

**MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 16, 2021**

The meeting of the Muncy Borough Council was called to order in the Borough Fire Department Chambers at 7:00 P.M. by President Ed Feigles. Linda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Council Members present:* Ed Feigles, Linda Stein(called in), Richard Baker, Rick Umpstead, Dana Bertin, Scott Delany, Mayor Jon Ort   *Absent:* Thad Martin

*Staff Present:* Boro Manager C. Hall, Police Chief - J. Dorman, and J. Sholtis - Sec/Treas.

*Guest:* Sun-gazette representative John. Solicitor Morgan. Fire Co rep Kevin Rupert. Mr and Mrs Bill Poulton. Muncy Creek Twp resident Bobbi.

**Minutes:** August 3 2021; Motion by S. Delany. Second by L Stein. The motion carried 6-0.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer J Sholtis reported August and September expenditures and bank balances. S Delany motioned to accept the Treasurers Report. Second by R. Umpstead all were in favor. Motion carried. 6-0.

**Old Business:**

New facility. – S Delany reported that he received a recommendation for a new maintenance garage. The building committee met. A new maintenance building would cost approximately \$138,xxx without prevailing wage. A discussion was held on how to pay for the project. Whether to finance or use CD's and the CAP fund.

Carpenter st bridge project - C Hall met with engineer T Pysher regarding the Carpenter street bridge. The bridge is not in danger but will need replaced in the long term. As with the other borough bridges they have 'concrete cancer'. S Delany moved for Manager C Hall to work with T Pysher to develop a multi-year plan for the borough's three bridges. Then a CFA multi Modal Transportation Grant would be applied for. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by L Stein. The motion carried 6-0.

Shuttle Hill project - The project has been completed. Cement curbs have been installed. A few complaints have come in regarding water run off issues and the Fox Hollow tar and chipping. Thanks to MBMA and WBRA for sharing in the costs of Quarry road curbing. Manager will work out the sharing of future in-kind services rather than the exchanging of monies.

Andritz storm sewer – Manager C Hall reported on the collapsed outlet pipes on Railroad street. Pipes of which drain borough, Muncy Creek Twp and Andritz. We are waiting on Andritz to see what direction they wish to go with the issue.

**New Business:**

Muncy historical grant - B Poulton reported on a grant opportunity that could be used for the 'grassy knoll'. The Historical society, Muncy Borough and the Muncy Rotary will partner for this application and project. Manager C Hall will be the borough contact.

Pension MMO 2022 – J Sholtis presented the 2022 pension MMO’s (Minimum Municipal Obligation). The overall amount is slightly less than 2021. The uniformed total is \$48,463 and the non-uniformed amount is \$78,157. D Bertin motioned to accept. S Delany 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Borough right-of-ways – tabled.

Special event road closures – A discussion was held about the changes in the Penn-Dot processes for road closures. Rather than contact the Muncy police department individual entities wishing to apply for a road closure for a parade will need to apply for the permit on their own. Entities can still have a parade or close a street in the boro as long as its not a Penn-Dot road i.e. Main street, Water Street, E Penn, New st.

Trick or Treat – Will be held this year on Saturday Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. 6-8:00pm. Other local municipalities are having trick-treat on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Maintenance shed tree cutting – S Delany reported of the 21 dead or dying trees around the maintenance shed. Gardner tree service gave a quote of \$4,725 to cut and remove them. D Bertin motioned and E Feigles 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Police 2013 cruiser – The highest bid on Municbid for cruiser is \$5,900. R Umpstead motioned to seal the cruise for \$5,900. 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Bertin. Motion carried 6-0. A resolution is to be drafted enabling Jim to sign for selling and purchasing of police vehicles.

Notice of violations – A discussion was held regarding 3 borough properties which have installed swimming pools and di not get a permit. Violation letters have been sent to all with no response. S Delany motioned for Codes to pursue action related to the enforcing the removal of the 3 pools or convincing the property owners to obtain the proper zoning and flood plain permits. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Bertin. The motion carried 6-0.

Police contract 2022-24 - A discussion was held regarding the new police contract. The increases will average \$2 per hour. The total impact of the increases are unknown at this time. The higher than normal raises are to keep Muncy police wages more equitable with other area police departments. S Delany motioned to accept the contract. D Bertin 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion carried 5-1. R Baker voting no.

Individual Council members – R Umpstead brought up that all of the street stop bars and cross walks have not been painted. Manager C Hall responded with he would like the streets committee to convene and come to council to make recommendations to him for consideration and rather than in a public forum.

Mayor – Please mute cell phones before council meetings.

Borough Resident - B Young brought up the offensive sign on a house on S Main street. A discussion ensued with the result being there is nothing the borough can do about the sign.

### **Borough Reports:**

*Police Department* – August report attached.

*Fire Department* - August report attached.

*Public Works* – no written report provided.

*Streets Department* – no written report provided.

*Tax Reports* – see attachment.

*Library* – no report provided.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeff Sholtis*

Borough Secretary / Treasurer