

COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MURRYSVILLE  
REGULAR VOTING MEETING  
March 21, 2007

Council of the Municipality of Murrysville held a Regular Voting Meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Present at the meeting were Council members Theo van de Venne, Dennis Pavlik, Nancy Kacin, Jeffrey Franke, and Larry Nicolette. Also present were Mayor Joyce K. Somers, Chief Administrator John M. Barrett and Solicitor George A. Kotjarapoglus. Mr. Brooks was absent.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mrs. Kacin called to order the Regular Voting Meeting of Wednesday, March 21, 2007.

**DETERMINATION OF VOTING ORDER – ROLL CALL:** Kim Blauvelt determined the voting order and called the roll: Theo van de Venne, Jeffrey Franke, Dennis Pavlik, Nancy Kacin, and Larry Nicolette. Mr. Brooks was absent.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNLISTED AMENDMENTS:**

None

Mr. Franke moved to approve the Agenda. Mr. van de Venne seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

4A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

4B. INVESTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

4C. FEBRUARY 21, 2007 MEETING MINUTES TO BE APPROVED.

4D. FEBRUARY 28, 2007 MEETING MINUTES TO BE APPROVED.

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

**COMMUNITY INPUT:**

Don Craig – 4250 Sardis Road – Mr. Craig requested a change in the zoning for his property to R3 and further requested that the fee involved in such a change be waived.

Dennis Skeers – 3965 Murry Highland Circle – Expressed his appreciation to Council for considering a representative of Congressman Jason Altmire coming to the Municipality of Murrysville to assist residents.

Lorenzo Grado – 3606 Forbes Trail Drive – Also expressed appreciation for Council’s decision to have a representative from Congressman Jason Altmire’s office come to the Municipality of Murrysville.

Larry Keller – 3907 Bridgewood Circle – Appealed to Council to consider creating a policy which would require televising all workshop meetings. Mr. Keller also asked why the Municipality eliminated “dump days.”

Jane Roberts – 222 Rainprint Lane – Spoke in support of any relationship the Municipality has with Congressman Jason Altmire.

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR SOMERS:**

Mayor Somers reported that the White Valley Fire Department held their Open House on Saturday, March 10, 2007 to show the public their newest fire trucks.

Mayor Somers reported that the Citizens’ Police Academy will be concluding on Monday, March 26, 2007. The classes have been extremely well received and the Police Department intends on running these classes again in 2008.

**COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR:**

The Chief Administrator reported that there was a bid opening for the 2007 Overlay Project. The C.I.P. has earmarked \$580,000 for this project and the low bid came well within budget. A formal bid tab is in the process of being prepared and will be presented to Council in the future.

Mr. Barrett provided an update on the Streetscape Project. Fayette Engineering will be conducting a rights-of-way survey along Old William Penn Highway in the near future, and have announced a tentative date of June 1, 2007 to complete a conceptual plan of the project.

Mr. Barrett was pleased to announce that the Municipality of Murrysville has received the recycling tonnage report for 2006. Residential recycling has increased by 69 tons, and commercial recycling has increased by 214 tons.

Mr. Barrett further reported that the Police Department will be hosting the kick off event on March 23, 2007 for the “Smooth Operator Program” to fight aggressive driving and speeding.

**LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Franke reported that the Parks Department met and reviewed one minor subdivision and two larger subdivisions which will be presented to the Planning Commission in the near future. They set their goals for 2007 and reviewed a proposal from the Murrysville Area Soccer Association for the naming rights for two fields and one pavilion at Murrysville Community Park. This proposal will be brought before Council in the future.

Mr. Franke also reported on the EMS Committee. Both White Valley and Sardis Fire Departments received their new fire trucks. Mr. Franke emphasized the importance of community support for the Fire Departments.

Mr. van de Venne attended the Medic One Board meeting. They discussed the ongoing insurance problem, technology upgrades and also updated their bylaws.

Mr. van de Venne also attended the Personnel Board meeting and reported that they continue their review of policies, and also had a hearing on the grievance filed by the Police Department regarding the dental plan.

Mr. Pavlik reported that the Library celebrated their 85<sup>th</sup> “birthday,” and would love to utilize any additional space available.

Mr. Nicolette attended the FTMSA Board meeting and reported that they have received their audit and there was a financing presentation at the meeting.

Mrs. Kacin attended the Communication Advisory Committee meeting and reported that they set goals and future plans for the year and discussed reorganization. This committee is in need of three additional members.

Mrs. Kacin also attended the Donations and Gifting Committee meeting and reported that MASA presented their proposal for naming rights of the fields and one pavilion at Murrysville Community Park. Also, a detailed financial statement was presented by the committee with the ability to track donation receipts and expenditures. Bobbi Stander was welcomed as the committee’s newest member.

Mrs. Kacin reported that the Planning Commission discussed a minor lot subdivision. The Commission also talked about the Overlay District with the possibility of transfer development rights and they began their discussion of the new Route 22 corridor.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

9A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CU-2-07, WILKES ENERGY INC., PERETTO GAS WELL #2, HILLS CHURCH ROAD, R-R ZONING DISTRICT, TAX MAP 49-11-00-0-029. Mr. Nicolette moved to approve with conditions and restrictions listed in the Agenda Briefing. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**ENGINEERING:**

10A. CONSIDER REDUCTION OF SINAN FARMS FINANCIAL SECURITY AS PER RECOMMENDATION OF MUNICIPAL ENGINEER. Mr. Nicolette moved to approve reduction of Sinan Farms financial security in the amount of \$175,061.75. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

10B. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH JOSEPH VACCARELLO, JR., INC. FOR THE OLD WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY LANDSLIDE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, DPW-7-07. Mr. Nicolette moved to approve contract in the amount of \$172,439.00. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

11A. CONSIDER SUPPORT OF TROUTHAVEN DRIVE RESIDENTS COUNCIL STORMWATER MITIGATION PROJECT. Mr. van de Venne moved to support the residents of Trouthaven Drive with instructions to the Chief Administrator to write a letter of support of this endeavor (making sure Council gets a copy of said letter), suggest in-kind contributions and review zoning ordinances which may possibly aid the problem of runoff into storm sewers. Mr. Pavlik seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. van de Venne – yes, Mr. Franke – yes, Mr. Pavlik – yes, Mrs. Kacin –yes- Mr. Nicolette abstained because of a conflict of interest; his residence is located in this area. Motion approved.

11B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXTENDING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR. Mr. van de Venne moved to approve the residency requirement until April 3, 2008. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Mr. Nicolette moved to amend the motion to extend the residency requirement of the Chief Administrator but keep all other provisions of the employment agreement intact. Mr. Pavlik seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

11C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE NEW TOWER TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS FOR THE NON-UNIFORM AND UNIFORM PENSION PLANS. Mr. Nicolette moved to approve with instructions to staff to request clarification of the fee computation process. Mr. van de Venne seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

11D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO 732-07 – DROP PLAN. Mr. van de Venne moved to table until the April 4, 2007 Council meeting. Mr. Franke seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. van de Venne – yes, Mr. Franke – yes, Mr. Pavlik – yes, Mrs. Kacin – yes, Mr. Nicolette – no. Motion to table approved.

11E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 737-07, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2007 SALARY ORDINANCE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE ON JUNE 1, 2007. Mr. Nicolette moved to approve. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

11F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION OF SPACE IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR CONGRESSMAN JASON ALTMIRE’S REPRESENTATIVE. Mr. Nicolette moved to approve with instructions to staff to check on any political ramifications. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- ✓ Council directed the Chief Administrator to prepare a letter in support of Trouthaven Drive Residents Council storm water mitigation project.
- ✓ Council directed staff to request clarification from New Tower Trust Company regarding the fee computation process for real estate investments.

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- ✓ Council directed staff to check on possible political ramifications regarding a representative from Congressman Jason Altmire's office coming to the Municipal building to assist the community.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council decided that the July 4, 2007 Council meeting would be rescheduled to July 11, 2007 in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. Council meetings for July will therefore be on July 11, 2007 and July 18, 2007.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Kacin read a detailed statement regarding the process by which workshop meetings have been implemented, and the goals that she and Mr. Barrett have in regards to establishing better communication between Municipal department heads and Council.

Mr. Nicolette distributed information pertaining to the DROP Plan.

Mr. Pavlik strongly encouraged Council to set policy regarding televising all workshop meetings.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Pavlik moved to adjourn. Mr. Nicolette seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Time: 9:02 p.m.

JOHN M. BARRETT  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR

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cc: Mayor  
Council  
Community Development  
Finance

Police  
Public Works  
Solicitor  
Front Office/Library