

**Muncy Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
January 7, 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, Logan Laidacker, Craig Scruggs, Molly Delany, Lew Johnson and Pharron Banghart.

Guest Participation – None

Public Participation – None

Richard Sutton made a motion to approve the December 19, 2024 Minutes. Thad Martin 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

George made a motion to accept the check disbursements and bank balances. Ryan Scruggs 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Sutton commented on the two Livic Civil checks totaling \$864.30 for the traffic light at Main and Penn Street quoting “that we don’t need”.

Dick Sutton said the year 2024 started out rough and Mr. Shank proved that he was an asset to the borough and borough council. Sutton made a motion to accept Steve Shanks resignation with regret. George Henry 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Thad Martin made a motion to appoint Jon Ort and Greg Delany to the Board of Health. George Henry 2nd the Motion. Motion carried 3-1. Scott Delany, Gregs father, abstained from the vote and Dick Sutton voted No because he was opposed to the appointment of Jon Ort.

Dick Sutton made a motion to appoint Logan Laidacker to Civil Service Commission. Thad Martin 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Dick Sutton made a motion to appoint Wayne McPheron and Jim Muffly to MBMA. George Henry 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

George Henry made a motion to appoint Abigail Brown and Krista McMonigle to Planning Commission. Ryan Scruggs 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Dick Sutton made a motion to appoint Chuck Leonard to WBRA. Ryan Scruggs 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Thad Martin made a motion to appoint Kevin Rupert to Zoning Hearing Board. Ryan Scruggs 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Dorman presented to council an app called “CrimeWatch” The District Attorney would like to get a grant for the start-up cost for all municipalities to sign up for it. The app is similar to facebook. It’s to simply make announcements to whoever decides to sign up for it from any Municipality. The cost for Muncy Borough would be \$370/year. Mr. Sutton made a motion to table this for 6 months. After more discussion, Sutton rescinded his motion. Mr Sutton then made a motion to approve the app if the grant is received. Thad 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Shade Tree Commission receives a \$3,000 stipend every year. They are requesting an additional \$4,000 to add to their 2025 budget. Going forward for future budgets, they would like the borough to continue with a \$7,000 yearly stipend rather than only \$3,000. Ryan Scruggs made a motion to add an additional \$4,000 out of the General Fund. Dick Sutton 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Borough Manager: As of January 1, 2025, the borough as increased in size and the Old Glade parcel of land has now been annexed. The Borough and library had their closing on the land located at the corner of New Street and South Washington Street. Charley also recognized and thanked council for having very positive discussions during council meetings this year.

Public Participation:

Pharron Banghart made a comment on the amount of money council has given to the Shade Tree Commission and asked for clarification on whose liability it is cutting down Shade Trees.
Lew Johnson asked if anything will be done with the big dips in the street on North Washington? Borough Manager said he has had previous conversations about this with WBRA and will continue to have conversations with them about this again. Lew also asked for an update on the flood buy-out houses.

Dick Sutton made a motion to adjourn. George 2nd the motion.

Meeting adjourned 7:36pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Katie Hakes