

MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 1, 2022

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 our armed forces and first responders was led by President B Scott.

Council Members present: Scott Delany, Bill Scott, Linda Stein(in person), Steve Shank, Richard Baker, Jason Mausteller. Absent – Thad Martin. Also present were Mayor J Ort and Solicitor S Williams.

Staff Present: Boro Manager C. Hall, Treasurer J Sholtis, Police K Flewellyn, Zoning J Lyons.

Guests: J Lavelle, K Green Lyco Co., K Rupert Fire co., M Reuther Sun-Gazette

Muncy area USACE study :

Kelsey Green and John Lavelle from Lycoming county planning presented information on a United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) study of the Muncy area. This study gets more in-depth on the action plan of flood mitigation. They are asking the borough to contribute 10% or \$7,735 of the costs. L Stein commented that the finance committee will look at the 'boxes' to come up with the funding. The County will draft a MOU.

Minutes October 4 2022 – B Scott motioned to accept. S Delany 2nd the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Treasurer Reports: J Sholtis presented cash disbursements and bank balances for approval. S Shank motioned to approve the reports. R Baker 2nd the motion. uh huh. The motion carried 6-0.

Old Business:

FEMA buyouts: President Scott led a discussion regarding 7 properties in the borough which are eligible for a flood buyout. A lengthy discussion ensued. The general consensus of Council was that they should not approve any buyouts unless it is the last option. B Scott motioned for 100 Mechanic and 119 N Washington to be approved for FEMA buyouts. J Mausteller 2nd the motion. A roll call vote was held. 6-0 in favor.

New Business:

Budget 2023 – Linda Stein presented the 2023 budget for review and approval. The finance committee met twice. The budget is balanced and will not require a tax increase. The current milage rate is 5.3. 2023 will be the 6th year in a row for no tax increase for Muncy borough. Large street and storm sewer expenses will be paid out of the Capital Improvement fund. L Stein motioned to approve the advertisement of the budget. J Mausteller 2nd the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Borough traffic patterns - J Ort expressed his interest in changing west High street to one way from Main to Market street. A discussion was held on if to make this change and /or limit parking on Main and High streets. A public hearing will be needed to adopt a ordinance. Parking will remain unchanged for now.

CD's / Money Market – J Sholtis presented for approval a new money market account at Jersey Shore State bank(JSSB). The borough's 2 Cds' are both getting less than 1% interest. The Cd's which total \$211,000 will be put into a 270 day money market account at 3.65%. Any fees will be waived and the funds are liquid. R Baker made a motion to approve the money market change. S Delany 2nd the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Penn Strategies – B Scott presented a proposal which includes \$30,000 to Penn Strategies. The cost was incorporated into the 2023 budget. Muncy Bank is willing to pay for half of the costs. S Delany motioned to hire Penn Strategies on January 1 2023 to January 1 2024. .S Shank 2nd the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Utility trailer - Borough manager C Hall presented to council the need for a bigger utility trailer. Our current trailer only holds one mower and will not hold the skid steer. The price is \$8,700 from Best Line. S Shank motioned to purchase the trailer. R Baker 2nd the motion. The motion carried 6-0. The costs will be paid out of the equipment fund.

COG representative – John Gramling is the Boroughs current representative. John will be retiring at the end of 2022. S Shank motioned for borough employee Chris Stoodley to be the borough rep in 2023. R Baker 2nd the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Borough manager report – attached is a copy of the UCC study. The study was at the school district and no issues were found. Also in the council packet was a copy of a email from PennDot. Leaf collection has begun and will last thru November. New employee Chris Stoodley has started and is working out well. A discussion was had regarding starting leaf pick up a week earlier next year. The main idea is to have cleaner streets at Halloween time. Borough Manager C Hall also expressed his thanks to employee Jeff Sholtis for helping out with street projects. A discussion was had regarding the overgrowth of weeds at 47 N Main street. The house is empty and has been for sale. Borough employees will clean up the mess.

Correspondence/Announcements:

Borough reports:

Police Department – October report attached.

Fire Department – September report attached.

MBMA – September report attached.

Streets Department – October report attached.

Tax Reports – October report attached.

WBRA – no report provided.

Library – no report provided

IPMC – see attached report

S Shank brought up that a letter was sent to all borough residents from WBRA increasing water rates.

J Mausteller motioned to adjourn. S. Delany 2nd the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Sholtis

Borough Treasurer / Secretary