

**MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 7, 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 and Front-Line workers by President B Scott.

Council Members present: Bill Scott, Linda Stein, Richard Baker, Jason Mausteller, Thad Martin, Steve Shank, Scott Delany (Call in)

Staff Present: Boro Manager C. Hall, Police Chief – J Dorman, Administrative Assistant – Katie Hakes, PMCE officer – Joe Lyons, & Solicitor S Williams with Zachary Dugan. Absent – Mayor Jon Ort

Guest: Marco J. Colbert – Muncy Resident, Timothy Reitz – District magistrate Judge Candidate, Tom Hughes – PEMA, Lew Johnson – Resident, Lisa Higgins – Resident/nominee for tree commission

Guests/Public Participation: Marco Colbert is a youtuber with 100,000 followers. Marco wants to have a YouTube subscriber party in the spring/fall. He wants to work with the borough and police on any permits necessary, or the best location to hold this party. The open FEMA lots were an option on N Market St. Marco also expressed his concerns on the loss of money the borough is losing due to gas and paying borough workers to mow the FEMA lots. Marco asked every council member to write down one idea that they have for these FEMA lots. Marco also had questions on the funding for the new Fire Hall being built. Scott Delany educated him briefly on the project.

Lew Johnson shared a few pictures with council on a property that needs cleaned up located next to his on Green Street. Joe Lyons said he would have an update for him in the next 48 hours.

Tim Reitz introduced himself as running for District Magistrate.

February 7, 2023 minutes were motioned to be approved by S. Shank and 2nd by T. Martin. The motion carried 7-0.

Treasures Reports: Disbursements and Bank Balances were motioned to be approved by S. Shank and 2nd by J Mausteller. The motion carried 7-0

Old Business:

Flood Buyout – Charley introduced Tom Hugh’s who is the PEMA Safe Hazzard Mitigation Officer. Tom spoke to council about the funding that is available for Muncy Borough and giving the Borough another chance to have a discussion on the 4 other homes the Borough decided not to tear down. A lengthy discussion occurred. No action was taken.

Tom Hugh’s exited the meeting room at 7:20PM

New Business: Charley asked for councils approval to have a discussion with personnel committee, Chris and John to advertise for a part-time streets employee. S. Shank made the 1st motion; T. Martin 2nd the motion. All were in favor 7-0

Scott Delany entered the meeting at 7:24PM

B. Scott made a motion to appoint Jim Bishop to finish Jim Craddock's term that ends 12/31/2025 on the MBMA board. L. Stein 2nd the motion. Motion carried 6-0, Thad Martin abstained.

The Resolution 2023-01 sets the fines for the enforcement of the 2021 IPMC Borough Code. S. Delany made the first motion to approve the Resolution 2023-01. Thad 2nd the motion. All carried 7-0

The Corvette show will be held September 16th. Muncy Borough council approved the letter for the corvette show. 1st motion, Linda. 2nd, Steve. All carried 7-0

Motion to approve the Legion to hold a Memorial Parade 1. S. Shank and 2nd J. Mausteller. Motion carried 7-0

Chief James would like to hire Rebekkah Clark as a full-time officer. She will finish out the school year as an SRO and will begin her full-time position July 1, 2023. T. Martin made the 1st Motion and Linda 2nd the motion. All carried 7-0

Correspondence/Announcements:

Borough Manager Reports: Charley wants the streets committee to meet. He has information from upper Fairfield township regarding the building they are putting up.

The library was not opposed to swapping ground for building. They will have a further discussion.

Charley thanked Steve Shank for help on Feb 25th with the ice in the borough.

Charley also gave Jeff high praises for his willingness to go out and help Chris when and where he can with the streets dept.

The chief requested a brief executive session after the meeting.

Joe Lyons also requested a brief executive session on a property.

Bill Scott introduced Lisa Higgins and he would like to appoint her to our Shade Tree Commission. A Motion was made to add the Shade Tree Commission to the agenda by Steve Shank. Thad 2nd the motion. All carried.

B. Scott made the motion to add Lisa to the Tree Commission. Steve 2nd the motion. All carried

Scott Delany spoke on behalf of the fire department stated that they applied for the Margaret Waldren grant and the new building is on track.

Charley noted a brief Executive Session will be needed on a legal issue. Council will not need to reconvene.

Police Department – February Report Attached.

Fire Department – No Report provided.

MBMA – no report provided.

Streets Department – February Report Provided.

Tax Reports – January through March Provided

WBRA – January Minutes Provided

Library – No Minutes Provided

Public Participation: - None

Steve Shank made a motion to adjourn. Thad Martin 2nd the motion. Motion carried 7-0
The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm and went into executive session.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie Hakes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Katie" and last name "Hakes" clearly legible.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Hakes, Administrative Assistant