

MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2017

The Muncy Borough Council met for its regular meeting at the Muncy Borough Council Chambers with the following members present: President Richard Baker, Ed Feigles, Linda Sein, Elaine McAleer and Dana Bertin. Mayor Jon Ort was present. Absent were Tilly Novello and Karen Richards.

Staff/Borough Officials Present: Borough Manager Bill Ramsey, Police Chief James Dorman, Solicitor Christopher Kenyon, Jim Michael and Scott Delany of Station 39.

Visitors: Residents Rich Tamagno, Deirdra Duff, Dominique Hardy and Rick Umpstead

President Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Ed Feigles to have Elaine McAleer be acting secretary for this meeting was second by Dana Bertin. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Public Participation

Residents for East Penn Street approached council with their concerns with the numerous accidents occurring at the intersection of East Penn and Washington Streets. The residents understood the road is classified as a state road. Resident Rich Tamagno contacted Rep. Garth Everett's office to see what could be done. He was told a study could be done and to the best of Rep. Everett's staff none has ever be done. They also expressed concern with the alley that leads to the swimming pool. After a discussion on these issues, the outcome of the borough's actions would be to request the study, replace the stop signs on Washington Street with stop signs with flashing lights, install a no outlet sign on the section of road that leads behind the E Penn street homes, Chief Dorman and Bill Ramsey will contact the school to see if anything can be done to control traffic on the swimming pool lane.

Minutes: The minutes of August 17, 2017 were unavailable for review.

Unfinished Business:

Muncy Resiliency Project Update – Nothing new to report

Floodplain Housing Remediation Program – Tabled

Wireless Ordinance/Cohen Law Proposal - Nothing new to report

Resilient Neighbors Network – Bill Ramsey will sit in on a conference call next week.

Treasurer's Report:

General Account – **Motion** to pay checks #5241 thur #5289 along with 7 EFT and 3 debit card totaling \$63,210.88 was made by Ed Feigles. Motion was second by Dana Bertin. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Liquid Fuels Account – **Motion** to pay check # 140 in the amount of \$13,675.06 was made by Ed Feigles. Motion was second by Dana Bertin. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Capital Improvement Account – **Motion** to pay check # 20 in the amount of \$7,850.00 was made by Ed Feigles. Motion was second by Dana Bertin. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Shade Tree Account – **Motion** to pay check # 218 in the amount of \$25.00 was made by Ed Feigles. Motion was second by Linda Stein. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to except the Treasurers report in its entirety was made by Dana Bertin and second by Ed Feigles. All were in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Mechanic Street Bridge Storm Drain Repair - There are currently three storm drain pipes in this area. One works. It is the wish of council to have a second pipe repaired to working condition and to abandon the third pipe. **Motion** by Ed

Feigles to contract Les Hauck to do the work at a cost less than \$9,000.00 was second by Dana Bertin. All were in favor. Motion carried.

South Market Street Storm Line Emergency Repair - On the west side of the 600 block of South Market Street there is a storm line that crosses private property. A sink hole developed and over time grew in size. After speaking with the property owners, the borough learnt this was not the first sink hole, the property owners have filled in the hole in the past. The area was dug up to expose the storm pipe. Once dug, you could see the pipe was caved in. It was recommended to abandon the pipe and to replace it with a new line and a new flow for water runoff. **Motion** to approve the additional work and to upgrade the status of the project to an emergency repair was made by Ed Feigles and second by Dana Bertin. All were in favor. Motion carried. Cost is approximately \$15, 000.00 and will come from the general fund.

Dehaas Alley – Leslie Hauck Construction, Inc submitted an invoice in the amount of \$17,274.08 for work done between West Penn St, Dehaas Alley and Sherman St. **Motion** to pay the invoice from the general account was made by Ed Feigles and second by Dana Bertin. The **motion** was later rescinded by Ed Feigles. Ed Feigles then made the **motion** to pay the invoice from the liquid fuels account. Motion was second by Elaine McAleer. All were in favor motion carried.

Green Alley – Motion to spend \$6,425.00 from the liquid fuels account to apply a binder coat on Green Alley was made by Dana Bertin. Motion was second by Ed Feigles. All were all in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence/Announcements:

PennDot Projects – Bill Ramsey, Linda Stein and Ed Feigles attended a Penn Dot Advisory Team Meeting on August 30th. Long range plans were discussed for the north end gateway of Muncy.

Glenn O. Hawbaker/PennDotProject - The school district received a letter from Glen Hawbaker, Inc. notifying them of roadwork to be done on East Penn Street and New Street beginning on September 5 and concluding October 20th. It has been suggested to Hawbaker's to adjust their schedule so both roads are not closed at the same time, thus giving access to the elementary school.

Williamsport First Community Foundation- EMRCDC – The \$320,000.00 grant submitted by Endless Mountain for stream bank repair has been advanced to the next stage. On October 31, 2017, Endless Mountain, HRGI, and the borough will present a presentation on the proposed project to the foundation. Award announcements will be made in November.

Bencon Notice – The borough received notice of cancellation if the borough does not add three more employees to its current medical insurance by July 1, 2018. Coverage will end on December 31, 2018. Bill Ramsey will get price quotes for medical coverage with a possible start date of next January.

Borough Reports:

Fire Chief's Report - 86 calls were made in the month of August. **Motion** by Ed Feigles to allow the fire police to help with traffic control for the 9/11 ride was second by Linda Stein. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Police Chief's Report – Trick or Treat will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 6 to 8 pm. After speaking with Vic from Codes Inc., the police chief was informed that a ramp could be installed at the police entrance without having to update the entire building to ADA compliance. **Motion** by Elaine McAleer to engage the borough engineer to move forward was second by Ed Feigles. Cost of the engineering will be taken from the building fund. All were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session: President Baker announced that there would be an executive session following the meeting regarding litigation. Council will not reconvene and no votes will be taken.

Adjournment: Having no further business to conduct, Dana Bertin **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm. Motion was second. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine McAleer
Acting Secretary

