

**Muncy Borough
Special Meeting
January 24, 2024**

The meeting of the Muncy Borough Council was called to order in the Library/Media Center of Muncy High School at 6:30pm by President Scott Delany. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Council Members Present: President Scott Delany, Thad Martin, Ryan Scruggs, Steve Shank, Richard Sutton, Brooke Bishop (phone). **Absent:** Bill Scott

Employees present: Secretary Katie Hakes, Chief James Dorman
Mayor Jon Ort and Solicitor Chris Kenyon also present.

Public Attendance: Donna Sutton, Wayne Wolfgang, Lew Johnson, Linda Stein, Buzz Baker, Charley Hall, Pharron Banghart, Maggie Baker, and William Ramsey

Public Participation: William Ramsey, former borough manager, brought up some points that he thought council should consider in whether the borough needed a borough manager or not. Mr. Ramsey referenced a borough manager as the “agent” of the borough. They become the first point of contact for the public and all the agencies they encounter.

Mayor Ort followed up with Hughesville has no borough manager, a better facilities and lower taxes.

Linda Stein spoke about our grants program, saying “our grants program is the elephant in the room.”

The grant program is four times larger than the entire general budget. Linda believes grants are a wonderful thing and someone needs to ride herd on our grants program, which would be a borough manager. If we had a regular borough manager job description, it would not capture what Muncy needs because with the grants, these are not “regular times”.

Charley Hall, former borough manager, reviewed what he has noticed happened since 4 members of council and the mayor decided to terminate the borough manager. For example, lost an opportunity to finalize a land/building swap with the library in preparation for an LSA grant for a new borough building, missed managerial direction and leadership for the 2024 budget, lost a long serving and dedicated borough treasurer, had an improper reorganization meeting, have had unsupervised streets and office staff, and consistent negative front page newspaper and online news media reports.

Old Business:

1. Balanced budgets were presented to council. Richard Sutton made a motion to advertise the 5.3 budget for 10 days. Thad Martin 2nd the motion. Roll Call: Steve Shank – yes, Thad Martin – yes, Brooke Bishop – yes, Richard Sutton – yes, Ryan Scruggs – yes, Scott Delany – Yes.
2. Borough Manager Discussion – Executive Session

New Business – None

Correspondence/Announcements – None

Council Members/Mayor – Richard Sutton explained there are job descriptions that need a little bit of work.

Scott Delany announced there is a meeting with the library and Muncy bank to discuss the building and land swap on Tuesday, Jan 30 at 6pm.

Public Participation: Pharron Banghart expressed how it sounds like council needs to step up. Mayor Ort agreed.

Wayne Wolfgang got in contact with Penn Dot about the traffic signals on Main and Water having a delay while changing lights. Mr. Wolfgang was told that council has to put something together about the issue of the lights and send it to Penn Dot.

Lew Johnson asked who makes the decision to apply for grants and expresses his concern that council wasn't involved last year the way they should have been. Mayor Ort responded council and himself need to take control of personnel, capital improvements and budgets more and they shouldn't be outsourcing that.

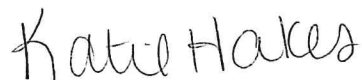
Charley Hall told Scott he was very pleased to hear council was still in contact with the library about the land swap.

Richard Sutton made a motion to adjourn. Ryan Scruggs 2nd the motion.

Public meeting ended at 7:04pm

Council went into an executive session and did not reconvene.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Katie Hakes