

Council of the Municipality of Murrysville held a Regular Voting Meeting on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 7:27 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Present at the meeting were Council members Jeffrey Franke, Nancy Kacin, Larry Nicolette, Dennis Pavlik, Joan Kearns, Robert Brooks and Theo van de Venne. Also present were Mayor Joyce K. Somers, Chief Administrator John M. Barrett and Solicitor George A. Kotjarapoglus.

**PRESENTATION BY CHIEF THOMAS SEEFELD PERTAINING TO YEAR 2007 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

Chief Thomas Seefeld provided Council with the Year 2007 Goals and Objectives as follows:

**Programs and Units Activity** – Chief Seefeld started the Citizen Police Academy, with 20 students involved for 8 weeks to establish positive relationships with Community and Police. Chief Seefeld recognized Wal-Mart for the Community Grant that enabled him to fund the Citizen Police Academy and commended the Murrysville Area Community Leadership Team for all their help.

**Traffic Enforcement** – In 2007, the Police Department implemented the Smooth Operator Program to combat aggressive drivers. A new timing device called the Enradd system is another tool that will be used to time speeders. Click it or ticket, DUI detail and Special Traffic details are still in place to work on traffic enforcement. Mayor Somers, Mr. Barrett and Chief Seefeld attended a meeting concerning the Route 286 widening project and will have a speeding plan for Logan Ferry Road.

**Budget Item Issues** – Police overtime was 19.49% last year and 36.8% of the budget this year. Chief Seefeld explained the reasons for the overage: 3 open slots, 2 officers with off duty injuries, 1 retired Police Officer, hired a new officer and he was in a 5 week field training program. Also, there are 5 areas that are being considered for Regional Booking Centers: Murrysville, New Kensington, Greensburg, Latrobe and Rostraver.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mrs. Kacin called to order the Regular Voting Meeting of Wednesday June 6, 2007.

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNLISTED AMENDMENTS:**

None

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

4A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

4B. May 16, 2007, MEETING MINUTES TO BE APPROVED.

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

**COMMUNITY INPUT:**

Chief John Bohinc of the White Valley Fire Department provided statistics of the Fire Department's activities since April 30, 2007. He wanted everyone to know how proud he was of his personnel and asked the public if they see a volunteer fireman to say thank you for all their work. He also extended an invitation to the Golf Outing at Mount Odin on July 28, 2007. It is their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Outing which raised \$5,000.00 last year.

Frank Larimer, 4025 Saltsburg Road, Sardis Heights reiterated that on March 15, 2006, the Planning Commission approved to removing debris, installing a 24" culvert pipe on his property and nothing has been done.

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR SOMERS:**

On May 24, 2007, Mayor Somers and John Barrett met with PennDot officials to express their concerns about traffic being diverted to Logans Ferry Road during the widening of Route 286. The only funding that is in place is Phase 1 design, Route 22 to Old Frankstown Road.

Mayor Somers and John Barrett attended the Smart Growth Award Dinner at Pitt Campus in Greensburg where Murrysville received an Honorable Mention for the Traffic Impact Ordinance for the third year in a row.

On May 25 and 26, 2007, Mayor Somers and Mrs. Kacin participated in the opening ceremonies for Relay for Life, an organization for cancer awareness and to raise funds to fight cancer. Approximately \$65,000 was raised this year.

On May 28, 2007, Mayor Somers attended Memorial Day Services from Export to White Valley Cemeteries. The number of people attending are increasing and services were very emotional.

Mayor Somers and Chief Seefeld were involved in a video project started by Mother of Sorrows to send video messages from Murrysville and surrounding areas to our military serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mayor Somers and Mr. Barrett met with Gina Jones from Senator White's office and Morris Knowles & Associates to discuss plans for the new Walgreens.

On June 5, 2007, Mayor Somers attended a public meeting on transportation in Greensburg to review and comment on the long-range plans and development for the next five years. They do have extended plans to 2035.

On June 6, 2007, Mayor Somers attended the opening of the new Murrysville Community Park and the dedication of the Joe Markosek field.

**COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR:**

Mr. Barrett updated Council on the Old William Penn Highway Slide repair. The road will be opened by the afternoon on June 7, 2007, and the repairs were done within budget.

Mr. Barrett had the opportunity to visit the Murrysville Tree sign. Access is a problem for SLAM. A private drive could provide access. The Municipality has been working with representatives from SLAM for alternate routes that may work.

Rob Zahorchak, the Municipality's summer intern, is working on analyzing costs and benefits of commercial developments in the Municipality. A citizen based survey will be sent from a random list of 1,000 residents. The survey will be on the Municipal website and announcements will be made on the local media and Channel 19. The survey is directed toward the satisfaction of Municipal services.

Mr. Barrett was invited to a meeting with Managers and Mayors from surrounding municipalities: Monroeville, Plum, Penn Hills and Pitcairn. A representative from the Mon Valley Progress Council talked to the group about championing an effort to develop an offshoot to bypass the Squirrel Hill Tunnels. The bypass would start in Monroeville, to Penn Hills, to East Pittsburgh to the Mon into Duquesne, to Braddock, and finally Oakland. It will be a toll road but privately funded. The purpose of the meeting was to see what municipalities would be interested in supporting that effort.

**LIAISON AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mrs. Kearns met with the EAC on May 29, 2007. She has asked that they forward the minutes to Council. The EAC reviewed the Shag Bark Grove problem with PRD on Mamont Road and more questions were added. Also reviewed the Walgreens site plan with minor suggestions. The PRD on Cline Hollow Road has serious concerns.

Mr. Pavlik stated the Library Board is evaluating space with a Space Committee, deciding on how often meetings will occur, and developing a personnel manual and requirements for administration and staff.

Mr. Brooks reported that the Pension Committee will meet on June 13, 2007.

Mr. van de Venne reported that the Personnel Board denied the claim from the Police Union to make changes in the dental plan. The Police Union requested an extension to respond.

Mrs. Kacin was not able to attend the Planning Commission Workshop but she did speak to Bob Mitall and there are issues with the Shag Bark Grove PRD. Mrs. Kacin commended the Gifting Committee on the new brochure for the Murrysville Community Park.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

9A. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 524-07, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 486-05, TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE COMMITTEE, REVISING THE COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP. Mrs. Kearns moved to approve. Mr. van de Venne seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

9B. CONSIDER ORDINANCE 741-07, AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, ADDING THE DEFINITION, COMPOSITION, DUTIES, AND TERMS OF THE TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ARTICLE VI BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES; AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR APPLICANTS FOR COUNCIL APPOINTMENT THERETO. Mr. Franke moved to approve. Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**ENGINEERING:**

10A. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE DPW-5-07, 2007 CDBG WATER SERVICE LINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. Mrs. Kearns moved to approve. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

10B. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF A CIP BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW AIR COMPRESSOR BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. Mrs. Kearns moved to approve. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

11A. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE NO. 742-07, AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALARMED KEY BOXES ON CERTAIN BUILDINGS. Mr. Pavlik moved to approve authorization to advertise Ordinance No. 742-07 with the following revisions: The third "Whereas" is clarified and in Section III – Remove the words "single-family". Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Mr. Nicolette moved to conduct a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 724-07 on June 20, 2007. Mr. Pavlik seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

11B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DONATION AND GIFTING COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION PERTAINING TO MASA'S PROPOSAL. Mr. Nicolette moved to table item until the next Council meeting. Mr. Pavlik seconded. All present voted aye.

11C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INVASIVE COMMITTEE'S PA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DCNR) WILD RESOURCE

CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION. Mr. Franke moved to approve. Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

11D. CONSIDER ALLOCATING FUNDS FROM THE ROUTE 22 PROJECT TO SUPPLEMENT GRANT FUNDING TO ERECT AN ENTRY SIGN ON THE EAST END OF MURRYSVILLE AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THIS SIGN. Mr. van de Venne moved to approve. Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

11E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS CURRENTLY HELD FOR GAZEBO AT DUFF BIKEWAY TO WETLAND PAVILION AT MURRYSVILLE COMMUNITY PARK IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY PACK. Mrs. Kearns moved to approve. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

11F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FRANKLIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF MURRYSVILLE. Mr. Nicolette moved to approve. Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. van de Venne stated that there are concerns about the sewage costs at the Murrysville Community Park. Mr. van de Venne had a discussion with Dave Jobe and John Barrett regarding this issue. Dave Jobe got a call from Ron Andrasko and he concluded that an on-site disposal was not possible, explaining that the DEP had made a lot of significant changes in regulations. This will be taken back to the Parks Committee for more information and then returned to Council.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- ✓ Mr. Nicolette questioned the negative figure associated with the Greenplan account in the Summary of Investments and found the account was not overdrawn, it was a timing issue and it was resolved to his satisfaction.
- ✓ Staff is to continue to assist Frank Larimer. Staff is to take photos of properties involved and explore all options to resolve matter.
- ✓ Council directed staff to place the Murrysville Community Park water issue on a future agenda. Information to be obtained: Clarification of Don Glenn's original options, Bob Bell to provide an estimate of the per foot basis, cost of main line along the street and line through the Van Kirk property of the Municipality's property.

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- ✓ Staff is to provide information regarding the hours staff spends working at Pleasant Valley Park.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council convened to an Executive Session at 9:16 pm and returned at 9:35 pm. No voting resulted from the Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Time: 10:12 pm

JOHN M. BARRETT  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR

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Council  
Community Development  
Finance  
Engineering

Police  
Public Works  
Solicitor  
Front Office/Library  
Recreation

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