

**MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**December 6, 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 Armed Forces, First Responders and Front-Line workers led by President B Scott.

*Council Members present:* Scott Delany, Bill Scott, Linda Stein, Steve Shank, Thad Martin, Mayor Jon Ort, Solicitor S Williams. Absent – Richard Baker, Jason Mausteller

*Staff Present:* Boro Manager C. Hall, Police Chief – J Dorman, Administrative Assistant – Katie Hakes, PMCE officer – Joe Lyons

*Guest:* Borough Residents – Roy Sechrist, Lyons Club and Fire Company Rep – Kevin Rupert

**November 1, 2022 minutes** were motioned to be approved by B. Scott and 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Shank. The motion carried 5-0.

**Treasures Reports: Disbursements and Bank Balances** were motioned to be approved by S. Shank and 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Martin. The motion carried 5-0

**Old Business:**

Scott Delany provided council with hard numbers for the cost of the generator. The generator will only run a portion (the essential parts) of the building. The price came back at \$53,000 complete. Charley Hall suggested the borough uses AARPA funds to make a \$53,000 donation to the Fire Company. Steve made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to donate \$53,000 to the Muncy Borough Fire Department. B. Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried 5-0

On behalf of the finance committee, Linda Stein presented the proposed 2023 budget. Scott Delany had a concern about the police budget decreasing \$25,000 under part-time wages. Charley explained that if it creates a problem for Chief Dorman to staff his police department, there are enough funds in the general fund to cover if need be. Linda made the motion to pass the 2023 Budget. S. Delany 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried 5-0

**New Business:**

**Tax Rate Resolution 2022-04:** Required annual tax rate resolution. Charley explained tax rates will be simply the same. Linda made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to pass the resolution. T. Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. 5-0 carried.

**Act 57 Resolution 2022-03:** Provides for a waiver request of additional charges to the tax collector for a real estate transaction when a “qualifying event” occurs. S. Delany made motion to approve and Steve Shank 2<sup>nd</sup>. All carried 5-0

**Plowing Employees:** Charley requested approval to hire Kevin Brycen, Scott Delany, Mike McHenry, Albert Millheim, and Donald Wagner at \$16/hr for winter plowing “part- time as need.” 1<sup>st</sup>. S Shank. 2<sup>nd</sup> L Stein. Motion carried 4-0 Scott Delany abstained.

Mini Loader/Grapppler: Charley spoke with John and Chris and they determined it would be beneficial to the borough to purchase a mini loader (Best Line) and Grapppler (co-stars) Totaling \$74,309.08. Scott Delany asked if this was in the budget. Charley explained it wasn't, however he spoke with the treasurer whom made clear this purchase would not be an issue. Mayor Jon Ort suggested to take the money out of Equipment Fund and if there is a budget surplus, he would like to replenish the Emergency Fund. S. Shank made 1<sup>st</sup> motion to authorize the purchase of the mini loader. S. Delany 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All carried 5-0

Police Cruiser: Chief James requested permission to replace the 2016 Ford Explorer for a new Chevy Tahoe at the cost of 45,500. Purchasing a new vehicle every 2 years is part of the contract Muncy Borough has with Brady Township. S. Shank made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion for a down payment of \$5,000 for a new police cruiser. T. Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All carried 5-0

New SRO officer: Chief Dorman made contact with Rebekkah Clark who is interested in the SRO position. He explained to council Dave would move to the elementary school and she would be at the high school. S. Delany made the first motion to hire Rebekkah Clark as part – time SRO. L. Stein 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. 5-0

Part Time streets employee: At the end of the year, John Gramling is retiring from the Borough. Charley would like to bring John back on as a part time employee in January 2023 at his current rate and not to exceed 1000 hours. S. Shank made the 1<sup>st</sup> motion. T. Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor 5-0

Army Corps Flood Study: The county has asked that the borough approve the costs share 7,735.00 for an upcoming US army core of engineer flood study of Muncy area conditioned to review and approval of a forthcoming MOU from the county. B. Scott made the motion and L. Stein 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor of the Army Core Flood Study conditioned upon 5-0

### **Correspondence/Announcements:**

#### **Borough Manager Reports:**

Charley Hall received an e-mail from Montgomery Borough proposing they would like to engage our PMCE, Joe Lyons, at an hourly rate for a set number of hours for a \$3/hour benefit to the borough. Council agreed it wasn't worth it and all agreed No.

2006 Ford F-350's final sale on Municibid totaled \$25,100.

Charley let council aware we will be holding an end of the year "staff meeting".

Leaf Collection update – 65 truck loads!

Joe Lyons spoke on the 110 E Water Street problem with Jonathan Taylor. Taylor told Joe he would have the property cleaned up by the end of the week. Joe also mentioned again about adopting the IMPC 2021 to exclude the fire piece at the back of the code. The Borough office will make copies of the chapters Joe would like to adopt and e-mail to council. A follow up discussion will take place in January.

Jon Ort announced The First annual holiday event at Basils was a success. Over 700 people attended.

**Police Department – November Report Attached.**  
**Fire Department – October Report Attached.**  
**MBMA – no report provided.**  
**Streets Department – November Report Provided.**  
**Tax Reports – November Provided**  
**WBRA – No report provided**  
**Library – November Minutes Provided**

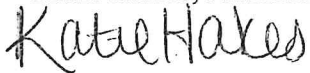
**Public Participation: - None**

S. Delany motioned to adjourn. S. Shank 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried 5-0  
The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

A brief executive session to discuss a legal matter followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Hakes, Administrative Assistant

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katie Hakes".