

**Muncy Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2025**

The meeting of the Muncy Borough Council was called to order in the Library/Media Center of the Muncy High School at 6:30pm by President Scott Delany. The Pledge of Allegiance followed and a moment of silence for Armed Forces, First Responders and Front-Line workers.

Council Members present: George Henry, Thad Martin, Ryan Scruggs, Dick Sutton, and Scott Delany. Bill Scott was absent. Mayor Jon Ort was also absent.

Staff Present: Borough Manager Charley Hall, Secretary/Treasurer Katie Hakes, Chief Dorman

Guests Present: Donna Sutton, Wayne Wolfgang, Chip Gottschall, Craig Scruggs, Molly Delany, Cathy Henry, Linda Stein, Tara Ashby, Ed Brockman and Pharron Banghart.

Guest Participation: Three potential council candidates, Tara Ashby, Pharron Banghart and Ed Brockman spoke about their interest on serving on Council. Council had the opportunity after hearing these three candidates speak to ask questions to these individuals. Dick Sutton made a motion to nominate Tara Ashby. Thad Martin 2nd the motion. George Henry made a motion to nominate Ed Brockman. No 2nd motion made for Mr. Brockman. Roll Call vote for Tara Ashby: George Henry – Yes, Thad Martin – Yes, Ryan Scruggs – Yes, Richard Sutton – Yes, Scott Delany – Yes. Motion carried.

President Delany thanked the other candidates for their interest and reminded them there will be three 4 yr seats opened and one 2yr seat opened in the next election.

Old Business: The street crew has started to clean out the attic. At the February meeting, an action will need to take place on which documents can be shredded.

New Business: The streets committee met, reviewed three different consultant teams for the Carpenter Street Bridge Engineer. The committee recommended Livic Civil, as they are currently involved in other projects around the borough at this time. Thad Martin made a motion to appoint Livic Civil. Sutton 2nd the motion. Motion Carried.

Announcements: Charley elaborated on an email sent by Mr. Henry in regards to information that is shared with members of council and how that information is shared. Based on recommendations from the Solicitor, all members of council who actively participate in the meetings receive the information required to make decisions accordingly. If anyone is being kept from that information, it is because Charley believes those individuals fall under the category of not actively participating in meetings. George Henry expressed how he is about transparency, fiscal accountability and communication and everyone needs to work together, meet in the middle and continue to make the board go places.

Sutton is impressed with the boroughs Solicitor Chris Kenyon and expressed “money well spent”. He thanked Charley for keeping council on the straight and narrow since he has been reinstated. He also acknowledged Jim for the \$5,000 grant he obtained.

George Henry asked Charley to give an update on his progress with Journey Bank about the parcel of ground that is located next to the parcel of land the borough just obtained from the library. In speaking with local representatives of Journey Bank, Charley was informed that in order for the bank to consider that parcel for the borough, the Muncy Public Library would have to step aside from their agreement that they have with the bank, in keeping with the agreement and wishes of the former, now deceased, bank president, Dan Berninger, who made that agreement with the MPL on behalf of the bank.

Public Participation: Pharron Banghart was directed to Vic, Codes/Zoning officer on a codes question she asked. Pharron also asked if there was an update on the dog park Councilman Bill Scott was working on with Muncy Creek Township. Charley said the grant was denied so nothing further will happen with the dog park.

Dick Sutton made a motion to adjourn @ 7:20pm. George Henry 2nd the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Hakes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katie Hakes