

Muncy Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
March 5, 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 with a moment of silence for Anna Klem.

Roll Call: *Council Members Present* – Steve Shank, Ryan Scruggs, Thad Martin, Scott Delany, Richard Sutton, Absent: Bill Scott

Borough Employees present: Borough manager Charley Hall, Borough secretary K. Hakes, Police Chief James Dorman, and Property Maintenance Coordinator Joe Lyons
Solicitor Chris Kenyon was present. Mayor Jon Ort, absent.

Public Present: Tom Hughes, Bill Poulton, Brian Auman, Donna Sutton, Chip Gottschall, Nate K, Wayne Wolfgang, Marco Colbert, Tara Ashby, Johnny Lynch, Ed Feigles, Maggie Baker, Jim Bishop, Linda Stein, Craig & Chris Scruggs, Eric Newcomer, Pharron Banghart, Richard Baker, Lew Johnson

An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting for personnel and legal issues.

Guest Participation: Tom Hughes, state hazard mitigation officer, spoke to council about FEMA's Direct Technical Assistance program. It's a no-cost technical assistance program for small communities. He submitted an application on Muncy's behalf.

Public Participation: Charley Hall made the announcement that Ed Feigles withdrew his interest for the vacant seat on council.

Jim Bishop asked to be reimbursed for the damages from the tree that fell on his pavilion. Solicitor Kenyon told Mr. Bishop the council will not make any comments on a legal matter.

Buzz Baker would like council to take George Henry into consideration for appointment.

Minutes: Thad Martin made a motion to approve the February 6 minutes. Ryan Scruggs 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Check Disbursement & bank balances: Mr. Sutton would like it noted in the minutes that traffic light at Penn and Main did not need to be replaced and the control panel could have just been updated for less than \$10,000. Scott Delany made a motion to approve checks & balances. Steve Shank 2nd that motion. Motion passed.

Ryan Scruggs made a motion to appoint Katie Hakes as secretary/treasurer at current rate. Richard Sutton 2nd the motion. All voting in favor.

Thad Martin made a motion to approve the Tax Rate Resolution 2024-01. Ryan Scruggs 2nd the motion. All voting in favor.

Brian Auman presented a Crossroads Park update. A simplified plan would make for a nice improvement within budget. It was discovered that painting a mural was going to be out of budget due to restoration of the walls. Ryan Scruggs wanted to make sure there would still be places to sit. Jim Bishop expressed concerns on tree survival at that corner. Council will get their ideas to Charley.

Ryan Scruggs made a motion to appoint Michael McAleer, David Edkin, Chuck Leonard to MBMA. Richard Sutton 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Thad Martin made the motion to appoint Greg Delany and Jon Ort to the Board of Health. Ryan Scruggs 2nd the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

Richard Sutton made a motion to appoint Ed Feigles to the Planning Commission. Ryan Scruggs 2nd the motion. Motion passed; all were in favor.

Thad Martin made a motion to appoint Craig Scruggs to the Zoning Hearing Board. Richard Sutton 2nd the motion. Motion passed all voting in favor.

Ryan Scruggs made a motion to accept Brooke Bishops resignation from borough council with regret. Thad Martin 2nd the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

Appointment of new council member Roll Call Vote: Ryan Scruggs – George Henry; Richard Sutton – Tara Ashby; Scott Delany – Tara Ashby; Thad Martin – Georgy Henry; Steve Shank – George Henry. Motion carried for George Henry. Mr. Henry thanked all the council members for their consideration. Scott Delany also thanked Tara Ashby for her interest in borough council as well.

Thad made a motion to accept Lisa Lyons and Jamie White's Shade Tree resignations. Ryan 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Thad made a motion to approve the Penn Dot approval letter for the Memorial Day parade. Steve 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Richard Sutton made a motion to transfer \$200,000 from General Account to a new Grant Fund that will be established. Thad Martin 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Richard Sutton made a motion to approve the WBRA maintenance agreement. Scott Delany 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Richard Sutton made a motion for Chief Dorman to buy back 2 weeks of vacation due to his lack of man power recently. Steve Shank 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Richard Sutton made a motion to apply for a License Plate Reader (LPR) grant. Steve Shank 2nd the motion. Motion passed; all were in favor.

Richard Sutton made a motion to apply for Security System & Handgun update grant. Steve Shank 2nd the motion. Motion passed; all were in favor.

Richard Sutton made a motion to sign the Borough Manager contract. Ryan Scruggs 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Shank voted no.

Manager Charley Hall reminded council of a Municipal Summit Joe Hamm is hosting on Thursday April 4th at Hughesville Fire Department. Little league has reached out to the borough about bleachers at Waldron Park that are in disrepair. A lease agreement can not be found. Richard Sutton and Steve Shank suggested getting an estimate to see how much it would cost to replace them. Buzz Baker is going to talk to the REC committee about possibly using money in the Waldron Park Fund. Chris Kenyon suggests we follow up on the lease issue and a certificate of insurance to cover the Borough.

Joe Lyons updated council on some outgoing letters on a few properties he is working on.

A brief discussion was had about the fire radios with Greg Delany.

Public Participation: Pharron Banghart asked if there would be a visibility issue with putting trees at the new Crossroads Park. Charley explained they would be set back enough so there would be no issue. Ms. Banghart also asked if business signs on empty borough lots are legal? Charley explained the borough crew would remove any business sign on any borough owned property. Only certain non-profit entities are allowed to put a sign up, with borough permission, only.

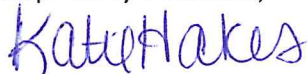
Marco Colbert spoke about a personal problem he is currently having with his neighbor. A brief discussion was had to clarify what department handles what type of violations in the borough. Lew Johnson asked if there was an ordinance for any rental properties for the amount of people who live in one residence. President Delany advised Lew to call Codes, INC.

Charley asked for a very brief executive session.

Richard Sutton made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Thad 2nd the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.
Council did not reconvene.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Hakes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer