

**MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
December 19, 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, Scott Delany, Rick Umpstead, Richard Baker, Dana Bertin, Linda Stein, and Mayor Jon Ort. *Absent was:* Elaine McAleer.

*Staff Present:* Police Chief - James Dorman, Borough Manager – Dennis Holt,

**Visitors:** Fire Chief Michaels. Mr. Thad Martin newly elected Councilperson.

**Minutes:**

**December 03, 2019** – On a motion by Ms. Stein, seconded by Mr. Delany, and carried, Council approved the December 03, 2019 minutes.

**Old Business:**

**Ordinance # 532 – OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE** - On a motion by Ms. Stein, seconded by Mr. Umpstead, and carried, Council approved Ordinance # 532.

**Ordinance # 536 – DEMOLITION REVIEW ORDINANCE** - On a motion by Mr. Umpstead, seconded by Mr. Delany, and carried, Council approved Ordinance # 536.

**Ordinance # 546 - Non-Uniformed PENSION PLAN - (Plan Amendment # 3)** – Mr. Umpstead announced that since he is a retiring borough employee that he would abstain from voting. On a motion by Mr. Delany, seconded by Mr. Baker, and carried, Council approved Ordinance # 546; with Mr. Feigles, Mr. Delany, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bertin, voting for the motion; Ms. Stein, voting against the motion.

**Revised MMO – Non-Uniformed Plan** – The Manager explained that the 2020 MMO previously approved in September 2019 would need to be increased by approximately Twenty-Thousand Dollars to (\$84,419.00) and reflect the increase in Total Financial Requirements of the Minimum Municipal Obligation because of the increase in the Benefit rate from 1.5% to 2.0%. Mr. Umpstead announced that since he is a retiring borough employee that he would abstain from voting. On a motion by Mr. Delany, seconded by Mr. Baker, and carried, Council approved the Revised MMO – Non-Uniformed Plan; with Mr. Feigles, Mr. Delany, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bertin, voting for the motion; Ms. Stein, voting against the motion.

**New Business: Employee Wages – 2020** – The Manager recommended the following wage increases: 1) Jeff Sholtis is at the (Last) 6<sup>th</sup> pay step @ \$18.83/Hr. (did not receive raise in 2019) **Recommended increase to \$19.83/Hr.**, 2) Katie Hakes: **Recommended increase to \$13.25/Hr.** (current \$12.75)

On a motion by Mr. Bertin, seconded by Mr. Umpstead and carried, Council approved the recommended wages. Effective January 01, 2020.

**Chief of Police Contract (James Dorman) – 2020 thru 2022** – The Manager presented the Chief's contract, noting the only changes are the yearly wage rates. On a motion by Ms. Stein, seconded by Mr. Bertin and carried, Council approved the Chief's contract through December 31, 2022.

**Muncy Public Library – 2020 Funding request** – Ms. Stein noted that the funding was already included in the 2020 Budget. It was the consensus of Council to approve the (\$4,500.00) funding request for operational cost of the Public Library.

**Hire: Seasonal** person to plow snow. On a motion by Mr. Feigles, seconded by Mr. Bertin and carried, Council approved hiring Albert Millheim, 300 Penn Street, Muncy.

**Hire – Part-Time Police Officers** – Chief Dorman recommended hiring two part-time officers due to the expansion of coverage in Brady Township. On a motion by Ms. Stein, seconded by Mr. Bertin and carried, Council approved the hiring of Officers: **Eric Winters, and Jason Wertz.**

It was the consensus of Council to have the new Street Coordinator attend the PA One Call meetings, replacing Mr. Umpstead whom will be retiring December 31, 2019.

Fire Chief Michaels gave an update on land acquisition for the proposed fire station.

**Police Coverage for Brady Township** – Mr. Feigles reported that a new state law effective January 07, 2020 will enable Council to adopt an agreement with Brady Township by Resolution in place of Ordinance, thus saving in public advertising cost.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dennis Holt*, Council Secretary