

MUNCY BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2024

The meeting of the Muncy Borough Council was called to order in the Library/Media Center of Muncy High School at 6:30pm by President Scott Delany. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Roll Call: *Council Members Present* – George Henry, Thad Martin (absent), Bill Scott (absent), Ryan Scruggs, Steve Shank, Dick Sutton, and Scott Delany.

Employees present: Borough manager Charley Hall, Borough secretary/treasurer K. Hakes, Police Chief James Dorman. Mayor Jon Ort was present and solicitor Chris Kenyon was present via telephone.

Public Present: Eric Newcomer, Linda Stein, Donna Sutton, Logan Laidacker, Zach Sarginger (Journey Bank), Tim Colburn (Journey Bank), Tyler Thompson, Dan Yeagle, Lisa Lyons, Marco Colbert, Chris Scruggs, Craig Scruggs, Cathy Henry, Alicia Myers, Pharron Banghart, Orlando Rodriguez, Lew Johnson, Brooke Bishop, Jim Bishop, Buzz Baker, Maggie Baker, Ed Feigles, Kelsey Green, Chip Gotschall.

Mayor Jon Ort sworn in fire police, Dan Yeagle.

Charley Hall was advised by Solicitor Kenyon to add 3 items to the agenda.

George Henry made a motion to add the resignation of Joe Lyons to the agenda. Ryan Scruggs 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Item #11

Ryan Scruggs made a motion to add an appointment to the Shade Tree Commission. Steve Shank 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Item #12

Dick Sutton made a motion to add Participation in the West Branch COG paving bid. Steve Shank 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Item #13

Charley also requested to move agenda item #8 (CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds) to item #2.

Guest Participation: Kelsey Green presented what acquisition/demolition projects are. Buyouts are done due to increased flood insurance, value in real estate declines, criminal activity is increased, property is poorly maintained and so on. Kelsey was contacted by a declined homeowner from the previous buyout. There is still funding available for more buyouts and has asked council to possibly reconsider buyouts.

Zach and Tim from Journey Bank gave their support to say they are here for Muncy Borough if there is any banking needs the borough may have for any future projects coming up.

Public Participation: Pharron Banghart expressed her frustration she has had over the last 7 years over the decision previous council made to not buy out her parents' home during the flood buyout. Brooke Bishop asked what the deciding factors were to withdraw from grants. The primary concern was cash flow issues for the Borough. Charley explained that just because you apply for a 1.3 million grant, does not necessarily mean you will receive 1.3 million dollars. It was discussed as a council with the information provided to withdrawal from these grants.

Tyler Thompson asked what the current status of the DCED Multimodal grant was. Charley said those grants have already been rewarded as of March 26th. George Henry would like Charley to find all of the supporting documents for the Multimodal grant and distribute them to council. Brooke Bishop asked if

anyone asked Bill Scott for this information. Councilmen Scruggs added that Mr. Scott was included in all of the emails discussing the withdrawal and did not respond. George Henry would like to state that his communication with council via email go to each and every council member, including the mayor and borough manager. George encourages ALL of council to do the same.

Ryan Scruggs made a motion to approve the March 5, 2024 meeting minutes. Dick Sutton 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Dick Sutton made a motion to approve check disbursements and bank balances. George Henry 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Ryan Scruggs made a motion to appoint Michael Coppes to the Zoning Hearing Board. Dick Sutton 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

New Business:

Dick Sutton made a motion to accept the proposal for Clever Energy. Steve Shank 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Due to the long discussion that was held during Kelsey Greens presentation under Guest Participation, Dick Sutton made a motion to table CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds until the April 18th meeting. George Henry 2nd that motion. All were in favor.

Lycoming County Extension/Penn State Master Gardeners is seeking permission to temporarily install a banner for a Flower event held on May 4th and May 11th at the corner of Main and Water a week before the event and also seeking permission to park in the empty grassy lot at the corner of Brady St and N McCarty Alley. George Henry made a motion and Ryan 2nd the motion. All were in favor

Dick Sutton made a motion to appoint Todd Pysher as the Muncy Borough Engineer on an "as needed" basis. Scott Delany 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Ryan Scruggs made a motion to approve the 9-11 Memorial Ride approval letter. George Henry 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Steve Shank made a motion to approve the Penn Dot letter for the Lycoming County Veterans parade. Dick Sutton 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Dick Sutton made a motion to appoint Charley Hall as the voting delegate for PA State Association if Boroughs conference. Ryan Scruggs 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Steve Shank made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03 for the match requirement for River Valley Transit. George Henry 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

A Roll call vote was taken to ratify the withdrawal of pending grant applications (DCED Multi-model – TASA) George Henry – No; Thad Martin – ABSENT; Bill Scott – ABSENT; Ryan Scruggs – yes; Steve Shank – No; Dick Sutton – yes; Scott Delany – yes. Motion moved 3-2

Dick Sutton made a motion to withdrawal from the LSA Grant (South Market St sidewalks). George Henry 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Ryan Scruggs made a motion to accept the resignation of Property Maintenance Coordinator, Joe Lyons, with regret. Dick Sutton 2nd the motion. All were in favor. A discussion will occur in May on how to approach the position for the future.

Richard Sutton made a motion to appoint Alicia Myers to the Shade Tree commission. Ryan Scruggs 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Steve Shank made a motion to add Arbor Day Celebration to the agenda. Ryan Scruggs 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Dick Sutton made the motion to appoint April 26, 2024 to recognize Arbor Day in Muncy borough. George Henry 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Mayor Ort was asked to attend and do the Proclamation.

Dick Sutton made a motion to participate in the West Branch COG. Steve Shank 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Penn Dot estimates were handed out to council to participate with the COG for two small alley pave jobs in the borough. There was a private vendor that looked at the municipal parking lot at the police station. Two additional quotes are still required.

Correspondence/Announcements:

Borough Manager – Financial Statements are due by May 1st. Annual clean up day is April 30th. Three different engineers have advised the Borough/library group that the combined parcels will probably not handle the storm water inexpensively. It was an agreement with the library that we forgo that grant opportunity. Charley will go back to the library board meeting again to have another discussion on the land swap between the borough and library. A brief executive session will be discussed after the meeting. There was a meeting on March 27 with the potentially impacted property owners for the ARLE grant (safe pedestrian and green-light-go grant). There were a lot of concerns about the poles. They will not be as large as the ones downtown and will be galvanized steel. Army Corps meeting on April 11th at Journey Bank. Joe Hamm will be having his Municipal summit, Thursday April 4th at the Hughesville fire department.

Streets Report – attached.

Fire Report – attached.

Police Report – attached.

Public Participation:

Marco asked who the point of contact would be now that Joe Lyons has resigned. People are to call into the office for now. Marco also had a concern about sidewalks and possible interest in leasing empty borough lots. Lew Johnson asked what the status was on the empty seat on borough council. Charley clarified there is currently no empty seat on borough council. Many concerns from the public on why Mr. Scott is not attending meetings. Charley reminded folks that all members emails are on the Borough website and encouraged folks to contact Mr. Scott with their questions and concerns. George Henry mentioned he exchanged emails with Bill Scott and is hoping to meet him soon at a council meeting.

Dick Sutton made a motion to adjourn at 9:10pm. Ryan Scruggs 2nd the motion. All in favor. A brief Executive Session will be held. Council will not reconvene.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Hakes
Secretary/Treasurer