

# Muncy Borough Council Meeting Minutes

## October 6, 2015

The Muncy Borough Council met in regular session at Boro Hall with the following members present: Present, Richard Baker, Elaine McAleer, Linda Stein, Dana Bertin and Ed Feigles. Tillie Noviello arrived late. Karen Richards was absent. Also attending: Borough Secretary, Tara Rall, Borough Manager, William Ramsey, Police Chief Jim Dorman, Borough Treasurer, Jeff Sholtis, Mayor, Jon Ort and Solicitor Chris Kenyon.

President Baker called the meeting to order at 7pm.  
Pledge of Allegiance

**Guests:** John Somits, Resident  
Pat Crossley, Sun Gazette

John Somits of 304 Sherman Street brought pictures of what his yard looks like after a heavy rain. His entire yard is submerged, in some places up to waist deep, due to poor storm water runoffs and grates. There are not enough grates, or pipes large enough, in this area to gather all the runoff, which is causing it to back up on Mr. Somit's property. This is not the only location that has this problem and council discussed options to correct this in the future. Mr. Somits informed council that he has lost thousands of dollars in repairs due to this water problem.

**Minutes:** September 21, 2015:

- E. McAleer made motion to approve minutes of 9/21/15. E. Feigles made 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

**Old Business:**

1. **Demolition Ordinance:** Solicitor Kenyon is cleaning up the language in the Ordinance to reference it as a stand-alone ordinance instead of it being part of the Zoning Ordinance. Solicitor will send new draft to Boro Manager and cc all of council. T. Rall will then advertise for adoption at next meeting.

**DEP update:** W. Ramsey finally received a call back regarding the status of the application from DEP to tear down Myers Auto Parts. The application was approved on September 3, 2015. Therefore, after the 60 day waiting period, the building can come down on November 3, 2015. Mayor Ort asked if it would be done by the Veteran's Parade that following weekend on November 7<sup>th</sup>. W. Ramsey will look into it but it doesn't seem likely. With the new tear down date being after the date of the original contract W. Ramsey asked council to make a motion to allow him to extend the contract with Steinbacher's to have the demo date on or after November 3, 2015.

- E. McAleer made motion to extend original contract with Steinbacher's 30 days per Solicitor's review of contract. E. Feigles made 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

**Treasurer's Report:**

4. **a. Check Disbursements**  
**General Fund:**
  - E. McAleer made motion to approve checks 4181 - 4228, including 4 EFTs from the General Fund totaling \$146,101.23. E. Feigles made 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.**Liquid Fuels Fund**
  - D. Bertin made motion to approve check 136 from the Liquid Fuels Fund totaling \$55,556.26. E. Feigles made 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.**Grant Fund**
  - E. McAleer made motion to approve 1 EFT and check #103 from the Grant Fund totaling \$900.00. E. Feigles made 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.
  - E. McAleer made motion to accept the Bank Balances in its entirety. E. Feigles made 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

**T. Noviello arrived at meeting.**

**New Business:**

3. **Workers' Compensation for Fire Department:** Council discussed the "what ifs" in regard to MCT and the fire department not coming to an agreement by January 1, 2016. W.C. policy for the fire department is currently held at MCT and prorated between the boro, MCT, Moreland and Anthony Townships. If MCT is no longer covered by the fire department the premiums of the WC will fall onto the Boro. This needs to be considered

during budget meetings. This is a real possibility that needs serious review and consideration .

4. **Stormwater Project for Shuttle Hill:** W. Ramsey presented council with maps in regard to properties on Shuttle Hill Road where there appears to be a damaged storm water runoff pipe. This stormwater pipe goes between two homes and down into a new development owned by Mr. Brockman. Who is responsible for the pipe? The Boro or the developer of Shuttle Hill? After lengthy discussions it was concluded that W. Ramsey and the Solicitor will look into the deeds to see if there are any easements of right of ways. W. Ramsey will keep council apprised of this matter.
5. **Street's Depart. Cell phones:** T. Noviello would like to see all the Street Depart employees have flip phones provided by the boro. During discussions it was also suggested that an "on duty" phone be purchased for the police department as well. Council instructed W. Ramsey to look into prices for 3 boro phones.
6. **Veteran's Parade Committee – Insurance:** The VPC would like the boro to have a liability insurance policy for the day of the parade. This coverage would cost the boro between \$600-\$800. Council agreed to no provide such a policy and asked that the VPC provide the boro with a certificate of their insurance coverage for the day of the parade.

**Correspondence:**

7. **Thank you email:** Wayne McPheron sent a thank you email to W. Ramsey thanking the boro for their participation with the 2015 Corvette Show.
8. **Letter from MCT Resident regarding Fire Dept.:** Council reviewed.

**Borough Reports:**

9. **Solicitor:** No report.
10. **Police Chief** – Council reviewed report.
11. **Fire Chief** – Council reviewed report.
12. **Tax Collector** : Council reviewed report.
13. **Zoning/Building Codes Officer** – Council reviewed reports
14. **Excavation Permits:** Council reviewed reports
15. **Public Works** - Council reviewed reports.
16. **Commission Reports:** MBMA and Safety: Council reviewed reports.

**Committee Reports:**

**Public Participation**

**Individual Council Members:** October Workshop : Budget

**Mayor:** N/A

**Executive Session:**

**Adjournment** • E. McAleer made motion to adjourn meeting at 8:55 pm. T. Noviello made 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tara Rall*

Tara Rall, Muncy Borough Secretary

**Next meeting will be – November 3, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Boro Hall**

## Muncy Borough Council Meeting Minutes October 19, 2015

The Muncy Borough Council met in work session at Boro Hall with the following members present: Present, Richard Baker, Elaine McAleer, Linda Stein and Ed Feigles. Tillie Noviello, Dana Bertin and Karen Richards was absent. Also attending: Borough Secretary, Tara Rall, Borough Manager, William Ramsey, Police Chief Jim Dorman, Borough Treasurer, Jeff Sholtis, and Mayor, Jon Ort

President Baker called the meeting to order at 7pm.  
Pledge of Allegiance

**Guests:** Dr. Steven Granich, Lock Haven University  
Bobi Young, MCT Resident  
Pat Crossley, Sun Gazette

Dr. Steven Granich, Professor at Lock Haven University, presented council with a Community Survey regarding needs assessment for the boro. The survey consists of questions regarding education, income, health and services in the boro. A survey form will be available on the website for residents to fill out and send in.

**Minutes:** October 6, 2015:  
• E. Feigles made motion to approve minutes of 10/6/15. E. McAleer made 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

**Old Business:**  
1. Demolition Ordinance: W. Ramsey is waiting for Solicitor to send the corrected ordinance so it can be advertised for adoption.

### Committee Reports:

**Public Participation:** Bobi Young asked if council ever considered purchasing the movie theater.

**Individual Council Members:** E. Feigles informed council that the Boro Planning Commission met last week with Sarah Street, a landscape architect to discuss plans after Myers Auto is torn down. E. Feigles suggested that council consider setting some money aside in the budget to hire Ms. Street to help with this future project. Council suggested inviting the Rotary to the next Planning Commission meeting to discuss this project.

**Mayor:** N/A

**Executive Session:** N/A

### WORKSHOP:

Elaine asked council to review the attached draft of the 2016 budget. Next workshop will be devoted solely to finalizing budget.

**Adjournment** • E. McAleer made motion to adjourn meeting at 7:50 pm. L. Stein made 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tara Rall*

Tara Rall, Muncy Borough Secretary

Next meeting will be – November 3, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Boro Hall