

**MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 7, 2023**

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 and Garth Everett, former State Representative who recently passed away led by President B Scott.

Council Members present: Scott Delany, Bill Scott, Linda Stein, Richard Baker, Jason Mausteller, Thad Martin, Steve Shank (Call in) Mayor Jon Ort, & Solicitor S Williams.

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

Guest: Bill Banghart & Pharron Banghart - Borough Residents. Fire Company Rep – Kevin Rupert & Logan Laidacker, County Commissioner candidate – Adam C. Welteroth with Jim Bishop, local land/business owner, District Magistrate candidate – Kirsten Gardner, Mike Reuther – Williamsport Sun-Gazette

Guests/Public Participation: Bill Banghart, 29 N Market Street, who was turned down for flood mitigation/buyout by Council action on December 6, 2022, asked council “why!” Bill Scott explained that the Borough is going in a different direction and doesn’t want to keep tearing homes down and losing ground. Mayor Ort told him the borough must consider 2600 residents, not just one. Pharron Banghart, Mr. Banghart’s daughter, continued the conversation asking if it was just about taxes and wondering how many people of the seven homes that were originally chosen already signed papers to start the mitigation process like Mr. Banghart did. Mr. Scott was not aware of it and mentioned that many of the Council members were not on Council when the original process started. S. Delany spoke up and said they chose only two right now, and the other five are not totally off the table. A lengthy discussion occurred and Ms. Banghart asked council to rethink their decision. “They are taxpayers and it is not fair to them.”

Jim Bishop, business owner in town and a member of Adam Welteroth’s election committee, introduced Adam who is running for County Commissioner. Adam spoke about his understanding and concerns on flooding in Muncy and would like to help to be able to see Muncy grow and figure out how to get it done.

Kirsten Gardner, life-long resident of Muncy and a current District Attorney for Lycoming County, introduced herself to Council. Kirsten is running for Magisterial Judge in Muncy.

January 3, 2023 minutes were motioned to be approved by S. Delany and 2nd by T. Martin. The motion carried 7-0.

Treasures Reports: Disbursements and Bank Balances were motioned to be approved by T. Martin and 2nd by S. Delany. The motion carried 7-0

Old Business:

Joe Lyons asked council to update the property maintenance code from 2012 to 2021 due to verbiage changes that is clear in the 2021 code. Notice was given to the public that the first three sections in the 2021 code will be adopted. President B. Scott made the first motion to adopt chapters 1,2 and 3 of the 2021 IPMC code. S. Delany 2nd the motion. All carried 7-0

Charley presented to council the three agreements that council needs to sign to finalize the approved flood buyouts of 100 Mechanic Street and 119 N. Washington Street. The first document is the Memorandum of Understanding between Lycoming County and Muncy borough. The second document is the Open Space Sub-applicant Maintenance Agreement Certification and the third is the Subrecipient Maintenance Agreement Certification. After additional discussion regarding the remaining properties, Charley told council he would contact the County and ask what the process would be if council decided to go back and revisit the possible buyout of the other five properties at a later time. Moving to approve the flood buyout agreement documents, R Baker made the 1st motion and S. Shank 2nd the motion. Motion carried 7-0

New Business:

Charley Hall attached the fee schedule for 2023 with just a few minor updates. Zoning permit fee was the only fee that decreased. Linda made the 1st motion to adopt the proposed fee schedule. Buzz 2nd the motion. Motion carried 7-0

Muncy Borough was approved for a 25,000 Act 13 mini grant. The school district has basketball courts at the elementary school that need updated. A County Agreement must be signed that says the school is also on board with this idea and will also give funds towards the basketball court as well. Bill Scott made the 1st motion, Linda 2nd the motion. All carried 7-0

Charley made council aware the furnace at the Muncy Library needed to be replaced. Muncy Borough owns the library and will need to reimburse the library for the furnace. J. Mausteller made a motion to refund the library for the furnace out of the capital improvement fund not to exceed \$4500. Buzz 2nd the motion. 7-0 Carried.

Charley asked for permission from council to attend the Muncy Library Board meeting to explore the possibility to exchange the library building, which is currently the boroughs, and the land on S. Washington that is currently the library's for the possibility to build a new borough building on that land. Scott Delany made a motion to allow Charley to discuss this idea. Thad Martin 2nd the motion. Carried 7-0

President Bill Scott brought council up to date on Grants they received. A \$25,000 grant to update the school basketball court and \$162,000 was received to update our school crossings. A \$129,000 grant was received for Crossroads Park.

Correspondence/Announcements:

Borough Manager Reports: Charley handed out an online training for PSAB if anyone was interested.

Charley brought to council's attention a building idea that Upper Fairfield Township is doing. Charley thought it might be a good idea for council to consider for our maintenance building needs.

Kevin gave a building update for the fire department. The building is right on schedule to be finished by May. Scott Delany spoke about a previous meeting that was held with the fire department. They are looking at options to put a paid engine crew on that would cover the eastern part of the county.

Police Department – November Report Attached.

Fire Department – No Report provided.

MBMA – no report provided.

Streets Department – No Report Provided.

Tax Reports – January Provided

WBRA – December Minutes Provided

Library – No Minutes Provided

Public Participation: - None

Thad Martin made a motion to adjourn. Scott Delany 2nd the motion. Motion carried 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Katie Hakes

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Hakes, Administrative Assistant