

MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

7 FEBRUARY 2012

The Muncy Borough Council met in regular session with the following members present: Pres. Baker, E. McAleer, T. Noviello, L. Stein, G. Betzer, D. Bertin, J. Ort and Mayor Edward Dannemann. Solicitor W. Knecht was also present.

Guests: Mike Coppes, Karen Richards, Kim Patterson and Brandy Kift, and Mrs. C. Dannemann.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Invocation was provided by E. McAleer and Pledge to Flag led by Mayor Dannemann.

Executive Session: Council went into an executive session for a personnel matter. **At 7:45 p.m the meeting was called back to order with Chief Sutton filling in as recording secretary.**

Public Participation: None

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Sholtis Entire report tabled until next meeting.

SunGazette: After a brief discussion and on motion by Galen Betzer and 2nd by Elaine McAleer and approved the SunGazette subscription will be terminated.

Old Business: Brandy Kift on motion by Jon Ort and 2nd by Elaine McAleer and approved was appointed to the Planning Commission. Her term will expire 2014. Copier was tabled

New Business: After a lengthy discussion and on motion by Linda Stein and 2nd by Jon Ort and approved, Tim Wentz was approved as the engineer to assist the recreation commission including Veteran's Park.

Wireless router: Chief Sutton reviewed the uses and ability of council or auditors to access.

Veterans Park Agreement: Currently under review

Safety Committee: Chief Sutton spoke ref. appoint of Mr. Ramsey to chairperson. The committee is to discuss problems and decide methods of corrections and future trainings to be held by individual departments. Mayor Dannemann also stated it is good to have a person from the outside looking in to see the real problems. As a result Mr. Ramsey will remain chairperson of the committee.

Correspondence:

1. Boro Dinner give request to attend to Jeff by 9 Feb.
2. DEP Letter: No Action
3. Library Fund: Money is budgeted
4. Elected Tax officer resignation: no action required
5. Thank you card from Janet Smith was read.
6. Get well card for Tom Gardner signed

Request for Floor: Eric Moore reviewed the WBRA revenues and request for \$2,000,000 loan/line of credit at an interest rate of 1.75%. He requested the solicitor review the request for line of credit and the guarantee agreements. T. Noviello questioned the 46% of debt belonging to Muncy Boro. Eric stated that payment will come out of sewer rates including Muncy Creek Twp. G. Betzer then questioned how the loan would impact the boro's ability to borrow money.

Eric stated he will go back and try to reassess the numbers. W. Knecht suggested giving it to our engineer to review. After a lengthy discussion it was given to the committee for review.

Borough Reports:

Solicitor: none **Fire Chief: none**

Chief Sutton: His report was presented and he reviewed training exercise for Muncy High School in late April.

Tax Collector; Health officer; Zoning Codes Officer No discussion

Excavation Permits: G. Betzer questioned back fill of earth whether it was in the yard or street.

Public Works Director: Pat Weber presented his report. He anticipates a PA Wilds check at anytime. He estimates paving to cost \$72,500 that will include two streets and one alley. He will meet with committee to review. Boro cleanup tentatively scheduled for **27 April (Fri.) and 4 May 2012 (Friday)**. He also requested the purchase of a projector. He was advised he could borrow one from the School District.

Planning Commission report: No discussion

Committee Reports:

Water/Sewer Committee: Linda Stein stated there is a \$30,000 grant available if boro can come up with storm water management issues. She talked about Green St. Park and solving water issues in that area. The project would have to be completed by May. She asked if any other sites where storm water management is an issue.

Streets and Finance, Community Relations and Personnel: No report

Library Building: Reviewed bid from Burkholder for \$13,250.00 and then tabled it for next meeting.

Zoning Advisory Team: Elaine McAleer will follow up.

Public Participation: Kim Patterson anticipated looking at Water Management agreement. It was to be discussed in executive session. Karen Richards questioned legality of doing it in executive when it appeared on agenda. W. Knecht responded that it was appropriate and it will come up in a public meeting.

Mayor: Mayor Dannemann wants council to be more decisive. He stated council tends to wait and let issues go on and on, or until they resolve themselves.

Individual Council Members: D. Bertin stated he observed Wmspt. City council passes a resolution for \$18,000 ceiling on purchases. W. Knecht stated that was because Williamsport is a 3rd. class city.

Adjournment and Executive Session: Council after a motion by E. McAleer and 2nd by J. Ort and approved adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m and went into an executive session to discuss a personnel issue and the meeting would not reopen.

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Guests: Karen Richards, Kim Patterson, Eric Moore WBRA, Jeff Sholtis, and Pat Weber

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Chief Sutton filling in as recording secretary. There was no printed agenda. After a brief discussion it was decided to review WBRA loan application, cash disbursements, M.L. Rager's resignation, and paving. Later Radon was added.

Paving: Pat indicated cost would be \$72,500 to pave S. Washington from Penn to New St; S. Washington from Quarry Rd. to Shuttle Hill and alley north of 30 N. Main from Main to Market. Jeff Sholtis indicated liquid fuels have \$25,000 with \$51,600 expected for 2012. He continued with \$ 3,000 to \$4,000 is normally used for signs. **On motion by Jon Ort and 2nd by Galen the paving project was approved.** Pat also requested access to downstairs computer to obtain "Consumer Confidence Report". Elaine stated that Gary needs a copy and normally takes care of that report. The report must be out by June 2012.

Treasurer's Report: After reviewing Gen. Fund Check disbursement and on motion by Elaine and 2nd by Jon Ort it was approved. On motion by Elaine and 2nd by Jon Ort the Water Fund report was approved. On motion by Linda Stein and 2nd by Jon Ort Liquid fuels was approved. On motion by Linda Stein and 2nd by Jon Ort the Shade Tree report was approved. On motion by Jon Ort and 2nd by Galen the Equipment Fund was approved. On motion by Jon Ort and 2nd by Elaine McAleer the Building Fund was approved. On motion by Elaine and 2nd by Jon the Special Fund was approved. On motion by Elaine and 2nd by Jon the Veterans Park fund report was approved. On motion by Elaine and 2nd by Galen the DCNR grant was approved. **On motion by Elaine McAleer and 2nd by Jon Ort the Treasures report was approved in its entirety.**

Request for Floor: Eric Moore WMRA requested council approval of \$2,000,000 revolving credit request. That would include an ordinance and agreement that was sent to Solicitor Knecht prior to last council meeting. Galen asked if the 46% still stood. Eric stated it was based on flow from 537 plan that included the service area for Muncy Boro. T. Noviello asked if 537 addressed financing when it was first approved. Eric stated it only addressed flow. Mayor Dannemann asked who currently has approved loan request. To date only Montgomery. Mayor asked if municipalities fail to sign can they move forward. Eric stated yes but in violation of 537 plan. He continued stating delays could cost \$50,000 per month in contractor penalties that would be added to the end of the project. Mayor Dannemann stated that by delaying it will cost all participants at the end. "Pay me now or pay me later". Eric also stated that normal flow from Muncy is 1.4 million gals./day with 1.0 million gals./day being from Montgomery side of river. He further stated that in 2011 we were in violation of DEP permit 3 months in a row with a flow of 1.7 million gals./day. Jon Ort stated we will act on it at our next meeting. Linda will explore \$1,000,000 that will be in Chesapeake Bay fund by end of this year to determine if it can be used to offset boro cost. Eric further stated they need \$ 4 million with only \$2,000,000 being needed now. The sticking point throughout the discussion was the 46% liability of Muncy boro. Council and Eric agreed that they will review the request and bring it up during the March 6, 2012 regular council meeting.

Mold: Chief Sutton was authorized to contact M.L. Rager and then the contractor to begin mold removal.



Resignation: On motion by Jon Ort and 2nd by T. Noviello and approved the resignation of Mary Lynne Rager was accepted. She is to be contacted for keys, and passwords. An exit interview will be scheduled with M.L. Rager. Council person Noviello requested Chief Sutton to attend the exit interview.

Safety Committee: Pres. Baker stated that employees refused to plow so they could attend the meeting. Pat stated that Rick blatantly told him he wasn't going to plow snow that he was going to the meeting. Pres. Baker wanted to send letter removing Mr. Ramsey as chairman of that committee. Stating he could not tell employees what to do. Chief Sutton again advised council the Safety Committee is designed to discuss issues and concerns from the prior month. The committee then determines what action or training needs to be undertaken. Mayor Dannemann also expressed importance and benefits of having someone that is not an employee involved in the Safety Committee. **After a lengthy discussion on motion by T. Noviello and 2nd by Jon Ort the Safety Committee will stay the way it is. Then on motion by Jon Ort and 2nd by Elaine and approved department heads will take care of training of their personnel.**

Other: On motion by Elaine and 2nd by Jon Ort and approved council will advertise for a boro secretary. Galen requested that they use the secretary position in the advertisement. **Library:** Elaine advised Pres. Baker to look at the \$20,000 hail grant for the library. **River Gauge:** Elaine advised that all permits are in place and the project is ready to begin.

Adjournment: On motion by Jon Ort and 2nd by Elaine McAleer the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Executive Session: An executive session was held to discuss personnel issue and the meeting would not reopen.

Next regular council meeting will be Tuesday 6 March 2012 at the Margaret Waldron Building 46 S. Main St. Muncy

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