

MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

January 19, 2012 7pm

The Muncy Borough Council met in regular session with the following members present: President Richard Baker, Vice President Galen Betzer, Linda Stein, Tillie Noviello, Elaine McAleer, Dana Bertin, and Jonathan Ort. Junior Council Member Hannah Cole was absent. Also attending were Mayor Dannemann and Borough Secretary Mary Lynné Rager.

Guests: Chief Richard Sutton, Muncy Borough Police
Patrick Weber, Muncy Borough Public Works Director

President Richard Baker called the meeting to order at 7:01pm in Council Chambers, 14 North Washington Street, Muncy.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held on January 5, 2012 for personnel reasons at Council Chambers.

Old Business

1. Mold Mediation:

Mrs. McAleer made a **motion to approve mold mediation of a cost not to exceed \$1500 by AAC, or the first company to schedule, at the borough office with the funds being drawn from the Building Fund** with Mr. Ort making the **second**. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor.

2. Library Building: **TABLE**

3. Library Borough Representative: Council decided for President Baker to be on the Library Board representing council.

4. Appointment of Vacancy Board:

Mrs. McAleer made a **motion to appoint Brandy Kift to the Vacancy Board** with Ms Noviello making the **second**. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor.

5. Council Committees:

Committee	Chair-Name	Name	Name
<i>Water/Sewer</i>	Galen Betzer	Richard Baker	Elaine McAleer
<i>Finance</i>	Elaine McAleer	Linda Stein	Richard Baker
<i>Personnel</i>	Tillie Noviello	Galen Betzer	Linda Stein
<i>Streets</i>	Jon Ort	Dana Bertin	Galen Betzer
<i>Recreation & Shade Tree</i>	Linda Stein	Tillie Noviello	Elaine McAleer
<i>Public Health & Safety</i>	Dana Bertin	Jon Ort	Tillie Noviello
<i>Equipment, Property</i>	Richard Baker	Dana Bertin	Jon Ort
<i>Ordinance Committee</i>	Chief Sutton	Galen Betzer	Tillie Noviello
<i>Sub Committee: Police</i>	Mayor Dannemann	Richard Baker	Baron Zimmers

6. Commission Appointments:

Mr. Ort made a **motion to approve Resolution 2012-02 appointing John Whitaker to the Zoning Hearing Board** with Mr. Bertin making the **second**. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor.

Mrs. McAleer made a **motion to appoint Jon Ort to the Shade Tree Commission** with Ms Stein making the **second**. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor.

Mr. Ort made a **motion to appoint John Whitaker to the Civil Service Commission** with Mrs. McAleer making the **second**. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor.

Mrs. Rager will but a memo out to borough employees to see who would be interested in serving on the Pension Committee.

7. Reminder to turn in Statement of Financial Interest forms: Mrs. Rager reminded council to turn in their forms ASAP.

- 8. 2012 Council To-Do-List: Ms Stein provided the list to council and encouraged all to discuss, vote, add, and prioritize. Council classified each item according to committee for each committee to address and present to council.

New Business

- 1. Nuisance Ordinance/Property Maintenance Ordinance: Chief Sutton reported on the January 5, 2012 hearing regarding abandoned vehicles which he had previously discussed with Solicitor Knecht. The Chief stated that the ordinance currently in place is a problem and needs to be rewritten. February 9 is the next hearing. He requested Solicitor Knecht’s input.
- 2. Library Parking: Chief Sutton requested permission for Solicitor Knecht to write a letter to the landlord of the property next to the library in regards to parking. One of the renters, who received a ticket for parking at the library, presented the Chief with a copy of her lease agreement where her landlord noted that parking in the library parking lot after hours was permitted. She was told the landlord had an agreement with the library. The landlord also had posted this in the lobby of the apartment.

Mrs. McAleer made a **motion to contact the landlord via letter stating the library is the borough’s property and not the library and that there is not an agreement with the borough for his renter’s parking** with Ms Noviello making the **second**. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor.

Chief Sutton noted that the lights at the maintenance shed still have not been installed. He will present to the next MBMA about running a line from the water building to the maintenance shed.

- 3. General Code: Mrs. Rager reported that she has provided General Code with copies of ordinances to re-start the codification process. In discussing the Change Order No.1 (agreement) Mrs. McAleer requested a copy of the original agreement before going forward.
- 4. Approval of Newly Elected Municipal Officials Training:

Mr. Bertin made a **motion to approve Tillie Noviello to attend the Newly Elected Municipal Officials Training for a cost of \$150** with Ms Stein making the **second**. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor.

- 5. Resolution 2012-01 Appointment of Jonathan Ort:

Ms Stein made a **motion to approve Resolution 2012-01 appointing Jonathan Ort to the council seat of deceased council-elect Dan Palmeter** with Mr. Bertin making the **second**. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor.

- 6. Tax Collector: Mrs. Rager noted that a resident had been elected as Tax Collector and requested he be sworn in at the February 7, 2012 council meeting. It was noted that council had passed an ordinance a while back noting the pay rate. Mrs. Rager to look into.
- 7. Block Grant: Mrs. McAleer to attend next meeting.

Public Participation

No public present

Mayor

Mayor Dannemann stated that Canton Water three years ago started selling water to the gas companies. This summer their four million dollar debt will be paid off. “We need to do this!”

He noted that two years ago council was going to turn off the PPL street lights. Mrs. Rager said she had contacted PPL last December and again in January. They stated this is not a fast process and the temporary shut off will probably not be until late February or March.

Individual Council Members

Council thanked Mrs. Kift and Mr. Ort for their participation in volunteering to serving on Muncy Borough Council. Ms Stein noted that they “brought fresh air into council.”

Executive Session

An Executive Session was called at 9:35pm for legal and personnel reasons with the meeting not to reconvene.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Ort made a **motion to adjourn** the meeting at 9:35pm with Mrs. McAleer making the **second**. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lynné Rager
Borough Secretary