**MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**June 04, 2019**

The meeting of the Muncy Borough Council was called to order in the Borough Council Chambers at 7:00 P.M. by President Ed Feigles. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Council Members present:* Ed Feigles, Elaine McAleer, Linda Stein, Richard Baker, Scott Delany, Rick Umpstead, Dana Bertin; and Mayor, Jon Ort

*Staff Present*: Police Chief - J. Dorman, Officers Kontz and Perchinski, Borough Manger – Dennis. Holt, Solicitor – Chris Kenyon, and J. Sholtis - Sec/Treas.

*Guest:* Williamsport Sun-Gazette Reporters, Mosie Lapp

**Presentation:** TheCouncil President presented a Certificate of Achievement to Police Officers;

Bandy Perchinski, and Ray Kontz. For: Excellent performance and initiative in the service of Muncy Borough in the area of investigative drug enforcement, and undercover operations – management and execution. Afterwards all those present expressed their appreciation of their service.

**Minutes:** The following changes were made to the minutes: May 07 - Streets ~~Coordinator~~ to Department, Charles ~~Street~~ to Road; May 16 – Council President, ~~Ed Feigles~~ to Pro Tem, Mrs. McAleer. The minutes of both the May 07, and 16, 2019 then were approved on a motion by Mrs. McAleer and seconded by Mr. Delany, and carried

**Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer reviewed the Financial reports with Council, and also noted that he transferred ($17,274.08) to State Liquid Fuels account as directed On a motionby Mrs. McAleer, seconded by Mr. Delany and carried the Treasures Report was accepted as presented.

**Public Hearing:**  Demolition of 118 West Water Street. Parcel # (38-01-309) Owner, Lee Viard, Williamsport. Mr. Feigles opened the Public Hearing asking for any comments from the public. The Manager reported that the hearing was properly advertised, and that the demolition was exempt from review by the Historic Commission. An Engineer’s report was supplied showing that the structure is not adequate and the cost exceeds the value of its re-use. Mosie Lapp, demolition contractor was present to answer any questions. He explained that a replacement structure was not planed at time. Council noted the loss of tax revenue and concerned about revitalizing structures in the Flood Plain. Mr. Feigles closed the Public Hearing. On a motion by Mr. Umpstead, seconded by Mr. Bertin, and carried with all but Mr. Baker voting for the motion, Council approved the Demolition Permit.

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**Old Business:** Mr. Umpstead, Acting Streets Coordinator reported on the progress of the Charles Road storm water extension project. Mr. Umpstead reported that several of the adjoining residents are appreciative of the improvement because it will eliminate the ice on the roadway. Mr. Umpstead also noted that the project should be completed by the end of next week.

**Police Department move - Water Control Building** – Council reviewed a final version of an amended lease proposal prepared by the MBMA Solicitor. Council’s Solicitor reviewed the lease with Council, informing Council that there is a “Reverter” clause in the lease that would require the Police Dept. vacate the space with-in (90) days should the MBMA need more space. Mrs. McAleer reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed what funds would be available to pay the additional utility and insurance cost, estimated to be approximately ($7,000.00) per year. Also, Mrs. McAleer noted that the line item (01-410-110) for Part Time Police Officers was already at (92%) as of May 31st.

And, at that rate, another ($30,000.00) would be needed to finish out the year. Council discussed for some time where additional funds could be brought in to make up the budget shortfall. It was the consensus of Council to have the Finance Committee meet and find a solution to alleviate the budget shortage. After further discussion, the Council President called for a motion to consider the lease. On a motion by Mr. Bertin, seconded by Mr. Delany and carried, with Mr. Baker, and Mrs. McAleer voting against the motion; Mr. Feigles, Mr. Umpstead, Mr. BERTIN, Mr. Delany, and Ms. Stein voting for the motion.

Council approved the lease agreement that would enable the Police Dept. move from the Borough Office, 14 North Washington Street to 117 Old Glade Road, Muncy Creek Township.

**(EMC) Emergency Management Coordinator** – On a motion by Mr. Umpstead, seconded by Ms. Stein, and carried, Council appointed Mr. Timothy J. Lupold, 312 Carpenter Street, Borough as the (EMC).

**Green Street Park Bids:** Mr. Holt reviewed the following bids received for the concrete work and site work: Cable Services Company, Williamsport, Pa - $104,737.00; John Claar, Rebersburg, PA $ 105,000.00; Mid State Paving, Snyder County - $135,315.72.

Mr. Holt provided Council with a recommendation by the Borough Engineer (HRG), Lewisburg that a review of their references was found to be very good and the low bid from Cable Services be accepted. On a motion by Mrs. McAleer, seconded by Mr. Bertin and carried, Council accepted the lowest bid from Cable Services Company. Mr. Holt provided a time line for the project, expecting the concrete and site work to be done by the end of July, playground equipment constructing during August, with completion in September.

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**Green Street Park - Construction Management Services -** Mr. Holt reviewed a proposal from (HRG) to handle the inspection, prevailing wage, and other document processing needed. On a motion by Mr. Feigles, seconded by Mr. Bertin and carried, Council accepted the proposal at a fee of $7,830.00.

**New Business:**

**New Hire – Seasonal for Park Maintenance.** On a motion by

Ms. Stein, seconded by Mr. Umpstead and carried, Council approve hiring Charles Ferringer, 26 Green Street, Borough at $10.50 per hour.

**Borough Reports**

***Borough Manager*** – Mr. Holt reported that (CII) Codes Inspections, Inc. has started canvassing the Borough for construction codes and property maintenance violations.

***Police Department*** – Chief Dorman reviewed the May report with Council.

***Fire Department*** - May report attached.

***Streets Department*** – Mr. Umpstead reviewed the May report with Council.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Holt*

Council Secretary