



Muncy Borough Council Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2016



The Muncy Borough Council met for its regular meeting (previously suspended on October 4, 2016) at Muncy Jr/Sr. High School Auditorium with the following members present: President Baker, Elaine McAleer, Linda Stein, Edward Feigles, and Karen Richards. *T. Noviello and Dana Bertin were absent.*

Staff Present: Boro Secretary, Tara Rall                      Boro Manager, William Ramsey  
                            Chief of Police, James Dorman      Treasurer, Jeff Sholtis  
Guests:              Boro Mayor, Joñ Ort                      Boro Solicitor, Chris Kenyon  
                            Pat Crossley of Sun Gazette,      Crystal Millard, Resident  
                            90 + additional residents and non-residents (see attached sign-in sheet)

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Call to order: President called meeting to order at 7:05pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Participation: Crystal Millard, Boro Resident, requested the following from council:

1. Adopt a "Clean Air Ordinance" (copy of sample ordinance provided to council)
2. Resume of Attorney Michael Ewall, Esq., specializing in municipal clean air ordinances.  
(Copy of resume provided to council)

Ms. Millard asked council to consider hiring Attorney Ewall to represent the boro to help stop Delta Thermo Energy from purchasing a property within the boro limits. Ms. Millard also provided council with research she obtained online in regard to Delta Thermo Energy for council's review.

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Executive Session: President Baker announced for the record that council met on September 29, 2016, at Boro Hall to discuss real estate and on October 4, 2016, at Boro Hall to discuss personnel matters.

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Minutes: September 6, 2016

E. McALEER MADE MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF 9/6/16. E. FEIGLES MADE 2<sup>ND</sup>. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

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Old Business:

1. Public Participation Resolution 2016-14:  
E. MCALEER MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RESOLUTION 2016-14. E. FEIGLES MADE 2<sup>ND</sup>. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
2. Open Container Ordinance: Item was TABLED due to absence of T. Noviello.
3. Comprehensive Plan review: L. Stein provided council with update on the Muncy Creek Planning Area Team Meeting #4 which took place on 9/28/16.  
K. RICHARDS MADE MOTION TO APPOINT A NEW MUNICIPAL ZONING COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH JOINING TOGETHER WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES ZONING. E. FEIGLES MADE 2<sup>ND</sup>. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
4. ZHB member – Levi Woodward: K. Richards informed council that Levi Woodward will be unable to sit on the ZHB. K. Richards does not think a new member needs to be chosen since Sue Everett already sits on the Board as well.



Treasurer's Reports:

5a. Check Disbursements:

General Fund:

E. MCALEER MADE MOTION TO APPROVE GENERAL FUND INCLUDING CKS. 4736-4766, INCLUDING 6 EFTS AND 2 DCs TOTALING \$143,657.76. E. FEIGLES MADE 2<sup>ND</sup>. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Shade Tree Fund:

K. RICHARDS MADE MOTION TO APPROVE SHADE TREE FUND INCLUDING CKS. 205-207 TOTALING \$745.44. E. MCALEER MADE 2<sup>ND</sup>. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Green Street Park Fund:

L. STEIN MADE MOTION TO APPROVE CK 1004 TOTALING \$1,316.28. E. FEIGLES MADE 2<sup>ND</sup>. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

b. Bank Balances:

E. MCALEER MADE MOTION TO APPROVE BANK BALANCES IN ITS ENTIRETY. E. FEIGLES MADE 2<sup>ND</sup>. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

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New Business:

6. Maintenance Complex

a. Purchase of new shed: W. Ramsey asked council's permission to purchase a new 20x16 "Dutch Barn" shed at the maintenance complex at \$2,458.00. The funds can be taken from the Building Account.

E. FEIGLES MADE MOTION TO PURCHASE A DUTCH BARN SHED AT A COST OF \$2,458.00 TO BE TAKEN FROM THE BUILDING FUND. K. RICHARDS MADE 2<sup>ND</sup>. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

b. Electrical wiring and generator: W. Ramsey asked for a motion to approve the purchase of electrical wiring for the maintenance building and a large generator for the garage that holds the heavy equipment. There is currently no lighting available at the complex for the employees and it is a large safety issue. Lecce Electric has proposed electric work at \$2,950. To keep costs down, the Street's Department will dig the trench and back fill. W. Ramsey will speak with Lecce Electric to ask for a price to now include the new Dutch Barn shed which will be purchased.

E. MCALEER MADE MOTION TO APPROVE LECCE ELECTRIC'S PROPOSAL FOR WIRING AT THE MAINTENANCE SHED AND GENERATOR AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00. K. RICHARDS MADE 2<sup>ND</sup>. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

7. Mechanic Street Bridge – WBRA estimate: WBRA provided the boro with an estimate of \$1,125.00 for cameraing and jet vaccuming at the Mechanic Street Bridge due to the storm debris. The current budget does not have the funds for this project. W. Ramsey suggested 2 options: 1. Conduct a budget transfer to camera and clean out the drain, or 2: Provide room in next year's budget for this project.

E. MCALEER MADE MOTION TO CONDUCT A BUDGET TRANSFER TO PERFORM THE NECESSARY CLEANING NOW. E. FEIGLES MADE 2<sup>ND</sup>. MOTION PASSED 5-0.



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8. Special Invitation: Baptist Church dedication ceremony: FYI
9. Emergency Preparedness: K. Richards realized during the last storm that she was unaware of emergency measures the boro may or may not have in place. She also discussed the need for all of council to be certified in NIMS. W. Ramsey informed council and the public that the boro does in fact have emergency protocol for the boro such as an Emergency Operations Plan and Center, all of which is available for review on the boro website.  
W. Ramsey will provide council with information on the next NIMS training once it is made available.

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Correspondence: N/A

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Borough Reports:

10. Boro Manager: W. Ramsey updated council on the status of clean up around town due to the most recent storm. The boro did not elevate to a level of state of emergency. There were approximately 28 homes that suffered damage. Brush has been piling up at the lot behind the public pool. An industrial sized chipper will begin the process of mulching up the tree debris starting Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. The mulch will then be shipped off site.  
W. Ramsey thanked local businesses and volunteers who participated in the boro clean-up and personally thanked the 25+ residents/friends who helped him and his wife pack up their house due to excessive damage from the storm.
16. Solicitor: N/A
17. Police Chief's report: Council reviewed reports.
18. Fire Department report:
19. Tax Collector's report: Council reviewed.
20. Excavation Permits: Council reviewed 5 reports.
21. Zoning/Building Codes Officer Report: Council reviewed.
22. Public Works: Street's Report: Council reviewed.
23. Commission Reports: MBMA, Safety and WBRA: Council reviewed.

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Committee Reports:

Public Participation: The floor was opened to hear the public voice their opinions and questions to council in regard to the possible purchase of the Andritz building by Delta Thermo Energy. President Baker announced that due to the large turn-out the meetings will now be held at venues that can accommodate everyone. Information on future meeting places will be made available as soon as possible.

Mayor: N/A

Executive Session:

Adjournment: 8:45pm E. MCALEER MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING. E. FEIGLES MADE 2<sup>ND</sup>. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully submitted:

*Tara Rall*

Tara Rall,  
Muncy Borough Secretary