

MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
Novemeber 03, 2020

The meeting of the Muncy Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Ed Feigles.

Council Members present: Ed Feigles, Rick Umpstead, Thad Martin, Scott Delany, Dana Bertin, and Mayor Jon Ort. Ms. Stein called in. Absent was Richard Baker

Staff participating: Chris Kenyon – Solicitor, Borough Manger – Dennis Holt, Police Chief Dorman, and Borough Secretary/Treasurer – Jeffrey Sholtis.

Visitors: None

Minutes: The minutes of the October 06, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Delany, seconded by Mr. Bertin and carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Mr. Sholtis reported that a CD was about to rollover. Council approved on a motion by Mr. Bertin, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried to shop for the “Best Rate” and renew.

Old Business:

Emergency Management Plan – Council discussed the adoption of the plan for some time. It was recommended by Ms. Stein to include the Well Head Protection Plan that was developed for the well fields of the Muncy Borough Water Authority. Mr. Feigles recommended to include an Evacuation Routes with the Plan. On a motion by Mr. Feigles, seconded by Mr. Delany, and carried, Council adopted the Emergency Management Plan with the two (2) recommendation as addenda.

New Business: Proposed 2021 Budget - Mr. Sholtis reviewed the proposed Budget with Council. Noting that the budget is balanced with no tax increase needed. Also, that the budget is balanced without any revenue from the Muncy Borough Water Authority, and includes Twenty-thousand Dollar (\$20,000.) for the Fire Dept. EMS staffing. On a motion by Mr. Bertin, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried, Council approved to advertise the proposed budget for adoption at the December 1st meeting.

Chief Dorman requested the purchase of a new vehicle and computer network server during next year. The Chief explained that he is establishing a vehicle replacement plan that would use Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.) per year of Brady Township funds to purchase a new vehicle every two (2) years. Effectively replacing each vehicle on a four (4) year rotation. It was the consensus of Council to have the Chief shop for a vehicle.

New Business :

On a motion by Mr. Umpstead, seconded by Mr. Bertin, and carried, Council approved the purchase of a computer network server.

Probation – Police Officers; Jason Wertz, and Eric Winters. Chief Dorman reported that the officers completed their probationary period. Upon a recommendation from the Chief, Council approved the advancement of officers; Wertz and Winters past the Probationary Period on a motion by Mr. Bertin, seconded by Mr. Delany and carried.

Muncy Area Volunteer Fire Department - At the last council meeting Assistant Fire Chief, Scott Delany reported on staffing issues with the EMS services, noting that it may be necessary to increase the paid part-time staff. Mr. Delany presented the following solution for the EMS staffing issues. The Fire Dept. would hire a part-time staff to cover the 18:00 PM – 06:00 AM shift. The Fire Dept. would ask Muncy Borough and Muncy Creek Township to share the cost estimated at Forty-thousand Dollars (\$40,000.) equally, or Twenty-thousand Dollar (\$20,000.) for each Municipality. It was the Consensus to include the Twenty-thousand Dollar (\$20,000.) cost in the 2021 budget.

The Borough Manager reviewed the Tree Trimming Policy with Council.

The Monthly Reports were attached in the Council Packet.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Holt, Council Secretary