

Council of the Municipality of Murrysville held a Regular Voting Meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Present at the meeting were Council members Toni Brockway, Dayne Dice, Jamie Lee Korn, Mac McKenna, and Tony Spadaro. Also present were Chief Administrator, James Morrison, Public Works Director, Bill Paiano, and Director of Recreation, Carly Greene. Mayor Synan, Solicitor, George Kotjarapoglus and Council members Loren Kase and Carl Stepanovich were absent.

**REGULAR VOTING MEETING  
AGENDA**

**ROLL CALL/VOTING ORDER:** Tony Spadaro, Mac McKenna, Loren Kase – absent, Dayne Dice, Carl Stepanovich- absent, Toni Brockway, Jamie Lee Korn, and Mayor Synan - absent.

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

**UNISTED AMENDMENTS:** Mr. Morrison stated that there were no board appointments scheduled for this evening, which was listed on the agenda under New Business.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

- A. Accounts Payable
- B. Cash Investments and Transfers
- C. February 5, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Dice noted that he will abstain from any KU Engineering-related billings in the Accounts Payable section, because he has done work for them in the past.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. McKenna– yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Dr. Lee Korn – yes. The Consent Calendar Items were approved.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:** Mr. Morrison stated that he had some announcements from the Mayor.

Sardis Fish Fry is back during Lent; Friday, February 28 through Friday, April 3. Times are 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Call 724-327-3987 for take-out orders. They welcome any volunteers who would like to help out. Mr. Spadaro noted that Sardis fish fry is going to be very busy this year because Mother of Sorrows will not be having their fish fry this year.

The Westmoreland Conservancy officials are looking for additional volunteers to help with the February 22<sup>nd</sup> apple tree pruning session at the Morosini Farm Reserve in Southeast Murrysville. Pruning will take place between 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

There will be a Glass Recycling “Pop-Up” Collection Event on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at Veterans Field Parking Lot from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This will be the last event supported by the Pennsylvania Resources Council.

Murrysville Police seek information on criminal mischief that has been occurring at Bear Hollow Park. Picnic tables have been flipped over and thrown into the creek. Any information on these incidents would be appreciated and any residents in the area that see any suspicious activity at the park is asked to report it to the police.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS:** Mr. Morrison stated that he has the breakdown of the 2019-2020 Deer Management Program. This deer kill program was started about 20 years ago in certain parts of the municipality because of the number of deer kills that were occurring, mainly on Route 22. This year, there were 35 deer kills between Townsend, Duff, MCP, Verner, Pin Oak, Kellman and PV parks. The program has helped in reducing the number of kills on the highway.

**COMMUNITY INPUT:**

**Marlene Campas, 3334 Woodland Drive:** Ms. Campas stated that she had seen some articles regarding Murrysville Community Park in the paper and was concerned about the traffic in that area. There are a lot of bike riders and people walking dogs. There is no place off that road from Evans down to the park for pedestrian crossing. Last year a few residents who use the horse trail came to a meeting. To access the horse trail you have to ride down Wiestertown Road past the entrance to the park to get to the horse trail. Last year after the ball fields were letting out, a car hit one of the horses. Ms. Campas talked to Carly Greene and some other officials to see what could be done regarding the traffic, or have a different access to the horse trail. Having the walking trails and horse trails is a real plus for that park, but there are some problems with the traffic over there.

Mr. Dice stated that with going forward and putting an amphitheater over there, traffic impacts will have to be considered. Mr. Morrison stated that some of the riders were addressed about putting in a trail along the wetlands side of the property out to the dog park. Staff is aware of the problem over there and has presented options and understands that there is a volunteer group that may be working on that trail.

**LIAISON COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. McKenna: This was his first Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. They had an election of officers: President, Scott Kelsey, Vice-President, Dave Metzgar, and Secretary, Barb Prosdocino. Vandalism at Bear Hollow Park was discussed. Mr. McKenna stated that he took the lead on contacting the people in charge of FRAA baseball and football. It was discussed that one way of getting to the bottom of the vandalism is through the kids. One gentleman, who is in charge of soccer, lives across from the entrance to that park and will keep an eye out and inform neighbors also to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity. The March for Parks is Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. There is still some debate on the Easter Egg Hunt. There was discussion on the Duff stewardship and the greenway plan presented by Mr. Sampson.

Ms. Brockway: The Library Board meets tomorrow. The Library is excited about an upcoming program on the history of the Census. Since 2020 is a Census year, libraries across the country are encouraging its patrons and community members to fill out their Census. During this program, patrons will explore the history of the US Census from the very beginning and how it has evolved to the entity it is today. The program will highlight how filling out the Census has a positive, tangible effect on local municipalities. Join the Library on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-2 p.m. for this very important civic based program.

Dr. Lee Korn: The Pension Committee did meet a few weeks ago. The funds of 2019 returns were very positive overall. They are expecting this year to meet the actuarially return assumptions. The fund asset allocations are well within policy after they rebalanced the funds back in August.

Mr. Spadaro: Medic One has their first meeting tomorrow night.

Mr. Dice: FTMSA met yesterday. Red Zone has completed televising the interceptors and will soon begin televising all FTMSA lines. They sold 60 of the 83 required flowmeters and data collection will begin in March. Pucketa Creek is almost totally done with 15 laterals installed with only 4 left to go. The Bel Aire Pump Station was bid out to Supancic Contracting. The entire project, for now, is \$118,000. The next FTMSA meeting is March 24.

### WORKSHOP ITEMS

**PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS:** None

**ADMINISTRATION:** None

**ENGINEERING:** None

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** None

### COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

#### ADMINISTRATION:

**13.A.** Consider awarding a contract to NextEra Energy to provide electricity for all Municipal accounts including the street lighting for \$.04898/per kWh

Dr. Lee Korn made a motion to approve awarding a contract to NextEra Energy to provide electricity for all Municipal accounts, including the street lighting, for \$.04898/per kWh. Ms. Brockway seconded.

Mr. Morrison stated that the Municipality works with Keytex Energy to review the market electricity pricing. Currently, NextEra Energy provides electricity to West Penn Power for all Municipal accounts, including street lighting, at \$0.05818/per kWh which began June 2018 to May 2020. The contract was extended for an additional 4 months at a cost of \$0.05818/per kWh. With milder temperatures, electricity costs are at a historic low, they are now offering a cost of \$0.04898/per kWh. It's about a \$9,500 overall savings.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. McKenna– yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Dr. Lee Korn – yes. Motion approved.

**13.B.** Consider approval of Ordinance No. 1019-20, Amendments to the Fee Ordinance

Mr. Spadaro made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1019-20, amending Chapter 112, Fees of the Murrysville Code. Ms. Brockway seconded.

Mr. Morrison stated that this was discussed at the last meeting. Over the years, various amendments have occurred. The staff did a review of the fee ordinance with an eye towards simplifying the fee structure and developing a structure that better reflects the manner in which the municipality currently reviews and inspects development applications. Staff wanted to make sure that the development related activities

were competitive with neighboring communities, increasing costs which haven't been addressed for a number of years, for time and materials, and put together a comprehensive and easy-to-understand fee schedule. The various fees generate approximately \$250,000 in general fund revenue.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. McKenna– yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Dr. Lee Korn – yes. Motion approved.

**13.C. Consider acceptance of the resignation of Gary Segal from the Environmental Advisory Council**

Mr. McKenna made a motion to accept the resignation of Gary Segal from the Environmental Advisory Council. Ms. Brockway seconded.

Mr. Morrison stated that Mr. Segal has a night class that conflicts with the EAC meeting night. Mr. Dice asked Mr. Morrison to send Mr. Segal a letter thanking him for his service.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. McKenna– yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Dr. Lee Korn – yes. Motion approved.

**13.D. Consider approval of the Volunteer Service Credit Program notarized eligibility list for Murrysville Volunteer Fire Company and White Valley Volunteer Fire Company**

Dr. Lee Korn made a motion to approve the Volunteer Service Credit Program notarized eligibility list for Murrysville Volunteer Fire Company and White Valley Volunteer Fire Company. Ms. Brockway seconded.

Mr. Morrison stated that this is a program that started in 2018, which gives a tax credit on municipal earned income tax to volunteers who meet a certain criteria by a number of points earned through training and volunteer hours. This year there are 22 individuals from White Valley and Murrysville Volunteer Fire Companies that have met those criteria.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. McKenna– yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Dr. Lee Korn – yes. Motion approved.

**13.E. Consider authorization to advertise Ordinance No. 1021-20, specifying the rate of pension contributions with respect to the Police Pension Plan for 2020 calendar year**

Ms. Brockway made a motion authorizing to advertise Ordinance No. 1021-20, specifying the rate of pension contributions with respect to the Police Pension Plan for 2020 calendar year. Dr. Lee Korn seconded.

Mr. Morrison stated that this is an annual item. The contribution rate has to be established for the police officers into the police pension. It is currently at 5%.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. McKenna– yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Dr. Lee Kornis – yes. Motion approved.

**13.F. Consider approval of an agreement with the Pennsylvania Resource Council for a glass recycling drop off collection event on March 28, 2020**

Mr. Spadaro made a motion to approve entering into an agreement with the Pittsburgh Resource Council (PRC) for a one-time glass recycling drop-off collection event on March 28, 2020 in the amount of \$1,250. Mr. McKenna seconded.

Mr. Morrison stated that this is the organization that sponsored the last glass recycling event, which they were able to do for \$750. They have lost support from their funding agency and due to other issues; this will be the last event. As an alternative, Republic Services will provide the quarterly event for the remainder of 2020 for \$750 per event.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. McKenna– yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Dr. Lee Kornis – yes. Motion approved.

**13.G. Consider approval of an addendum to the Murrysville Garbage and Recycling Contract to provide for three quarterly glass recycling drop-off collection events between April and December of 2020**

Ms. Brockway made a motion to approve entering into a contract with Republic Services for three quarterly glass recycling drop-off events for the calendar year 2020 in the amount of \$750 per event. Dr. Lee Kornis seconded.

Mr. Morrison stated that they included in the proposed contract, the ability to raise the price if the price of the quantity decreased or if some other levy had occurred. Mr. Morrison stated that they would only agree to that if the Municipality would agree to the increase. The recycling market goes up and down, but the price is set at \$750 unless there are complications with either sending the glass off to a supplier or some government levy of additional costs.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. McKenna– yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Dr. Lee Kornis – yes. Motion approved.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

**14.A. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 1020-20, an Ordinance to Authorize the Municipality of Murrysville’s Acceptance of a Deed of Storm Water Easement traversing property of Diadon LLC’s being leased to Giant Eagle, Inc. for Development of a “GetGo” facility for the sale of fuel and other products to the traveling public. The Storm Water Easement shall be twenty (20) feet in width on, over, under and across the Diadon LLC property together with associated rights. The Grantors in Deed of Easement shall include: Landowner, Diadon LLC; Lessee, Giant Eagle Inc., and Developer, “GetGo” II, LP. The Grantee shall be the Municipality of Murrysville**

Dr. Lee Kornis made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1020-20, an Ordinance to authorize the Municipality of Murrysville's acceptance of a Deed of Storm Water Easement traversing property of Diadon LLC's being leased to Giant Eagle, Inc. for development of a "GetGo" facility for the sale of fuel and other products to the traveling public. The Storm Water Easement shall be twenty (20) feet in width on, over, under and across the Diadon LLC property together with associated rights. The Grantors in Deed of Easement shall include: Landowner, Diadon LLC; Lessee, Giant Eagle Inc., and Developer, "GetGo" II, LP. The Grantee shall be the Municipality of Murrysville. Ms. Brockway seconded.

Mr. Morrison stated that in order for GetGo to build their building, they need to relocate the storm sewer. If the storm sewer needs future improvements or repairs, an easement would be needed to access it. This accomplishes that.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. McKenna– yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Dr. Lee Kornis – yes. Motion approved.

**ENGINEERING:**

**15.A. Consider a motion to authorize advertisement of DPW-1-20, the 2020 Overlay Project**

Mr. Spadaro made a motion authorizing to advertise Ordinance DPW-1-20, the 2020 Overlay Project. Ms. Brockway seconded.

Mr. Morrison stated that the roads have not been finalized yet. Mr. Paiano and Ms. Mallisee are working on that and should have it done by Friday. More seal-coat treatment is going to be looked at on the rural overlays. The total for the 2020 overlay project is \$1.5 million.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. McKenna– yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Dr. Lee Kornis – yes. Motion approved.

**15.B. Consider a motion to release the bond being held for the completion of the Buckeye Pipeline, Murrysville Pump Station Development Site in the amount of \$330,000**

Mr. McKenna made a motion release the bond being held for the completion of the Buckeye Pipeline, Murrysville Pump Station Development Site in the amount of \$330,000. Ms. Brockway seconded.

Mr. Morrison stated that this was the bond for the improvements to the pump station across from Buena Vista. The work has been completed, although it is not functional yet.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. McKenna– yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Dr. Lee Kornis – yes. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS:**

**16.A. Consider a motion to award the mowing contract of Murrysville Green Spaces to Dojonovic Landscaping, the second year of three year pricing**

Dr. Lee Kornis made a motion to award the mowing contract of Murrysville green spaces to Dojonovic Landscaping, the second year of three year pricing. Ms. Brockway seconded.

Mr. Paiano stated that this is the second year of the contract for the green spaces throughout the Municipality, which include a little piece of Marlee Acres, the Staymates Cabin area, a piece on Manor Vue Court and also some green space in the Summervale area. There were no complaints about this mowing contractor.

Dr. Lee Kornis asked who cuts the other green spaces in some of the neighborhoods. Mr. Paiano answered that Public Works does not; it is usually taken care of by the Home Owners Association.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. McKenna– yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Dr. Lee Kornis – yes. Motion approved.

**16.B. Consider a motion to award a portable restroom contract to Port-A-John Rental Co., the second year of three year pricing**

Mr. McKenna made a motion to award a portable restroom contract to Port-A-John Rental Co., the second year of three year pricing. Ms. Brockway seconded.

Mr. Paiano stated that this is a good company and there were no complaints last year. There were a couple instances where additional units were added for different functions that the Parks & Recreation Department were having, and there was no problem. In the fall of last year, an additional unit was added to MCP because of the additional use of that park, which went from 16 units to 17 units, which was still within budget.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. McKenna– yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Dr. Lee Kornis – yes. Motion approved.

**16.C. Consider authorization to solicit bids for Landscape Maintenance Services for the Municipal Building, Community Center, Streetscape, Route 22 Islands and Route 22 Jug Handles**

Dr. Lee Kornis made a motion to authorize to advertise for bids for landscape maintenance of the Murrysville Administration Building, Murrysville Community Center, Route 22 Islands/Streetscape, and Route 22 jug handles, including the “Welcome to Murrysville” sign. Ms. Brockway seconded.

Mr. Paiano stated that the contract will combine into one package the mentioned areas.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. McKenna– yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Dr. Lee Kornis – yes. Motion approved.

**16.D. Consider authorization to advertise an RFP for qualified Consultants to plan the Proposed Outdoor Amphitheater performance area at Murrysville Community Park (MCP)**

Mr. Spadaro made a motion to authorize to advertise an RFP for qualified consultants to plan the proposed outdoor amphitheater performance area at Murrysville Community Park (MCP) Ms. Brockway seconded.

Ms. Greene stated that as discussed at the last meeting, they are seeking an RFP to find some qualified consultants that can help guide them through this project, taking into consideration everything that would go into the project, including the use of the park, the best location for the amphitheater, engineering and design, utilities, labor and construction cost estimates, and explore some solar opportunities.

Dr. Lee Kornis stated that even if Council in the past had rejected certain ideas about traffic, she would like to review some of those ideas if staff thinks they would be feasible to help alleviate some of the concerns. Ms. Greene stated that internally, another entrance option into the park was discussed; not only for this project, but for the growth of the park. Mr. Dice stated that he concurs with Dr. Lee Kornis comment and that is part of hiring a professional who can understand all of these things and help plan them.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. McKenna– yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Dr. Lee Kornis – yes. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ACTION ITEMS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Spadaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McKenna seconded. All those in favor voted aye. Motion approved. Mr. Morrison noted that the Mayor was attending an event at the Rotary to honor Pastor Dan this evening. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 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.*