

MUNCY BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes

June 9, 2009 2pm

The Muncy Borough Council met in special session with the following members present: President Vivian Daily, Vice President Galen Betzer, Karen Richards, Lloyd Wurster, Linda Stein, Dana Bertin, and Alicia Myers (arriving at 2:20pm). Also attending were Solicitor Wilfred Knecht, Borough Manager Ed Coup, and Borough Secretary/Office Manager Mary Lynné Rager.

Guests: Patrick Donlin, Williamsport Sun Gazette
Thomas Taber
Richard Baker
Dan and Marcia Arnold, Residents

President Daily called the meeting to order at 2:03pm in the Council Chambers at 14 N. Washington Street. Invocation was provided by President Daily followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Engineer for Independent Act 537 Review

Mr. Bertin reported that the Act 537 Committee interviewed engineers; HRG, Unitec, and Bassett Engineering. The committee decided on HRG. President Daily commented that the main reason for this special June 9, 2009 meeting was to vote and accept a contract with an engineer so he could be present at the June 16, 2009 Muncy Borough Municipal Authority's (MBMA) public meeting in regards to the presentation of the draft Act 537 plan.

Ms Richards recommended changes to the contract to include:

- Change the typo "additional" work
- Change week to month
- Note that the engineer would attend the June 16, 2009 meeting which is included in the \$8,000 total.

Mr. Bertin made the **motion to accept** HRG for the Muncy Borough's Act 537 Plan with the noted changes to the \$8,000 contract. The motion was **seconded** by Ms Richards. **Motion carried** 6-1 with Mr. Betzer opposing.

Following the vote Mr. Betzer opposed stating we should first review the MBMA's draft Act 537 on June 16, 2009. If Council then does not agree, that is when Council should hire an engineer. He stated that the Engineers are the only ones making out and that, quote: "We are getting screwed."

Ms Richards said she had checked with Mr. Haussammann and that he was pleased with Council in the fact that we were going to engage an engineer.

Meeting with Muncy Creek Township (MCT) Supervisors

President Daily presented the concept of having MCT join our sewer authority to develop a regional sewer authority. She had spoken with Mr. Rupert on the MCT board of supervisors and one MCT authority board member to assess their possible interest, which was positive. President Daily relayed that they have some reservations with our current MBMA. President Daily requested to Council that she is seeking their permission and

guidance in conversing with MCT in regards to sewer regionalization, stating that MCT has some power. She also noted that there is a MCT Supervisors meeting June 15, 2009 and she would like Council to present this idea then. Mr. Bertin stated that MCT feels a lot is going on and they are not kept in the loop by MBMA.

Ms Richards made the **motion to begin discussions with MCT** in regards to a possible regional sewer authority. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Bertin. **Motion carried** with all voting in favor.

Ordinance 500 and 471

It was noted to advertise amendments to Demolition Ordinance 500 and Historic Ordinance 471 so they could be adopted at the June 18, 2009 meeting.

Motion to direct Personnel Committee

Mr. Bertin made the **motion** for the Personnel Committee to develop a policy on work-related injuries and to develop an amendment to the extended sick/injury policy. The motion was **seconded** by Ms Richards. **Motion carried** 6-1 with Mrs. Myers abstaining due to having a relative as a Borough employee.

Special Meeting on June 16 at 7:30pm at the MHS Auditorium

Discussion entailed keeping within the Sunshine Law should Council attend the Muncy Borough Municipal Authority's (MBMA) public meeting in regard to their Act 537 engineering presentation. Mr. Coup stated that in his contacts with Mr. Gardner, he refused to accommodate by providing a table for Council. Solicitor Knecht suggested that Council could just attend and receive information from the presentation and not take any Council action, just be there as individuals. Solicitor Knecht stated he will contact MBMA solicitor Howard Langdon.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was called by President Daily at 2:30pm to discuss legal matters.

Comments From the Public

Comments from the public were tabled until the next regular scheduled meeting due to a time constraint.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Myers made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 3:37pm with Mr. Wurster making the **second**. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lynné Rager
Borough Secretary/Office Manager