

Council of the Municipality of Murrysville held a Regular Voting Meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Present at the meeting were Council members Dayne Dice, Jason Lemak, Jamie Lingg, Mac McKenna, Tony Spadaro, Carl Stepanovich, and Mayor Synan. Also, present were Chief Administrator, Michael Nestico, Community Development Director, James Morrison, and Solicitor George Kotjarapoglus. Council member Jamie Lee Kornis was absent.

**REGULAR VOTING MEETING
AGENDA**

ROLL CALL/VOTING ORDER: Mac McKenna, Jamie Lingg, Carl Stepanovich, Tony Spadaro, Jamie Lee Kornis - absent, Dayne Dice, Jason Lemak, and Mayor Synan.

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

UNISTED AMENDMENTS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

4.A. Approval of June 15, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Spadaro made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items. Mr. Stepanovich seconded. All those present voted aye. Motion approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Synan presented the following announcements:

If your license registration plate is unreadable, Thursday, July 7th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, an officer will be at the police station to assist in filling out an MV-44 form to get a new registration plate with a new number. A registration plate is deemed illegible when one or more numbers or letters cannot be recognized from 50 feet. Once the form is filled out, you will send it in the mail to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and they will send you a replacement plate for free.

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2nd from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Public Works garage. It enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Our Public Works Department, local Fire Departments and EMS will be there to meet the community as well. There will be four food trucks there: Hot Ash Pizza Food Truck, Concession Stand Food Truck, Roll Up Food Truck, and Sweets for the Streets. We hope you all can make it out and enjoy quality time meeting the first responders in Murrysville.

All About Otters! PA State Game Warden, Mike Papinchack, and Murrysville volunteer Sue Miller will share details about these playful animals and will discuss our resident Purple Martins that migrate from Brazil. This will be held Saturday, July 9th at 9:30 am at the Murrysville Community Park Wetlands, 4056 Wiestertown Road, Export. No registration is required, and walk-ins are welcome.

Pittsburgh Sports, a 3-part series with the Heinz History Center. Part 2 "Growing up with Baseball in Pittsburgh" will be held Monday, July 25th at 6:00 pm at the Murrysville Municipal Building, Council Chambers. Register at www.murrysvilleparecreation.com or call 724-327-2100 x131.

Murrysville Farmers' Market is Thursdays from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm on Sardis Road down by the Murrysville Fire Department and Medic One.

A reminder that Murrysville Concert in the Park is August 13th from 3:00 pm till dark. There will be fireworks, food, games, and live music. Save the date.

Mayor Synan read a letter addressed to him: Mayor, As you know from our previous discussion my decision to resign as Chief Administrator of the Municipality of Murrysville was a difficult one. Without a doubt, serving the elected officials and residents of this community has been the highlight of my professional career. Born and raised in the Mon Valley, I will always hold a special place in my heart for that area, but without any hesitation, I will always remember Murrysville as my home. I would like to thank the many elected officials I had the opportunity to work with and believe together we have contributed to make Murrysville a great place to live, work, and play. The staff through the years have been a pleasure to work with and I credit them for the many accomplishments we have achieved. I look forward to the new challenges life will present and am available to continue to serve my hometown. With gratitude, Jim.

Mayor Synan read a letter accepting Jim Morrison's resignation: Dear Jim, I knew that your official resignation letter was due to arrive on my desk in recent days. However, now that I have received your letter, it surely brings me a number of mixed emotions. There is no doubt it brings me a level of reluctance to accept your resignation as Chief Administrator of Murrysville. As we all know, you have been planning for your upcoming retirement. You could have already retired from the municipality, but you have chosen to step into a slightly different role and remain with the municipality until the end of the year to guide our new Chief Administrator with your wealth of knowledge and experience. This commitment to Murrysville does not go unnoticed. It continues to show your heartfelt dedication to our community. I am also proud to state that your commitment and dedication over the years has made Murrysville one of the best communities in the State of Pennsylvania. Your leadership has allowed us to remain among the top local governments in the State. From our fantastic staff to the quality of service provided in this community, you have built a thriving operation, made a tremendous impact on our future and leave us with large shoes to fill as we move forward in the coming years. Thank you, Jim, for your dedication and service to Murrysville. I have greatly enjoyed serving alongside you in this community. As you look forward to your coming retirement, I supportively accept your resignation as Chief Administrator. On behalf of the entire Municipality, I sincerely wish you the best in your next chapter of life. Very truly yours, Mayor Regis Synan.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS: Mr. Nestico stated that he has attended quite a few meetings with Mr. Morrison over the last month or so. A lot of developments are going through the planning process and will be coming to Council sometime in the fall. He has been going over the ordinances, policies, code book, and Council meeting minutes trying to get up to speed.

COMMUNITY INPUT: None

LIAISON COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. McKenna: The Parks and Recreation Committee meets this coming Tuesday. Just a reminder that the concerts at Townsend Park are Tuesday, July 12, July 26, August 9, and August 23.

Mrs. Lingg: The School Board held a double meeting on June 20. There were no outstanding items of interest for Council other than the millage increase which will come to about \$95 for the average home.

Mr. Spadaro: No meeting scheduled yet this month for Medic One.

Mr. Stepanovich: The Planning Commission meets next week, and later this month the Parks and Recreation Foundation will meet.

Mr. Lemak: The Library meets in two weeks. He had a work conflict during the last meeting; however, there are some events the public might be interested in which are on the website. Sink or Float is this Thursday. Build your own boat and see if it floats. Registration is required.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

ADMINISTRATION:

9.A. A discussion concerning amendments to the existing alcohol policy #46-18, establishing Policy #51-22, a formal policy establishing a permitting process to allow alcohol consumption within the Murrysville Community Center, Townsend Park (Upper and Lower Pavilions), Sardis Park (Pavilion #1 and #2), and the Clubhouse at Murrysville Community Park.

Mr. Nestico stated that this is an extension of the existing alcohol permit policy which is in place for the other park facilities. Council last month approved alcohol permits for the Clubhouse facility. This policy is simply adding in the Clubhouse to the existing permit policy. Also, there was a slight adjustment to the language that you must be 21. You must provide proof of a homeowners policy or provide a hold harmless agreement.

ENGINEERING: None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: None

PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS: None

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

ADMINISTRATION:

13.A. Consider approval of the 2022 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in the amount of 7.5% for eligible retired police officers.

Mr. Lemak made a motion to Consider approval of the 2022 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in the amount of 7.5% for eligible retired police officers. Mr. Spadaro seconded.

Mr. Nestico stated that this item is required by the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). The amount this year, as determined by the CPI Index is 7.5%, which is a substantial increase as compared to prior years.

Mrs. Lingg asked if there was any concern about them reaching the 30% cap prematurely because of this increase. Mr. Nestico stated that we are bound by the agreement. If anything, it would accelerate some of the retirees getting to that threshold sooner than others. This does cap out three of the nine existing retirees. The Pension Fund is sound, so there are not any immediate concerns about the increase.

All those present voted aye. Motion approved.

13.B. Consider appointment of Michael L. Nestico as the Right to Know Officer of the Municipality of Murrysville.

Mr. McKenna made a motion to consider appointment of Michael L. Nestico as the Right to Know Officer for the Municipality of Murrysville. Mrs. Lingg seconded.

Mr. Nestico stated that this is an administrative item, removing Mr. Morrison as the Right to Know Officer due to his resignation and putting his name to the position.

All those present voted aye. Motion approved.

13.C. Consider authorizing the advertisement of Fee Ordinance No. 1062-22, the Fee Ordinance, Chapter 112-6, an ordinance amending existing Fee Ordinance No. 1049-21.

Mrs. Lingg made a motion to authorize advertising of Fee Ordinance No. 1062-22, the Fee Ordinance, Chapter 112-6, an ordinance amending existing Fee Ordinance No. 1049-21. Mr. Stepanovich seconded.

Mr. Nestico stated that the amendment would include two items. The Fee Ordinance would remain the same with the addition of fees for utilizing the Grove at Murrysville Community Park, as well as the Clubhouse rental fees and alcohol permit fees. Mr. Stepanovich asked where the Grove was located. Mr. Nestico stated that it is across from the first field on the left with trees and open space. Public Works put around 8 picnic tables in that area and a grill.

All those present voted aye. Motion approved.

13.D. Consider authorizing the Chief Administrator to execute the agreement between Pugliano Construction and the Municipality of Murrysville for the revised 2022 Basin Retrofit contract.

Mr. Spadaro made a motion to consider authorizing the Chief Administrator to execute the agreement between Pugliano Construction and the Municipality of Murrysville for the revised 2022 Basin Retrofit contract. Mrs. Lingg seconded.

Mr. Nestico stated that the Municipality had previously executed an agreement with Pugliano Construction signed through the engineering firm. The revised 2022 Basin Retrofit contract will be executed directly between the Municipality Chief Administrator and the contractor, Pugliano Construction. There were three basins altogether: Lyons Run, Settlers Ridge, and Ruby Court. Two remain to be completed. The expected completion date is August 31st.

All those present voted aye. Motion approved.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: None

ENGINEERING:

15.A. Consider reducing the bond being held to ensure completion of the required improvements at the Villa Ciano Development.

Mr. McKenna made a motion to consider reducing the bond being held to ensure completion of the required improvements at the Villa Ciano Development in the amount of \$640,865.16 (which was later corrected to be \$604,865.16). Mrs. Lingg seconded.

Mr. Nestico stated that the developer has completed the majority of the work. There will be a total of \$50,543 remaining.

All those present voted aye. Motion approved.

15.B. Consider authorization to advertise DPW-5-22 2022 Alternative Road Surface Treatment Project.

Mr. Stepanovich made a motion to consider authorization to advertise DPW-5-22 2022 Alternative Road Surface Treatment Project. Mr. Spadaro seconded.

Mr. Nestico stated that Council is being asked to authorize this item to advertise and seek bids. This was included in the 2022 Capital Improvement Plan with a budget of \$250,000.

All those present voted aye. Motion approved.

PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ACTION ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. McKenna made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Spadaro seconded. All those present voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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.