

MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 02, 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 and Mayor Jon Ort. Absent: Dana Bertin.

Staff Present: Police Chief - J. Dorman, Borough Manger - D. Holt, Solicitor – Chris Kenyon, and J. Sholtis - Sec/Treas.

Guest: Williamsport Sun-Gazette Reporter D. Danneker, and Fire Department Chief Michaels. Several from the general public. Also present and observing were Darla and James Hardy, Leadership Clinton County.

Minutes: March 05, 2019; approved on a motion by Mrs. McAleer, seconded by Mr. Delany and carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Mr. Delany to accept the Treasures Report as presented, was seconded by Mrs. McAleer, all were in favor. Motion carried.

The Treasurer asked what Fund Council wanted to use to pay the repair bill for the street sweeper. It was the consensus of Council to pay the invoice out of the General Fund. Also the Treasurer reviewed the maturing CD's with Council. It was the consensus of Council to deposit the funds in the bank that offers the best rate for terms under (2) years.

Old Business:

EMC (Emergency Management Coordinator) – Council instructed the Borough Manager to contact the Muncy School District and inquire whom serves as their EMC.

Mr. Umpstead, Streets Coordinator reviewed the Aggregate Bids from the West Branch C.O.G. On a motion by Mrs. McAleer, seconded by Mr. Umpstead and carried, Council accepted the bids from Hanson Aggregates, and Iola Lumber Company

Fireworks Ordinance - Council discussed the parameters of an ordinance, noting that setting a time frame for using fireworks would be the most beneficial aspect of initiating enforcement. After further discussion, no action was taken.

New Business:

Muncy Borough Municipal Authority: Appointing a member to fill the vacancy created by removing a member of the authority board for failure to maintain regular attendance.

New Business:

On a motion by Mr. Feigles, seconded by Mrs. McAleer, and carried, Council declared the seat vacant. The Manager presented letters from Mrs. Betty Baker and Mr. Jim Craddock, both Muncy residents and willing to serve on the board. The Council President announced that the appointment would be tabled until the next meeting. Council instructed the Manager to send a letter to Ms. Carolyn Phillips, recognizing her service.

(NFIP) National Flood Insurance Program: Mr. Feigles reviewed the regulations regarding the repair and reconstruction of structures in the flood plain. Mr. Feigles noted that several properties are under review for non-compliance with the regulations. One property located on Division Street was totally renovated without a permit. Mr. Feigles implored Council that the regulations must be followed or that the Borough could lose participation in the NFIP. Council discussed different options for getting residents to apply for building permits. It was suggested that the Manager, other borough employees or the Zoning and Codes officer canvas the flood plain district once per month. The Borough Manager was instructed to ask the Zoning officer to attend the next Council meeting.

Borough Reports

Borough Manager – reported that PENNDOT will be holding a meeting with all the Local Officials from the surrounding area regarding the upcoming replacement of the Glade Run Bridge on SR# 405 (Water Street); and the replacement of Traffic Signals at the intersection of SR# 2014 (Main Street) and SR# 405 (Water Street). The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, at 5:00 PM in the Muncy Creek Township building. The Manager presented a request from Montgomery Borough to have Muncy Borough sweep their streets. It was the consensus of Council not to honor the request due to the age of our sweeper and that we are behind schedule sweeping.

Police Department – Chief Dorman reviewed the March report with Council.

Fire Department - Chief Michaels reviewed the March Fire Department report with council. On a motion by Mr. Feigles, seconded by Mr. Delany, and approved, Council approved the list of Fire Police events as presented by the Fire Chief.

Streets Department – Monthly report was attached.

Commission/Authority Reports – Mr. Umpstead reported that Shade Tree Commission requested that the Borough Crew help them plant trees on April 23rd.

Library – minutes attached.

Committee Reports: The Recreation Committee scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, April 03, 2019, at 11:00 AM to get an update on the progress of the Green Street Park project.

Council Members- Mr. Baker requested that Council fill the vacancy on the Muncy Borough Municipal Authority tonight instead of the next meeting. Council discussed the qualification of the applicants and whether to proceed with a vote for some time. Mr. Baker moved to nominate Mrs. Betty Baker to fill the un-expired term of Carolyn Phillips through to December 31, 2021. Mrs. McAleer seconded the motion. The motion was tied in a vote 3/3, with Mr. Baker, Mrs. McAleer, and Mr. Umpstead voting for the motion; Mr. Feigles, Ms. Stein, and Mr. Delany voting against the motion. The motion then was carried with Mayor Ort voting for the motion.

The Council President announced that Council will hold an Executive Session regarding litigation after the meeting and will not reconvene.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Holt
Council Secretary