

**Presentation of Audit Findings by Mimi DeBlasio of DeBlasio & DeBlasio Associates**

Ms. DeBlasio began her presentation by thanking the staff of the Municipality of Murrysville for their cooperation in this year's audit. She then briefly explained the methods by which they test data and the purpose of a municipal audit.

It is the opinion of DeBlasio & DeBlasio, based on their audit, that the financial statements of the Municipality presented for review contained no material misstatements and therefore issued an unqualified report for the audit. As Ms. DeBlasio stated, "it doesn't get any better than that."

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Public Hearing for citizen input for proposed 2008 Municipal Budget.

Present for the Public Hearing were Council members Robert Brooks, Jeffrey Franke, Nancy Kacin, Joan Kearns, Larry Nicolette, Dennis Pavlik, and Theo van de Venne. Also present were Mayor Joyce K. Somers, Chief Administrator John M. Barrett and Solicitor George A. Kotjarapoglus.

Mr. Barrett, Chief Administrator began the Public Hearing with a detailed presentation on the Proposed 2008 Municipal Budget. Highlights include:

- Budget changes proposed for 2008 which impact revenues including an increase in fee structures (approximately \$55,000) and the withdrawal of a Parking Tax which would decrease revenues by approximately \$180,000.
- Changes which would impact Municipal expenditures include two additional laborers in the Public Works Department (\$133,482), additional support for Community Day (\$5,700), and a proposed allocation to Medic One (\$55,000).

Mr. Barrett continued by presenting the advantages of the addition of two laborers in the Public Works Department. These include a higher level of service within the Municipality, a response to the growing amount of Municipal Infrastructure, and the fact that such an addition would benefit both the Public Works and the Parks Departments.

Mr. Barrett concluded with the following recommendations to Council:

- No additional taxes proposed at this time.
- Accounting for any deficit by drawing down designated fund balance.
- Capitalizing on a 5 year budget.
- A commitment to early review of all financial information, and to identify any issues which will need to be addressed such as major roadway projects, or additional tax dollars which may be sought.
- A committee comprised of members of Council, the Finance Committee, and staff will work together to discuss the "financial health" of the Municipality of Murrysville and make recommendations to Council in the spring of 2008.

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Shirley Turnage – 3924 Sardis Road – Mrs. Turnage commended Mr. Barrett and the municipal staff for the proposed 2008 Budget. She applauded the fact that the Municipality has attempted to raise revenues rather than rely on Real Estate tax or increasing debt to compensate for any financial shortfalls. Mrs. Turnage also had questions for the Finance Department which were answered to her satisfaction by Diane Heming, Director of Finance and Taxation.

There were no comments or questions from Council regarding the proposed 2008 Municipal Budget.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Council of the Municipality of Murrysville held a Regular Voting Meeting on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 7:28 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Present at the meeting were Council members Robert Brooks, Jeffrey Franke, Nancy Kacin, Joan Kearns, Larry Nicolette, Dennis Pavlik, and Theo van de Venne. Also present were Mayor Joyce K. Somers, Chief Administrator John M. Barrett and Solicitor George A. Kotjarapoglus.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mrs. Kacin called to order the Regular Voting Meeting of Wednesday, November 28, 2007.

**DETERMINATION OF VOTING ORDER – ROLL CALL:** Penny Fox determined the voting order and called the roll: Mrs. Kacin, Mr. Pavlik, Mr. Nicolette, Mr. Franke, Mr. van de Venne, Mr. Brooks and Mrs. Kearns.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mrs. Kacin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNLISTED AMENDMENTS:**  
None

Mrs. Kearns moved to approve the Agenda. Mr. Nicolette seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

- 4A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
- 4B. INVESTMENTS AND TRANSFERS
- 4C. OCTOBER 24, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Franke moved to approve the Consent Calendar Items. Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**COMMUNITY INPUT:**

Shirley Turnage – 3924 Sardis Road – Mrs. Turnage provided Council with a published article in conjunction with the rezoning of the Buncher Property. Mrs. Turnage feels that Council needs to legislate so that the proposed plans shall be built as approved.

David Harchuck – 4042 Sinan Farm Drive – Submitted a signed petition to Council of residents who are in favor of The Marketplace on Route 22 as proposed by Manor Development Group.

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR SOMERS:**

Mayor Somers spoke about her concerns for long-range growth in Murrysville. The Mayor stated that she does not have a vote on this issue; however, past developments in Murrysville have brought sound businesses and growth to the area. Further, the Mayor stated that with over one million already spent and one million committed, a large group development can recoup the costs. Murrysville would need to consider any development that is set back from the highway, to address traffic issues and to address storm water run off. Murrysville would need to think about what kind of development may be built without rezoning. The Mayor stated that Council should consider the opportunity to bring quality businesses to Murrysville.

Mayor Somers reported that 53 deer have now been culled in the Municipal Archery Program in the parks.

Mayor Somers reported that the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities in Harrisburg will post a Murrysville Tree Sign picture in their office. The Mayor will hand deliver the picture to their office on December 3 and 4, 2007.

PennDOT has approved the size and location for the Murrysville entry sign on the Eastern end of town. The sign will be erected in June, 2008.

**COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR:**

Mr. Barrett reminded everyone that the Volunteer Firemen's Dinner is on December 6, 2007.

Mr. Barrett mentioned that the last leaf pick-up was scheduled for November 17, 2007. If for any reason residents missed the pick-up dates, leaves can be dropped off at Pleasant Valley Landfill or call Allied Waste to pick up for a fee.

Mr. Barrett provided information to Council on ATV riding in the parks. It is illegal to ride ATV's on the trails of municipal parks. Code enforcement and police are on alert. Mr. Barrett wanted to let everyone know that is not an appropriate use of a motorized vehicle.

Mr. Barrett provided Council with an update on Chief Thomas Seefeld, who had a hip replacement. The Chief is doing well and is receiving therapy at home. He is scheduled to return to work sometime in January, 2008.

**LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Nicolette reported that the Finance Committee met to discuss their budget for their audit. They had a clean opinion.

Mr. Nicolette also reported that the Franklin Township Municipal Sanitary Authority finalized their budget. They passed a budget for increases in sewage fees.

Mr. Brooks reported that the Pension Committee is extremely pleased with things and the committee recommends that no changes be made.

Mr. van de Venne attended the Medic One meeting and reported that the special vehicle they use to go to fires and other emergency events are trying to be utilized efficiently to keep down costs.

Mr. van de Venne attended the Personnel Board meeting and reported that they completed the last policy they had to modify for this year.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

9A. DISCUSSION REGARDING LAND USE TOOLS AND REZONING ALTERNATIVES TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 749-07, AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 220 ZONING AND THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE AN APPROXIMATE 50 ACRE PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT ROUTE 22 AND BERLIN FARM ROAD, AS REQUESTED BY MANOR DEVELOPMENT GROUP II, THE APPLICANT.

Chris Rearick, Director of Community Development, began this discussion with a brief history of this rezoning request by Manor Development Group II. Mr. Rearick presented rezoning alternatives (that would authorize non-residential uses) to proposed Ordinance 749-07, an amendment to Chapter 220 Zoning and the Zoning Map to rezone an approximate 50 acre portion of property located at Route 22 and Berlin Farm Road.

Representatives from Manor Development Group spoke at length regarding their rezoning request and proposed that possible covenants be created and recorded to address Council's concerns prior to the request for rezoning.

After much discussion, Mr. Nicolette asked for a clarification of what direction Council was headed on this issue. Mr. Pavlik agreed, and to that end made a motion for a formal Resolution (to put the rezoning of the 50 acre portion of property located at Route 22 and Berlin Farm Road) on the December 19, 2007 agenda for a vote. Mrs. Kearns seconded this motion. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Mr. Brooks amended the previous motion to include a vote of consensus by Council to "move forward or not" on this rezoning issue. If Council has a consensus to move forward, required

specifics, guarantees should be place in writing so that it provides the Municipality for as many guarantees for the future. Mr. Nicolette seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Mrs. Kacin – yes, Mr. Pavlik – no, Mr. Nicolette – yes, Mr. Franke – yes, Mr. van de Venne – yes, Mr. Brooks – yes, Mrs. Kearns – no. Motion to amend approved.

9B. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE 755-07, AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 198, STORM WATER, ESTABLISHING A STORM WATER MAINTENANCE FUND AND REQUIRING CONTRIBUTION THERETO: Mr. Nicolette moved to approve. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

9C. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE 756-07, FIRE SUPPRESSION OPERATING LICENSES, AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A LICENSE FOR THE ANNUAL INSPECTION OF FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS, AS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE: Mr. Nicolette moved to approve. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

9D. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE NO. 754-07, AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 112, FEES: Mr. Nicolette moved to approve. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**ENGINEERING:**

10A. CONSIDER REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$376,528.98 FOR WORK COMPLETED AT THE ROLLING RIDGE DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Franke moved to approve. Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

10B. CONSIDER PAYMENT OF ESTIMATED JUST COMPENSATION TO DOMINION TRANSMISSION, INC. FOR PERMANENT EASEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF STRUCTURE #83, DRAINAGE CULVERT UNDER MAMONT ROAD: Mrs. Kearns moved to approve payment in the amount of \$500.00. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

10C. CONSIDER ADVERTISEMENT OF A PUBLIC MEETING AND PLANS PRESENTATION ON DECEMBER 19, 2007 FOR THE MURRYSVILLE HOMETOWN STREETS PROJECT: Mr. Franke moved to approve. Mr. Nicolette seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

10D. CONSIDER CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH PENN LANDSCAPING & CEMENT WORK FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE MEDIAN LANDSCAPING ON ROUTE 22: Council directed staff to create bid specifications and return to Council.

10E. CONSIDER EXECUTION OF A RESOLUTION AND HIGHWAY TURNBACK COST ESTIMATE WITH PENNDOT FOR S.R. 4053, WIESTERTOWN ROAD: Mr. van de Venne moved to adopt a resolution to accept \$958,627.45 from PennDOT for the turnback of Wiestertown Road. Mr. Franke seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Mrs. Kacin – yes, Mr. Pavlik -

no, Mr. Nicolette – yes, Mr. Franke – yes, Mr. van de Venne – yes, Mr. Brooks – no, Mrs. Kearns – no. Motion approved.

Mr. Nicolette moved to approve the Chief Administrator as officer to deal with PennDOT for S.R. 4053 Wiestertown Road. Mr. van de Venne seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

11A. CONSIDER MEDIC ONE'S VEHICLE REPLACEMENT ASSISTANCE REQUEST: Mr. Brooks moved to include in the 2008 Budget, \$55,000 to be given to Medic One as a support of their budget for 2008. Mr. Nicolette seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

11B. CONSIDER SELECTION OF TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS TO WORK WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE PERTAINING TO FUNDING ISSUES FOR THE 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Mr. Nicolette moved to approve to appoint Mr. Nicolette and Mr. van de Venne on the Finance Committee for the 2009 Municipal Budget. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

11C. DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET: Council directed staff to provide documentation at the December 5, 2007, Council Meeting on Public Works' work hours, what projects are not being completed and outline the busiest months for the department.

11D. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE NO. 753-07 – 2008 TAX ORDINANCE: Mrs. Kearns moved to approve. Mr. Franke seconded. There was no vote on this motion.

Mr. Brooks moved to advertise a .15 tax dedicated to public safety. Mr. van de Venne seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

11E. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE NO. 752-07 – 2008 SALARY ORDINANCE: Mrs. Kearns moved to approve. Mr. Nicolette seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**NEW BUSINESS :** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Provide Council with additional documentation for the proposed two new laborers.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Pavlik moved to approve. Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Time: 11:04 p.m.

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JOHN M. BARRETT  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR

Paf 12/4/2007

cc: Mayor  
Council  
Community Development  
Finance

Police  
Public Works  
Solicitor  
Front Office/Library