

MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 15, 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, Linda Stein, Scott Delany, Rick Umpstead, Elaine McAleer. *Absent were:* Richard Baker, Dana Bertin, and Mayor Ort.

Staff Present: Police Chief - J. Dorman, Borough Manger – Dennis Holt, and Secretary/Treasurer - Jeff Sholtis.

Visitors: Wayne Wolfgang, 209 Painter Street brought to the attention of Council regarding the overflow of storm water in his neighborhood. It was noted that during large rain falls that the system over flows. A discussion of the possibility of getting a Grant to increase the size of the pipe followed.

The Council President announced that an Executive session regarding litigation will be held after the council meeting, and that council will not reconvene.

New Business: Management options for the water system.

MBMA – Authority members: Mr. Chuck Leonard, Chair, MBMA, and Mr. Wayne McPheron were present, along with Mr. Eric Moore of WBRA. Mr. Leonard explained that the management agreements with the Borough and WBRA expire at the end of 2019, and it is the desire of the MBMA to gather Council’s input on different management options that are being considered by the authority. Mr. Leonard noted that WBRA is not satisfied with the current agreements MBMA has with the Authority and the Borough and would like to assume the services the Borough provides. Mr. Leonard conveyed that it was the consensus of the MBMA not to lease, but to choose option (2b) which would allow for better coordination and benefit from the “economies-of-scale”, if WBRA had more operational control. Council and the Authority members discussed the matter further. Mrs. McAleer was concerned that the Borough would need to raise taxes because of the loss of revenue for Borough services being charged to MBMA. Council requested that quarterly updates be provided to the Borough. Mr. Leonard noted that if the WBRA gets out of the water business that WBRA would extend the current agreement until MBMA finds a new operator.

It was the consensus of Council to wait for the WBRA to act on the existing agreement, and a new agreement.

Old Business: Mr. Umpstead reported back on a request to install blinking lights and reflector strips on stop signs near the High School. Mr. Umpstead said that PENNDOT does not recommend doing the enhancements because it diminishes the effectiveness, and recognition of the plain regular stop signs. Mr. Umpstead also reported that if Council wants a “Stop Here” sign for the Main St. and Water St. intersection, that a request to change the permit will need to be made.

Budget 2020 - Mrs. McAleer recommended that the Borough Manager take the lead on budget preparation.

On a motion by Mrs. McAleer, seconded by Mr. Umpstead and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Holt
Council Secretary