

MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 4, 2023

The meeting of the Muncy Borough Council was called to order in the Borough Hall 6:00 P.M. by President B Scott. The Pledge of Allegiance followed and a moment of silence for our armed forces and first responders was led by President B Scott.

Council Members present: Scott Delany, Bill Scott, Linda Stein, Steve Shank, Richard Baker, Thad Martin.
Absent: none *Mayor:* Jon Ort *Solicitor:* Scott Williams

Staff Present: Boro Manager C. Hall(call in), Treasurer J Sholtis, Police J Dorman, Zoning J Lyons

Guests: Richard Sutton, Richard Umpstead, Wayne Wolfgang, Lisa Higgins, Kirsten Minier, Brooke Bishop, Kevin Rupert, Pharron Banghart.

Guests/ Public Participation: Four council candidates for 2024 introduced themselves. Richard Sutton, Richard Umpstead, Kirsten Minier and Brooke Bishop.

Minutes March 16 2023 – S Delany motioned to accept. R Baker 2nd the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Treasurer Reports: J Sholtis presented cash disbursements and bank balances for approval. R Baker motioned to approve the reports. T Martin 2nd the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Agenda addition: S Delany motioned to add the flood mitigation work group meeting to the agenda. L Stein 2nd the motion. The motion carried 6-0. The addition will be #9 under New Business.

Old Business: - none

New Business:

Council vacancy – S Shank motioned to appoint Brooke Bishop to fill the vacancy for the remainder of 2023. B Scott 2nd the motion. L Stein felt that by appointing anyone who is running for council in the upcoming primary election would give the appearance of council endorsement. A discussion ensued. Solicitor Williams added that a council member can abstain from a vote as long as they give reason. A roll call vote followed. Bill Scott-yes, R Baker-yes, T Martin-yes, S Delany-no, L Stein-abstention. The motion carried 4-1.

Crossroads Park - B Scott motioned to appoint Brian Auman as the design consultant for Crossroads Park. L Stein 2nd the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Audit 2022 excess – Treasurer J Sholtis reported on the 2022 audit. There were no findings and the boroughs books are solid. The excess for 2022 was \$44,227.

PSAB voting delegate – S Delany motioned to appoint C Hall as the delegate for the PSAB conference. T Martin 2nd the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

911 Coalition ride letter – L Stein motioned to approve the letter. R Baker 2nd the motion. 6-0.

Spring clean-up day – The borough clean-up day will be April 26th. Wood chipper days are to follow.

Arbor Day proclamation – B Scott wants the borough to be enrolled in Tree City USA. To be enrolled the borough must make a Arbor Day proclamation. Arbor Day is September 28th. S Shank motioned to approve the proclamation. T Martin 2nd. The motion carried 6-0.

Lawn mowing discussion – J Sholtis shared with council a quote for mowing in 2023. Both of the boroughs zero turn mowers have been serviced and ready to go. The quote is for \$535 per mowing. Purchased mowing services has not been budgeted for in 2023. J Lyons has had discussions with the pre release center(PRC) providing mowing services. R Baker motioned to approve PRC to provide mowing services to the borough in 2023. T Martin 2nd the motion. 6-0. The borough will look into Pre-release crews for mowing services.

S Shank exited the meeting at 6:40.

Flood resiliency meeting – S Delany reported on a meeting which was held at Muncy Bank on April 3rd. Muncy Borough, Army Corps of Engineers, County, PEMA representatives attended. Borough residents were not invited. L Stein questioned the purpose of the meeting. B Scott added that the purpose of the meeting was to re-invigorate the work group. Future meetings will be held. Due to the borough turning down the FEMA buyout monies the borough may be downgraded from a FEMA level #2 to a FEMA level #1. The boroughs withdrawal letter has been sent but not yet submitted by PEMA.

Borough manager – no report

Guests/ Public Participation:

R Sutton, R Umpstead and borough resident P Banghart all voiced their displeasure regarding the borough continuing to hold council meetings on the second floor of a non-handicapped accessible building. K Rupert gave an update on the new fire house construction. Completion is targeted for the end of May.

Correspondence/Announcements:

Borough reports:

Police Department – March report attached.

Fire Department – February report attached.

MBMA – No report .

Streets Department – March report attached.

Tax Reports – March report attached.

WBRA – February report attached.

Library – No report

IPMC – see attached report

T Martin motioned to adjourn. R Baker 2nd the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Sholtis

Borough Treasurer / Secretary