

MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 21, 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, Elaine McAleer, Linda Stein, Dana Bertin, Richard Baker, Scott Delany, Rick Umpstead and Mayor Jon Ort. Absent: none.

Staff Present: Police Chief Jim Dorman, Borough Manger Dennis Holt, Police Officers: Moyer, Williams, and Delp.

Guest: Williamsport Sun-Gazette Reporter Derek Danneker, and Fire Chief James Michael.

Council Secretary – on a motion by Ed Feigles, seconded by Rick Umpstead, Council appointed Dennis Holt as Council Secretary to take the council meeting minutes.

Minutes of the January 08, 2019 and January 24, 2019 meetings will be available at the next meeting. It was noted that the February 5th, 2019 meeting was cancelled.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Scott Delany to accept the Treasures Report as presented was seconded by Dana Bertin. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

Green Street Park – The Recreation Board will meet before the next council meeting.

New Business

Chief Dorman and Mayor Ort gave council a presentation on the feasibility of moving the Police Dept. to the Water Control Building on Old Glade Run Road. The building is owned by the Borough's Municipal Authority and is utilized by the West Branch Regional Authority to regulate the water system. The Chief presented council with a proposed floor plan, and offered that Dept. Officers could do the minor remodeling at very low cost. The Chief explained that the move would give the department more room, provide better evidence storage, comply with accessibility rules, and enhance security when holding suspects. It was noted that the building is just outside the borough line and would not be convenient for residents. The Borough Manager noted that the move would allow more office space for water billing, and more record storage space. Council discussed the pros and cons for some time.

Dana Bertin moved to proceed with the plan and authorized the Council President to present the plan and gain permission to utilize the building at the next meeting of the Muncy Borough Municipal Authority, Scott Delany seconded the motion. The motion was approved with; Danna Bertin, Scott Delany, Rick Umpstead, Linda Stein and Ed Feigles voting for the motion; Elaine McAleer and Richard Baker voting against the motion.

Council authorized the Manager to go ahead and schedule the Community Yard Sale and Spring Clean-Up Days within the same time frame as last year.

Nathan Moyer Resignation: Part-time Officer Moyer submitted a letter of resignation to Council. Reading the letter, Officer Moyer stated that his resignation would be effective immediately. Officer Moyer continued to read his letter and started to make statements about personnel matters. Mr. Holt expressed his concern that statements regarding personnel should be done in an executive session or within the Grievance procedure by the Personnel Committee. The Council President recessed the meeting and went into Executive Session at 7:52 PM. The council meeting reconvened at 8:04 PM.

On a motion by Dana Bertin, seconded by Richard Baker, council tabled taking any action on the letter of resignation. It was the consensus of council to hold an Executive Session before the next council at 6:30PM.

New Business:

On a motion by Elaine AcAleer, seconded by Ed Feigles, and carried. Council appointed David Edkin to the Muncy Borough Municipal Authority, term expiring 2022.

Borough Reports

Borough Manager – reported that he is reviewing the permits issued to a property owner that is placing fill in the flood plain at the North end of the Borough.

Police Department – attached.

Fire Department – attached. Chief Michaels reported that the sale of the Clarkstown fire house is proceeding with a closing expected by the end of March.

Streets Department – attached.

Commission/Authority Reports – none submitted

Library – Borough purchased water heater.

With no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Holt

Council Secretary