Attorney representing the School District for just the Sloan Project. John Frederick, Civil Engineer for the School Project. Robert Gets, Trans Associates, Traffic Consultant for the project.

Mr. Lorenz said that it was mentioned that Allen Cohen is attending his last meeting here behalf of the

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Municipality. On behalf of Council, we thank you very much for your time, your effort in helping Murrysville to be what Murrysville is. We wish you the best of luck in your endeavors.

Mr. Cohen stated that he is leaving for retirement. Working for the Municipality as his first director job in planning back in 1995 and then coming back after going through many career changes, then coming back here as my own consulting firm is a great cap of my experience. I've learned so much here and the people I worked with were great. He has a lot of good memories. He was here when they put the public works building here and said that was controversial. Any development is controversial. That's the beauty of what we do, is to discuss and resolve and compromise. God bless you all.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Lorenz concluded the meeting and adjourned to an executive session, on legal issues, real estate issues, and personnel issues. No action is anticipated at the session.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned a 9:58pm.

*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.*