

MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
July 13, 2022

The meeting of the Muncy Borough Council was called to order in the Borough Hall 6:02 P.M. by President B Scott. The Pledge of Allegiance followed and a moment of silence for our armed forces and first responders was led by President B Scott.

Council Members present: Scott Delany, Bill Scott, Linda Stein, Steve Shank, Richard Baker(call in), Jason Mausteller(call in) , T Martin. Absent – none. Also present were Mayor J Ort and Solicitor S Williams.

Staff Present: Boro Manager C. Hall, Treasurer J Sholtis, Police – J Dorman.

Guests: Selinda Kennedy, Ray Secrist.

Demolition application 302 S Washington st.

B Scott motioned to approve the shed demolition. S Shank 2nd the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Minutes June 7, 2022 – S Shank motioned to accept. S Delany 2nd the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Treasurer Reports: J Sholtis presented cash disbursements and bank balances for approval. L stein motioned to pay the bills. S Shank 2nd the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Old Business:

Green Street Park event - C Hall informed council that a event will be held on July 30th. Cindy Appleman is in charge of the event. Proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior project. L Stein motioned to approve. S Shank 2nd the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Code Enforcement : C Hall presented the status of the codes enforcement in the borough. He is looking for council direction. The idea being a ‘softer approach’ with the borough staff checking on properties and sending letters as needed. Habitual offenders will be sent to Codes for enforcement. The Muncy police have already taken steps to curb the number of unregistered and uninspected vehicles in the borough.

New Business:

Hiring of codes enforcement / zoning official – B Scott presented the concept of hiring a codes official, Joe Lyons. Joe’s resume is in the council packet for review. After a discussion, B Scott motioned to hire Mr Lyons for \$22 per hour. Joe is not currently UCC certified. Joe is a borough resident and lives on Carpenter street. S Shank motioned to approve and T Martin 2nd the motion. Codes Inc will continue to provide zoning and UCC certifications for the borough. S Delany 2nd the motion. The motion carried 7-0. S Delany pointed out that there is not a job description for this position.

6 month budget status report - J Sholtis presented the 6 month actual 2022 budget status. All revenue streams were reviewed with most being ahead of budget. Overall the borough is in good shape for 2022. Jeff reminded council that the 2023 budget will be developed in September. If council has any personel or changes to the budget, the changes need to be brought forward in September to incorporate into the budget rather than after the budget is developed and approved.

Shade Tree committee – C Hall reported that the shade tree committee has met twice. Seven letters were sent to home owners on June 13th informing them to remove their dead and/or dangerous shade tree. Three of the home owners called the office. Two cannot afford it. The shade tree committee is in need and a chairman.

John Bartlett was in a motorcycle accident and J Sholtis moved out of the borough. B Scott motioned to appoint Jay Eiswerth to the committee. L Stein 2nd the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

School Resource officer update – J Dorman informed council the Muncy school district board wishes to have a SRO police office in both school buildings. The school is currently interviewing a officer. D Williams will be assigned to the elementary school and the new officer will be at the high school. When the officers are in the schools the district will pay 100% of the costs and billed as such. If the officer is doing regular patrol the borough will pay the costs.

DCED multimodel grant – President B Scott is working on a downtown revitalization grant. The grant application is due at the end of July. B Scott motioned to approve the submittal. L Stein 2nd the motion. The motion carried 7-0. The grant application will be Resolution #2022-03.

Fire Co new building – S Delany informed Council that the new building is targeted to be finished by January 1st 2023. Muncy Creek Township is contributing to the costs of storm drains. Is the borough going to contribute anything to the project? Scott will have ‘hard numbers’ for the next meeting.

Borough manager report – there will be a Resiliency meeting on Friday the 15th. C Hall updated council on the Schaefer property. The brush hog was sold for \$2,250. The monies will be put in the equipment fund. Gardner tree trimming will be delayed due to his truck being broke down. C Hall and the streets dept. met with reps regarding the recent FEMA lots. They need to be made mow able for the borough to maintain them.

Correspondence/Announcements:

Borough reports:

Police Department – June report attached.

Fire Department – June report provided.

MBMA – June minutes attached.

Streets Department – no written report provided.

Tax Reports – June report attached.

WBRA – May report attached.

Library – no written report provided

S Shank brought up if a permit is needed for dumping of materials at the maint. shed and Glade Run. C Hall will find out if a permit is needed. Ray Sechrist from the Muncy Lions club is checking on the status of a new recycling center. This idea was presented and discussed at the March 17th 2022 meeting. The mirror on E Penn street will be moved. The Mifflinburg Fire company is hosting a memorial walk on September 10th 2022. The walk will pass through Muncy. Chief James will reach out to Mifflinburg with the idea of giving them the best route through town.

T Martin motioned to adjourn. S. Shank 2nd the motion.
The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Sholtis
Borough Treasurer / Secretary