

MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 5, 2022

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 lead by President B Scott.

Council Members present: Scott Delany, Bill Scott, Linda Stein(call in), Steve Shank, Richard Baker, Thad Martin, Jason Mausteller(call in), Mayor J Ort. Absent – none.

Staff Present: Boro Manager C. Hall(call in), Police Chief – J Dorman, Treas / Sec – J Sholtis.

Guest: Todd Arthur, Bill Poulton, Shannon Rossman, Lew Johnson, Brooke Bishop, Kevin Rupert, Tilly Noviello, Steve Haefner.

Fire Company report – K Rupert presented the March Fire co report. He invited all council members to visit the fire company building on Monday evenings.

March 17th minutes were motioned to be approved by S Delany and 2nd by S Shank. The motion carried 7-0.

Treasurers report - J Sholtis presented disbursements and bank balances for the Month of March. S Delany motioned to approve the reports as presented. S Shank 2nd the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Old Business:

Maintenance shed cement quotes – S Delany motioned to have Keith McNeal pour, edge, cut, and seal 5 sections of concrete in the existing pole barn at a total cost of \$8,750 to be taken form the Building Fund. S Shank 2nd the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Crossroads Park – B Poulton presented a update and proposal from landscape architect Brian Auman. He meet with Muncy Bank representatives who are not interested in the master plan but is interested in future detailed developments in the project with serious money. B Poulton stated the borough needs to take the initiative and develop a master plan for grant submittal. By mid September the Penndot project and the grassy knoll is to be completed. Grant availability is quarterly so September 30th is the deadline. L Stein made a motion to approve the Brain Auman proposal and begin the process. S Delany 2nd the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Blue Flood signs - Todd Arthur addressed council to voice his support for the non-removal of the signs. He presented real estate sales data that showed the flood markers have little effect on real estate sales. He along with Shannon from Lycoming County Planning outlined the Resiliency plan in general. Another lengthy discussion ensued. Brooke Bishop and Tillie Noviello voiced their opposition to the signs. Both Shannon and Todd feel the flood signs should be left up as a educational tool. Shannon indicated from a previous meeting with B Scott, S Shank, Mayor Ort and C Hall that she will be meeting with County representatives on April 13th to ask for approval to remove the sings. Shannon also requested a opportunity for County Planning to attend the May 3rd council meeting to make a presentation on the current status of the Resiliency Plan and a briefing on the recently completed Army Corps of Engineers study and programs that could benefit the Muncy Borough residents. S Shank indicated that people come to him from the north end of town and ask what the signs are for. B Scott says many people asked about the blue flood signs daily. It was decided to wait on a decision to remove the flood signs until after the County meeting on the 13th.

New Business:

Lecce traffic light agreement - J Sholtis presented the Lecce agreement renewal for 2022-23.

A 3 year audit agreement - J Sholtis presented the 3 year renewal 2022-24 for the boroughs audit firm Zelenkofske-Axelrod (ZA). He indicated that ZA is a good firm with a good rate. Pres Scott inquired how long have they been our audit firm? How did they become the borough's audit firm? The agreement was tabled. J Sholtis is to get a quote from Rogers Huber.

A Barnes resignation – Chief J Dorman informed council that part time police officer Amanda Barnes is resigning. J Mosteller motioned to accept the resignation and S Shank 2nd. The motion carried 7-0.

River Valley Transit agreement – J Sholtis presented the renewal for 2021-22. The budgeted match amount is \$500. L Stein motioned to approve the agreement. R Baker 2nd. The motion carried 7-0.

9/11 Memorial Coalition ride – C Hall presented for approval the 9/11 motorcycle ride to come through Muncy. He has prepared a letter to the 9-11 Coalition of Muncy Borough approval. B Scott motioned to approve the memorial ride on September 11th. T Martin 2nd. The motion carried 7-0.

Civil Service appointment – J Dorman informed council that Maggie Baker is willing to serve. T Martin motioned to accept the appointment. S Delany 2nd. The motion carried 6-0. B Scott abstained. S Delany left the meeting to go to work at 7:47.

Property maintenance – B Scott noted there are neglected properties in the borough. 321 W Penn has been cited 4 times. The Mayor referenced other neglected properties in the borough. J Dorman will make sure the solicitor has the proper paper work to file at the District Magistrate. The general dissatisfaction with Codes inc was discussed. It was felt that the borough should employ a different zoning enforcement agency. J Dorman indicated the police follow up after codes comes through. C Hall will follow with Codes to make sure they have the information on 321 W Penn to file a complaint. James will check with Keystone COG out of Lewisburg to do zoning for the borough.

Parade permits – S Haefner from the Muncy Legion reported that they wish to have a Memorial Day parade in the borough. The application has been completed. J Dorman reported that in the past he completed the applications on behalf of the entities wishing to host a parade. Mr Haefner indicated that it will cost the Legion \$175 to obtain a insurance rider for the parade. R Baker motioned for the borough give the Legion at \$200 donation to support the parade. B Scott 2nd the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Public Participation: - borough resident Lew Johnson reported of a dangerous shade tree that the resident across the street from him refuses to cut down. He also reported that there are many cats running loose in Muncy. A discussion ensued with the result being there is nothing the borough can do. Cats do not have a lease law like dogs. Many residents are putting food out which attributes to the problem.

Borough Manager – reported on the Penn Dot project. The Glade Run bridge and subsequent detours will begin April 18th. The streets committee needs to meet and approve the paving for 2022 to submit with the COG bid. Asphalt plants are open so patchwork on potholes will be done.

Individual Council members – T Martin reported that the personnel committee met last week. The main focus being a job description of the streets coordinator.

Correspondence/Announcements:

Borough reports:

Police Department – March report attached.

Fire Department – March report provided.

MBMA – February minutes attached.

Streets Department – no written report provided.

Tax Reports – March report attached.

WBRA – February report attached.

Library – no written report provided.

S Delany motioned to adjourn. R Baker 2nd the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Sholtis

Borough Treasurer/Secretary