

Council of the Municipality of Murrysville held a Regular Voting Meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Present at the meeting were Council members Toni Brockway, Dayne Dice, Loren Kase, Jamie Lee Korn, Carl Stepanovich and Mayor Synan. Also, present were Chief Administrator, James Morrison, Director of Finance, Diane Heming, and Solicitor, George Kotjarapoglus. Council members Mac McKenna and Tony Spadaro were absent.

**REGULAR VOTING MEETING
AGENDA**

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

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

UNISTED AMENDMENTS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

A. Approval of July 21, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Dr. Lee Korn made a motion to accept the Consent Calendar Items. Mr. Kase seconded. All those present voted aye. Motion approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Synan announced that the Murrysville Farmers' Market continues Thursdays, June thru September, from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Murrysville Medic One field off Sardis Road. If you have any questions, call 724-327-2100 ext. 131 or 115.

Tuesdays at Townsend will have their last performance on August 17th. The free live performances in the park from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. have been very popular this year. Music on the 17th will be by the Luke Waltz Band and food by Big Black Gill and New Crescent Brewing. Any cancellations will be posted on the Facebook event page and website.

The annual Concert in the Park will be Saturday, August 14th from 4 p.m. till dusk at Murrysville Community Park. There will be food, games, and live music. Fireworks will be right at dark – don't be late.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS: Mr. Morrison stated that the road paving project is completed. The crosswalks down at Town Square still need to be completed. Some of the alternate treatments will begin next month.

The staff is waiting on direction from the state and county concerning any new COVID restrictions. Today, Westmoreland County was identified as a substantial impacted county.

The sewer line for the Club House is in. At the next meeting, Mr. Morrison will bring a contract between the Municipality and the Westmoreland County Water Authority to extend the waterline for both the Club House and the amphitheater.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

Fred Shiffer, 254 Thompson Road: Mr. Shiffer had a question regarding the Titan pad. In reading the minutes of November 20, 2019, he was not sure if there was going to be 12 wells, 1 well, or 6 wells because when it was approved, it was for the pad. What are the number of wells that have been approved before Olympus Energy would have to come in and go through the planning process again.

Mr. Morrison stated that the Conditional Use approval process was for the pad, but he doesn't recall if they discussed how many wells would actually be drilled on the pad. Mr. Morrison stated that he can go back and look through the Conditional Use approval minutes to see and get back with him. Mr. Shiffer stated that it would be nice before everything starts, to clarify how many wells they plan to put in.

LIAISON COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. Brockway: The Library Summer Reading Program comes to a close this Friday. The library has had 544 participants. Come celebrate at the Summer Reading Party on Friday, August 6th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Beckwith Soccer Field. Drop by and pick up your invitation beforehand at the library. There will be balloon animals, Stage Right Princesses, and the Pittsburgh Zoomobile. Summer Reading prizes will be drawn and ready to pick up starting on Friday at 11:00 a.m. Please claim your tickets on the Beanstack app by Thursday, August 5th. The library wanted to thank all of their patrons, sponsors and community members who helped make the Summer Reading Program a success. Check out other upcoming events on their website at murrysvillelibrary.org.

Dr. Lee Korn: Nothing to report from Pension.

Mr. Kase: There were no new agenda items for EAC so they did not meet in July.

Mr. Stepanovich: Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Foundation meet next week.

Mr. Dice: FTMSA meets next week.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

ADMINISTRATION: None

ENGINEERING: None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: None

PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS: None

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

ADMINISTRATION:

13.A Consider authorization to advertise for a Public Hearing for the 2022 – 2026 Capital Improvements Program on August 18, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. with a workshop immediately following

Ms. Brockway made a motion to consider authorization to advertise for a Public Hearing for the 2022 – 2026 Capital Improvements Program on August 18, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. with a workshop immediately following the hearing. Mr. Kase seconded. All those present voted aye. Motion approved.

Mr. Morrison stated that this is just a standard process set up in the Home Rule Charter to advertise a Public Hearing. Distribution of the CIP will occur next week.

13.B. Authorization for use of American Relief Funds for three projects:

1. Acquisition of a ten-ton dump truck and a police cruiser;
2. Emergency repairs of a collapsed storm sewer in the Heritage Estates Plan of lots; and
3. Acquisition of water bottle filling stations in various municipal parks.

Mr. Kase made a motion to approve use of the American Relief Funds for three projects. 1) Acquisition of a ten-ton dump truck and a police cruiser; 2) Emergency repairs of a collapsed storm sewer in the Heritage Estates Plan of lots; and 3) Acquisition of water bottle filling stations in various municipal parks. Mr. Stepanovich seconded. All those present voted aye. Motion approved.

Mr. Morrison stated that final guidelines have not come down yet for expenditure of funds. Staff feels these items will fit the guidelines. Urgency on these projects is due to supply issues. For the police cruiser alone is 10 months. Emergency repairs of the storm sewer in Heritage Estates was outlined in a previous meeting. There may be an alternative way to resolve that problem and could possibly do a lot of the work inhouse. There will still be costs associated with pipe and materials. In regard to the water bottle filling stations, the fountains in the parks have not been on due to COVID restrictions. The proposal is to purchase six filling stations to place in various municipal parks. They would be turned off for the winter like the fountains were.

13.C. Consider authorization to grant \$1,500 to the Murrysville Historical Society to match a private donation for the completion of a walkway at the Hoey/Staymates cabin.

Dr. Lee Kornis made a motion to authorize to grant \$1,500 to the Murrysville Historical Society to match a private donation for the completion of a walkway at the Hoey/Staymates cabin. Ms. Brockway seconded. All those present voted aye. Motion approved.

Mr. Morrison stated that about 2 years ago, the Municipality entered into an agreement with the Historical Society for certain activities at the Staymates cabin. The Hoey/Staymates family has contributed toward various projects at the Staymates cabin and one of the things that has been proposed and much needed there is an upgrade to the walking path to access the cabin from the parking lot area. The family has offered to provide funds for this and there is a need to match about \$1,500 to complete this project.

Sam Staymates, 4525 Roundtop Road: Mr. Staymates stated that when the cabin was redone, there was a stone walkway up to the parking area using leftover stone and leftover material. There is no safe way to get up to the cabin right now. He got in touch with 4 contractors and \$3,700 was the least expensive. Mr.

Staymates showed a picture of what the upgraded walkway would look like. The Hoey family is donating \$2,200 towards the project and it is a Murrysville Park. Council agreed that it looked like a nice idea and necessary.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

14.A. Consider approval of CU-3-21, Hyperion Midstream Project, Bollinger Road, Tax Map Number 49-12-00-0-007 & 49-12-00-0-008, R-R Zoning, Hyperion Midstream proposes to construct and operate an interconnect site to transfer natural gas to an existing transmission gas line operated by Eastern Gas Transmission

Dr. Lee Korn made a motion to approve CU-3-21, Hyperion Midstream Project, Bollinger Road, Tax Map Number 49-12-00-0-007 & 49-12-00-0-008, R-R Zoning, Hyperion Midstream proposes to construct and operate an interconnect site to transfer natural gas to an existing transmission gas line operated by Eastern Gas Transmission subject to the staff briefing waiver requirements. Ms. Brockway seconded. All those present voted aye. Motion approved.

Blaine Lucas, on behalf of Hyperion Midstream, stated that he had been working with Municipal staff on the conditions that had been mentioned previously. There was a request that Hyperion make a payment in lieu of the landscaping waiver and Hyperion has committed to a \$35,000 grant to the Murrysville Community Park Foundation for that purpose. Mr. Lucas stated that the one concern they do have is the provision of an interconnect facility as opposed to a well pad to provide proof of notice of intent to test water wells within 3000 feet of the project area. They ask that this be deleted as notices have already gone out to property owners within 3000 feet of the Titan well pad, which would serve the purpose of the Hyperion interconnect.

Mr. Kase asked about truck traffic and what size truck would be used to haul the water off site. Ms. Kim Price, Communications Director for Olympus Energy, stated that they would not be utilizing any type of tractor trailer; a single frame truck would be used.

Mr. Stepanovich asked how the amount of \$35,000 came about. Ms. Price stated that the amount of the difference in the required landscaping and the landscaping granted by modification was a total of \$33,890 (\$150 per tree and \$35 per shrub). They just rounded up the number for the purpose of helping out the parks. Mr. Morrison noted that this was the recommendation of the Planning Commission to come up with the difference between what was required and what was granted. Also, the truck size (single frame) will be included in the Developer's Agreement.

Dr. Lee Korn asked about the lighting and if there was any type of trigger in the event of an emergency to have lighting turned on. Ms. Price stated that she didn't have an answer, but would certainly find out

14.B. Consider approval of SP-6-21, a Major Land Development, Hyperion Midstream Project, Bollinger Road, Tax Map Number 49-12-00-0-007 & 49-12-00-0-008, R-R Zoning, Hyperion Midstream proposes to construct and operate an interconnect site to transfer natural gas to an existing transmission gas line operated by Eastern Gas Transmission

Ms. Brockway made a motion to consider approval of SP-6-21, a Major Land Development, Hyperion Midstream Project, Bollinger Road, Tax Map Number 49-12-00-0-007 & 49-12-00-0-008, R-R Zoning, Hyperion Midstream proposes to construct and operate an interconnect site to transfer natural gas to an existing transmission gas line operated by Eastern Gas Transmission subject to the conditions and waivers in the briefing. Dr. Lee Kornes seconded. All those present voted aye. Motion approved.

There were no new questions or concerns by Council.

ENGINEERING:

15.A. Consider authorization to advertise Ordinance #1046-21, an ordinance accepting streets in the Bianca Rose Plan of Lots.

Mr. Stepanovich made a motion to consider authorization to advertise Ordinance #1046-21, an ordinance accepting streets in the Bianca Rose development. Dr. Lee Kornes seconded. All those present voted aye. Motion approved.

Mr. Morrison stated that this is the development off Wiestertown Road. Staff is proposing only to accept the streets and the inlets in the streets at this time. There have been ongoing issues with some of the locations of storm sewers and detention ponds and do not recommend that they be accepted into the Municipal system. This motion is just for accepting the streets which will enable Public Works to do snow removal this winter.

15.B. Consider release of the bond being held for the completion of the 4001 Partner's (Choice Auto) site in the amount of \$189,226.40.

Dr. Lee Kornes made a motion to release the bond being held for the completion of the 4001 Partner's (Choice Auto) site in the amount of \$189,226.40. Mr. Kase seconded. All those present voted aye. Motion approved.

Mr. Morrison stated that the work has been completed, they are operational, inspections have occurred, and staff recommends that the bond can be released at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ACTION ITEMS: None

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ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Kase made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stepanovich seconded. All those present voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 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.