

MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

3 April 2012

The Muncy Borough Council met in regular session with the following members present: Pres. Baker; L. Stein; D. Bertin, J. Ort and Mayor Edward Dannemann.

Guests: Alicia Myers and Wayne Wolfgang

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag led by Mayor E. Dannemann

Public Participation and Request for Floor: Alicia Myers spoke ref. Shade Tree Commission. She spoke about Tree Grant, planting of trees, and "cut down orders" for unsafe trees. Muncy is still a "Tree City USA" and they will continually apply for that status. She stated they have a methodical way of dealing with hazardous trees. She stated the goal is to have a "total tree program". They have set aside \$3,000 for pruning. Mayor Dannemann asked if they planned on planting any ash trees, stating they are blighted and die. Alicia stated they would not plant ash.

Old Business:

1. Copier: It has arrived and is in service. J. Ort stated, "Awesome"!
2. Mold Issue: After a brief discussion it was decided to address only the attic. Boro staff will determine if carpet in building can be removed and utilize possible hardwood floor that may be underneath.
3. West Branch Council of Government 16 May 2012; Pat has determined who will attend.
4. Benecon: Tabled

New Business

1. Community Yard Sale: Brandy Kift is handling. It will be Sat. 28 April 2012 beginning at 8 a.m.
2. Earth Day: Pat indicated community volunteers will help clean up on Sat. 21 Apr. 2012. Emphasis on creek banks through Muncy Boro.
3. Boro Office: Jeff provided a sketch of proposed movement of his office into former secretary office. **On motion by Jon Ort and 2nd by Dana Bertin the motion was approved.**
4. Pa. Wilds: Muncy Boro rec'd \$5,000 from Pa. Wilds. On 25 April 2012 from 5 to 8 p.m. there will be an event in St. Mary's Penna. To recognize recipients. It was discussed sending Pat to attend, and provide overnight lodging. No vote was taken.
5. Lyc. Sullivan Co. Boro Assoc. Dinner 18 April 2012 in Duboistown. Topic will be Pros & Cons of Act. 13. Pat and Pres. Baker will attend.

Approval of Minutes:

7 Feb. 2012: Linda Stein stated the "New Business" needed amended to read, "Tim Wentz was approved as the engineer to assist with various Boro projects". After the amendment and on motion by Jon Ort and 2nd by Linda Stein the minutes were approved.

16 Feb. 2012: On motion by Jon Ort and 2nd by Linda Stein the minutes were approved.

6 March 2012: Minutes were taken by Pat Weber and were not available. To be reviewed at next meeting.

15 March 2012: On motion by Jon Ort and 2nd by Linda Stein the minutes were approved.

Correspondence: None

Borough Reports:

General Fund: Treasurer Jeff Sholtis requested approval for checks no. 2371 to 2403 for General Fund. On motion by Jon Ort and 2nd by Dana Bertin check disbursement was approved.

Water Fund check disbursement for checks no. 2355 to 2381 was approved on motion by Dana Bertin and 2nd by Jon Ort and approved.

Liquid Fuels check disbursement for checks no. 114 to 116 was approved on motion by Jon Ort and 2nd by Dana Bertin and approved.

On motion by Jon Ort and 2nd by Dana Bertin the Treasurer's report was approved in its entirety.

Fire Department:

Chief J. Brelsford provided a copy of their March report. He stated they have signed an article of agreement for the sale of the Clarkstown station. They are looking at several properties for a new facility. He also stated in the past council had liaisons with the fire department. He would like that started again stating the fire department serves four (4) municipalities. After a brief discussion it was decided that Dana would take that responsibility with Jon Ort assisting as needed.

Police: Chief Sutton provided his report and reminded council of training exercise at Muncy High School on 25 April. He also gave information of "Active Shooter" training being sponsored by the Lyc. Co. Law enforcement association. He stated "Law enforcement in Lycoming Co. is being proactive and not reactive" On 28 Apr. the PD will participate in a DEA program of collecting old or unused prescription drugs.

Public Works: Pat Weber reviewed his report. He stated they have not received bids for paving.

Committee Reports:

1. Water: tabled
2. Streets: Pat stated they have not rec'd paving bids; they are expected later this month.
3. Finance: Pres. Baker stated they need to begin talking about pay raises.
4. Personnel: L. Stein stated they are down to top 2 candidates for secretary. They will have a decision by the work session 19 April 2012
5. Equipment, Property & Grounds – Library. Pres. Baker will again request bids.
6. Community relations: L. Stein stated Veteran's Park has taken a few steps back. Community Yard Sale will be 28 April. Boro Clean up will be 3 May on East side and 4 May on west side of town.
7. Nuisance Ord. **On motion by Dana Bertin and 2nd by Jon Ort and approved solicitor W. Knecht will review the ordinance and correct flaws to include abandoned vehicles.**
8. Zoning: L. Stein stated they met with Ron Decker and talked about some changes to zoning. That will include Act 13 so boro can benefit by drilling. Jon Ort stated funds rec'd will have to go into a special account.

Public Participation: None

Mayor: Mayor Dannemann reminded council that Pa. State Police (PSP) will have 400 retirements this year and no academy class until 2013. "What we have is what we have" and some municipalities that backed off of regional will have regrets. He reminded council that they voted to disconnect streets lights to save costs and that has not been done. Also the boro needs to find a new supplier for electricity to further save costs. He stated "we dropped the ball on this one". He reminded council that what is stated in "executive Session" stays in executive session. He has received calls from people stating, "I heard this". He does not want to hear that statement anymore. He then asked the solicitor for his opinion. W. Knecht stated the Mayor is correct. The Mayor also stated he believes it to be a violation of the "Sunshine Law" and that the council member in violation is responsible for the fine.

The Mayor then questioned "Smoking on the Porch". He believes it may not be in compliance on property with it being a public municipal building. He asked that the solicitor check and determine if it is a violation. W. Knecht stated the boro could ban smoking. Mayor Dannemann further stated we need to discuss it at next meeting and stop it if it is not in compliance.

Individual Council Members: Nothing

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: On motion by Jon Ort and 2nd by Dana Bertin and approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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19 April 2012

The Muncy Borough Council met in regular session with the following members present: Pres. Baker; E. McAleer; L. Stein; J. Ort; G. Betzer; T. Noviello; D. Bertin (7:45) and Mayor Edward Dannemann.

Guests: Fred Rodgers Buttonwood Lane

Boro Employees: Chief Sutton doing minutes; Jeff Sholtis; Pat Weber (7:35)

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Participation: None

Request for Floor: None

Borough reports: None

Old Business:

1. **Mold:** Chief advised that Pres. Baker signed contract with PENECO to do mold removal.
2. **WBA Equip. & Trg. Show:** Reminder by Elaine of May 16 Equip. & Trg. Show
3. **WBRA Update:** Elaine stated there is a draft time line attached to agenda. G. Betzer asked about assets. She stated there is a list of pumps and non argumentive items. Need to review vehicle titles to see what vehicles belong to authority. Chief Sutton will assist.

New Business: Phones; Chief Sutton has contacted Comcast to review phones for possible cost savings.

Dates of Interest:

1. Community Yard Sale – April 28th
2. Earth Day event – April 21 st.
3. Clean-up days – May 3rd & May 4th

Committee Reports

1. **Water/Sewer Committee:** G. Betzer not at meeting. J. Sholtis stated no movement on what is owed to General. E. McAleer stated money is now there, enough funds were transferred to get account healthy.
2. **Streets:** J. Ort notified meeting was cancelled. G. Betzer & R. Baker met with Pat and discussed filling and rolling N. Washington St. E. McAleer stated Eric will borrow Loyalsock Twp. Camera to video tape laterals. Bids for streets have been put in, and costs have increased. G. Betzer asked about paving McCarty Alley from W. Water to Grant St.
3. **Finance:** Committee met and reviewed 1st quarter actual to budget. They will meet again in July. **On motion by E. McAleer and 2nd by L. Stein and approved the hourly employees to include Rick, Seth, Dave, Gary, Ron and Steve will receive \$.25 per hr. pay raise.** Pat will do evaluations by end of June and raises will be re-evaluated. Benecon reimbursed Muncy Boro \$11,000
4. **Personnel:** T. Noviello stated they have chosen a person for the secretary position. They will discuss in executive session and reopen meeting for a vote.
5. **Equipment:** R. Baker no report still waiting to hear from J. Whitaker.

Council went into Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues at 8:25pm.

Mr. Betzer made the motion to close the Executive Session and re-open the meeting at 8:55pm. Motion was second by Mr. Bertin with all in favor.

Mr. Betzer made the motion to hire Cathy Lusk for the Borough Secretary position at the starting salary of \$27,000 which will be adjusted on a performance base at the conclusion of the probationary period (3 months). Motion was second by Ms. Novello with all in favor.

Motion to adjourn came at 9:00pm by Mr. Ort and second by Mr. Betin with all in favor.