

MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
July 11, 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, Front Line Workers

Council Members present: Bill Scott, Linda Stein, Steve Shank, Thad Martin, Brooke Bishop. Absent – Richard Baker, Scott Delany

Staff Present: Boro Manager C. Hall, Administrative Assistant – Katie Hakes, PMCE officer – Joe Lyons, Mayor – Jon Ort, Police Officer – Ernest Delp

Guest: Borough Resident – Richard Sutton, Shade Tree Commission Chair – Lisa Higgins

Guest Presentation:

Jason Fitzgerald and Leah Rehm reviewed the Penn Strategies progress report. Jason went over Grants that were submitted that the borough is waiting to hear back about. Bill Scott gave an update on the refurbished basketball court at the elementary school which will start within a week or two. Linda Stein expressed how impressed she was with the work Penn Strategies has done for the Borough. She was hoping to have specific dollar amounts that would be required for the local shares for budgeting purposes. Penn Strategies will continue to administer any work that has been done this year even if we don't renew a contract for next year.

June 6, 2023 minutes were motioned to be approved by S. Shank and 2nd by B. Bishop. The motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Reports: Cash Disbursements and Bank Balances 1st Motion Thad Martin. 2nd by S. Shank 5-0

Old Business:

Charley brought a suggestion to council to remove the trees at the Waldron Park parking lot to expand parking for park goers. L. Stein suggested we paint lines on the parking lot to make for more organized and to prune trees, rather than cut them down. B. Scott suggested to get recreational and shade tree committee involved. Thad mentioned a water meter pit in the grass area that would need a different cover over it if the trees do get taken down.

Charley requested permission from council to prepare to advertise for bids for a new maintenance building so the borough can learn what cost they would be looking at to build a new one. Chris suggested 60 long by 50 wide for the building. It was noted that the new garage doors have been installed on the existing building. Thad made a motion to move forward on obtaining costs for the maintenance building. Shank 2nd the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Chief Jim Dorman arrived at the meeting at 6:25pm. Ernest Delp left the meeting.

Scott Delany arrived at meeting at 6:40pm

New Business:

The cost of the Big Rock paving project exceeded our liquid fuels monies. S. Shank made a motion for the COG pavement to come out of the Stimulus fund. L. Stein 2nd the motion. Motion carried 6-0

B Scott made a motion for the Penn Street project to come out of General Fund. S. Shank second the motion. All carried 6-0

S. Shank made a motion to approve resolution 2023-04 (35 S. Main Street). T. Martin 2nd the motion. All in favor 6-0

B. Scott made a motion to approve resolution 2023-05 (MTFG – Streetscape). T. Martin 2nd the motion. All in favor 6-0

S. Shank made a motion to approve resolution 2023-06 (LSA Grant). S. Delany 2nd the motion. All in favor 6-0

Bill explained the use he believes Muncy Borough has for a (TASA) Safe routes to school grant. S. Delany made a motion to apply for the grant. S. Shank 2nd the motion. All in favor 6-0

S. Delany made a motion to accept Stacey Frey’s resignation from Shade Tree Committee with regret and a big thank you. S. Shank 2nd the motion. All carried 6-0 Lisa Higgins will become chair. S. Delany made a motion to appoint without hesitation Linda Stein to the Shade Tree Commission. T. Martin 2nd the motion. All were in favor 6-0

L. Stein made a motion that we follow Brooke’s recommendation to have a membership with the Williamsport Lycoming Chamber of Commerce. S. Delany 2nd the motion. Carried 6-0

Manager Report:

Charley informed council about a large log that came from a Borough FEMA lot in Glade Run. Chris is working on getting that out of the stream. Charley expressed his thanks to Chris for taking care of the tree that fell down across Washington at Mechanic Street. Charley made an announcement to council that if any members were to get complaints, to send those folks to the borough office so complaints/questions can get taken care of quickly. Charley also gave Jeff and Katie a “thank you and pat on the back” for always going above and beyond.

Scott Delany mentioned that the address change for the fire department must be advertised in the newspaper.

Joe Lyons brought to council’s attention that there is a sidewalk issue at a particular property that is hazardous enough that it needs shut down. Joe will get some barricades from the Borough and close it down until he is able to make contact with the owner.

The fire department received a \$50,000 grant from the Margaret Waldron Foundation

Public Participation:

Resident Richard Sutton expressed how much he greatly recommends Thad to fill the vacancy spot on council that will be available 2024.

B. Scott made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. S. Delany 2nd. Meeting adjourned and went into executive session with no further action needed. 7:34pm

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Hakes, Administrative Assistant