

**MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 4, 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 Armed Forces, First Responders and Front-Line workers led by President B Scott.

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

Staff Present: Boro Manager C. Hall, Police Chief – J Dorman, Administrative Assistant – Katie Hakes, PMCE officer – Joe Lyons

Guest: Borough Residents – William Lyons, Barbie Lister. Fire Company Rep – Kevin Rupert, Codes Enforcer – Victor Marquardt and Muncy Music Association - Chris Johnson

PMCE Joe Lyons began a public ordinance hearing for adoption of the 2021 International Prop. Maintenance Code. S. Shank made a motion to close the meeting. R. Baker 2nd the motion. Motion Carried 6-0. R Baker made a motion to table the ordinance. J. Mausteller 2nd the motion. Joe Lyons will bring to the next council meeting a compelling reason to go from 2012 to 2021. Motion carried 6-0

Chris Johnson, Rep for the Muncy Music Association, presented to council a fundraiser opportunity for the Muncy band to raise money for their trip to Disney next June. Businesses will buy banners to replace the old banners that are hanging on Main Street and Water Street. Cost for the borough will only be help from the borough to hang the banners. J. Mausteller made a motion for new banners and Scott Delany made a 2nd motion. Motion carried 6-0

Vic Marquardt explained the issue he is having with 321 W. Penn Street and the magistrate. October 25th is the date for compliance. A decision will need to be made how much the Borough wants to spend on the enforcement of cleaning up of this property. Fines

September 13, 2022 minutes were motioned to be approved by S. Delany and 2nd by S. Shank. The motion carried 6-0.

Old Business:

Chief Dorman explained to council how the county is updating their radio system from analogue to digital. The Department will not be able to talk to anyone once they make the switch without new radios. The total cost for new radios for officers, cars and office is estimated at \$53,000. Chief Dorman has applied for 2 grants and possible a 3rd next week. Chief Dorman suggested using the ARPA money so the radios can get ordered and then when the grant money comes in, the ARPA fund (or general fund) can be replenished. No action was taken.

New Business:

Flood Buyout – The county provided the Borough with documents to start the process for buyouts. Bill Scott had concerns reading the agreements. Flood control is a possibility in this town and Bill Scott is not in favor of knocking down 7 more homes. Two homes he is in favor of knocking down are 100 Mechanic Street and 119 N Washington Street. Scott Delany asked for a copy of the list of all the properties so council members can go around individually and look at the outside of the all the properties before making a decision next month.

Non-Uniform Wages – Charley made a request to council for a wage increase to the non-uniform employees. He explained how the employees have really stepped up and have gone above and beyond since being short-handed. Three non-uniform employees would receive a \$2.50 increase, and Charley would get a .50 cents increase. S. Shank made a motion for new hourly rates become effective immediately. S. Delany made a 2nd motion. Motion carried 6-0

Streets Employee – John Gramling will be retiring at the end of the year. Streets supervisor position was advertised and 3 interviews were conducted. The Personnel committee has unanimously brought forth Christopher Stoodley. His hourly rate will not exceed \$23/hour and on board no later than 11/1 with a 6/mo probation and 90day stipulation for Chris moving 30 minutes within the borough. S. Shank made the first motion. R. Baker made 2nd. Motion carried 6-0

DCNR Crossroads Park Grant – Bill Scott offered to apply for a DCNR grant that is out there to build Crossroads Park. Linda Stein made a motion to approve Bill Scott for being in charge of the grant writing. Jason Mausteller 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried 6-0

Charley made a request to post F-350 truck on Muncibid. The truck is becoming very costly to maintain. Scott Delany made the 1st motion and R. Baker 2nd. Accepting no less than \$12,000 Motion Carried 6-0

Correspondence/Announcements:

Borough Manager Reports:

Charley Hall made council aware of chipper week starting Monday 10/10. Leaf collection will be starting 11/1. Reminder the borough is required to allocate the ARPA funds by 12/31/2024 and is to be spent by 12/31/2026.

A motion to add a letter from the borough to support the Monster Dash to the Agenda was made by S. Delany and 2nd by R. Baker. All motioned 6-0

S. Delany motioned for the borough to do the letter for the permit for the Monster Dash. J. Mausteller 2nd the motion. 6-0 Carried

Jon Ort would like a review of traffic patterns added to the next agenda. Mayor has a few streets in mind he would like to make one way.

Public Participation: - None

S. Shank motioned to adjourn. J. Mausteller 2nd the motion. Motion carried 6-0
The meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Hakes, Administrative Assistant