

Muncy Borough Council Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2017

The Muncy Borough Council met at its regular meeting at the Muncy Borough building with the following members present: President Richard Baker, Dana Bertin, Ed Feigles, Elaine McAlear, Karen Richards and Linda Stein. Mayor Jon Ort was absent.

Staff/Borough Officials present: Solicitor, Chris Kenyon (arrived at 7:50pm), Police Chief Jim Dorman, Fire Chief 39 Jim Michael and Fire Chief 1-39 Scott Delaney and Streets Department Worker, Rick Umpstead.

Guests: See Sign-In Sheet

President Baker called the meeting to order at 7:20pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public comments.

BOROUGH REPORTS

Muncy Area Volunteer Fire Department Report

Chief Michael requested approval for the fire police to provide traffic control assistance for the Monster Dash to be held in the Borough on October 28, 2017. E. McAlear motioned to approve this request. E. Feigles seconded and motion passed 6-0.

Chief Michael also reported that there are continued discussions between the Fire Company and the Borough regarding the combined usage and related charges for use of diesel fuel.

Chiefs Michael and Delaney asked if there was any information regarding the real estate transaction for property located at 213 North Main Street and North Washington Street. At this point, solicitors for both the Borough and the Fire Company are working out the details to facilitate this transaction.

MINUTES

E. McAlear motioned to approve the minutes of the October 3rd meeting, as presented. E. Feigles seconded and motion passed 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Muncy Resiliency Project Update - Nothing to report.

Wireless Ordinance

Correspondence from Cohen Law Group was distributed. Mike Roberts is the new point person, representing the Cohen Law Group, for this ordinance. A conference call will be scheduled for finalize this ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

FEMA Buyouts - Sub-recipient Monitoring Agreement Between Lycoming County and Muncy Borough (See Attachment)

FEMA Buyout Properties included in the agreement are:

RESIDENTIAL

209 N. Market Street, Deed Book 7724 - Page 186

1 West Mechanic Street, Deed Book 2709 - Page 64

COMMERCIAL

308 N. Main Street

Council reviewed the agreement and had several questions regarding the agreement, specifically Item #3 and any costs which may be incurred by the Borough. It was decided to table this item until the Solicitor arrived so that he could answer these questions.

When the Solicitor arrived he stipulated that the agreement does not require the Borough to assume any costs related to this transactions.

E. Feigles motioned to approve the Sub-recipient Monitoring Agreement Between Lycoming County and Muncy Borough. E. McAlear seconded and motion passed 5-1.

Brelsford Motors Petition

Gary Brelsford (DBA Brelsford Motors and Equipment Company) has petitioned Muncy Borough Council to vacate an opened unnamed alley between N. Main Street and Green Alley (west to east) and bordered by properties located 35 and 37 N. Main Street, both of which are owned by Mr. Brelsford.

E. McAlear motioned to approve the petition provided that Mr. Brelsford pay all necessary costs associated with this change, including legal, engineering and advertising. E. Feigles seconded and motion passed 6-0.

Brady Alley

Council decided to replace the existing Stop sign, which is located several feet away from the intersection, with "STOP" painted on the pavement at the intersection. E. McAlear mentioned that there are numerous alley intersections where this occurs and recommended that the Streets Department survey the borough to determine other locations where the Stop signs should be replaced with painting "STOP" at the intersection. E. McAlear also recommended that the Streets Department survey the borough, not in a truck but in a mid-sized car (which is lower to

the ground), to determine where there are impediments to drivers' visibility at intersections and take action to correct those impediments (shrubbery, signs, etc.).

CORRESPONDENCE

Cohen Law Group - Correspondence reported above.

Lycoming County Planning Commission announced that it has released its 2016 Annual Report that is available on the Department of Planning Community Development's web page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Halloween Parade will start at 5:30pm on October 31st, followed by Trick or Treating from 6-8pm.

Leaf Pick-up will start on October 31st.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - President Baker announced an Executive Session requested by the Solicitor to discuss real estate and litigation. Council will not reconvene and no votes will be taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to conduct, D. Bertin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. E. McAlear seconded and motion passed 6-0.

WORKSHOP TOPIC - 2018 BUDGET

On behalf of the Finance Committee, E. McAlear distributed a copy of the proposed 2018 Budget, ranging from \$981,525 to \$1,001,630 with recommended tax increases, ranging from 1mil to .3mils. Council will review and discuss at its next regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen A. Richards
Assistant Secretary