

### June 3, 2008

The Muncy Borough Council met in regular session with the following members present: President Vivian Daily, Vice President Galen Betzer, Karen Richards, Linda Stein, Dana Bertin, Rodney Knier, Solicitor Carl Barlett, Sec/Treas Elaine McAleer, Borough Manger Ed Coup and Police Chief Suttoon.

Guests: Dan Arnold – Resident	Marcia Arnold – Resident
Barron Zimmers – Resident	Darla Zimmers - Residents
Patrick Donnelly – Sun-Gazette	John Bender – Uni-Tec Engineering
Wayne Wolfgang – Resident	Gary Phillips – Resident
Mike McAleer – Resident	Tom Gardner - Resident

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM in the Muncy School District Boardroom located in the Margaret Waldron Building with President Daily presiding. Invocation provided by Mrs. Daily, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Participation:** Resident Wayne Wolfgang spoke on the work that was to be done around his Pepper Street property to help with water runoff. To date nothing has been done and he wanted to know when the work was to start. Mr. Coup recalled the work was to be done in three phases and the Street Committee was to meet with Muncy Creek Township prior to any work starting. Mr. Coup was asked how he was informed that the work was not to commence until a meeting with Muncy Creek Township. Mr. Coup said that it was his recollection that Mr. McAleer told him that. Mr. McAleer, present for the meeting said, "That's a lie." Coup stated that former the borough secretary contacted Street Chairman, Sam Burleigh who had recently moved. The secretary noted that Burleigh said he would dig in his box of borough stuff to see if he could find a copy of what he submitted to council. Resident Gary Phillips informed Council that he met with Muncy Creek Township Supervisor, Dave Rupert who told him when Muncy Borough put up money they will. He also stated he had a problem with funds going to walking trails over the infrastructure of the borough. Mr. Phillips also said the problem has been going on for 20 years and the borough has done nothing. He also stated that County Commissioner Rebecca Burke told him that grant money was available for infrastructure improvement.

He also stated the motion to proceed with phase one was made six months ago and should have been completed. Daily suggested that Betzer, Coup, Gary Phillips and Wayne Wolfgang meet with Muncy Creek Township. Wolfgang also mentioned that the storm drain at the corner of Penn and Sherman was filled with dirt.

Tom Gardner talked about the Borough looking into having the Municipal Authority handling storm water management issues.

### Minutes meeting May 15, 2008

Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on May 15, 2008 was made by Ms. Richards and second by Mr. Knier. All were in favor. Motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2008:

*General Fund Account* \$156,699.91 **Motion** to accept by Mr. Knier  
Checks # 5955 to 5994 in the amount of \$65,400.82 **Second** by Ms. Richards. **Motion** carried.

*Sewer Project Fund* \$96,833.51 **Motion** to accept by Mr. Bertin  
*Sewer Revenue Account* \$139,290.91 **Second** by Mr. Betzer. **Motion** carried  
Checks # 3430 to 3459 in the amount of \$39,046.97

*Water Revenue Account* \$144,737.77 **Motion** to accept by Mr. Knier  
Checks # 2776 to 2787 in the amount of \$8,065.20 **Second** by Mr. Betzer. **Motion** carried

*Equipment Fund Account* \$103,932.61 **Motion** to accept by Ms. Richards  
**Second** by Mr. Bertin. **Motion** carried.

There was nothing new to report in the following accounts

<i>Liquid Fuels Account</i>	\$ 74,475.53	<i>Building Fund Account</i>	\$137,824.30
<i>Recreational Fund</i>	\$ 16,081.76	<i>Shade Tree Account</i>	\$ 4,125.69
<i>Christmas Light Fund</i>	\$ 3,760.35	<i>Police Grant Fund</i>	\$ 1,749.98

**Motion** by Mr. Bertin and seconded by Mr. Knier to accept treasurer's report as presented. **Motion** carried.

### Correspondence:

- Thank you from R.J. Patrizio Pool for their annual allotment.
- Lycoming/Sullivan Borough Association meeting notice.

### Borough Reports:

**Borough Manager** - Council Members were updated on various projects.

**Police Chief** – A total of 75 calls where made in the month of May w/51 citations issued.

**Fire Chief** – No report was given.

**Tax Collector** - For the month of May, \$41,175.43 was collected for R/E tax and \$3,264.24 was collect in Occupational Privilege Tax.

**Health Officer** No report was given.

**Zoning Officer** - For the month of May, there were 12 permits requested and 12 permits issued. Coup recommended that Council end the moratorium on requisite zoning permits and fees for hail storm related repairs effective August 31, 2008. Mrs. Daily made a motion to accept this recognition and Ms. Stein seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Departmental reports were also reviewed

**Committee Reports:**

**Water-** The Borough Manager's report provided an update on the Water Line project. An update was also given on Wellhead Protection Grant. It is completed, and a public meeting will be held July 21, 2008 at 7 pm at the Paul Geringer Social Hall.

**Sewer** John Bender, Uni-Tec Engineered remarked that we were waiting for a signed contract from Miller Pipeline. Once received, project should start in 90 days.

**Streets** Coup mentioned to Betzer that he would like the streets committee to meet as quickly as possible to make a final decision on street/alley paving. It was also mentioned that PENDOT will be releasing grant money shortly for Safe Route to Schools. Mr. Barron Zimmer, resident, reminder council about the parking problems on Sherman, and that school will be out shortly. It was recommended that their be residential parking only on the east side of Penn/Lafayette. School side would be 2 hour parking only. Chief Sutton said he would look into it with Streets Committee when they available. Tom Gardner will be invited.

**Finance** A brief discussion took place on the recent Pension Audit. A motion was made by Mr. Knier And seconded by Ms. Stein to reimburse the Commonwealth of PA \$10,663.78 which includes an overpayment of \$8943.00 plus interest. Motion passed unanimously. It was also mentioned that the exact nature of this incident be reported accurately in the Boroughs accounting program.

**Personnel** The Borough Manager requested that he be approved to attend Zoning Training in July 2008. Exact dates are unknown. It is a 3 session course. Cost of \$95.00 in total. A Motion was made by Mrs. Daily and seconded by Mr. Knier to approve this request. Motion passed unanimously.

**Equipment,** The Employees Safety Committee recommended to council that they be allowed to Purchase safety equipment including a gas meter, pulley system, harness and tripod. A motion by Ms. Richards and seconded by Mr. Bertin was made to approve this request in an amount not to exceed \$5,700.00. Costs to be split equally between the water and sewer budget. Motion passed unanimously,

**Property & Grounds**

**Public Health & Safety**

**Community Relations**

Mrs. Daily commented that she would like to see a Community day in September.

**Borough Ordinance**

**Other Comments**  
By citizens in Attendance

Mr. Arnold felt that the Borough Manager shouldn't be the Zoning Officer. He felt the Zoning Officer position should not be an on-the-job training position. Mrs. Daily Commented that the personnel committee will review Zoning Officer duties in ninety (90) days (July 21, 2008).

**Old Business**

Draft Zoning Ordinances. Ms. Richards indicated that she will be speaking with Kathy Hunter and that notices of another committee meeting will be sent to the Advisory Committee.

Property at 123 E. Penn Street. It was mentioned that the Borough has a lien on the property, and that the mortgage company is apparently walking away from it. It was suggested to wait until a sheriff's sale. Apparently, the original owner still owns the property. Mr. Bertin wanted to know if the borough would have liability issues if it maintained this lot. Chief Sutton recommended that the Borough clean lot before mowing it. Mr. Knier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Richards for the borough to temporarily maintain this property by mowing it. Motion was unanimously approved.

Solicitor mentioned that the letter to Hamersley is ready to go. He wanted clarification on how hard council wants the letter to be worded. Members of council commented that they didn't want contractor to walk away from job. John Bender, Uni-Tec Representative said that substantial completion for Carpenter Street should be on time.

Solicitor mentioned that draft demolition ordinance had been emailed to Mrs. McAleer who in turn emailed to Mr. Gardner.

**Roundtable:** Mrs. Daily presented a gift to Solicitor Bartlett on behalf of the Muncy Borough for his many years of service as legal council.

Mr. Knier commented that he sit in on the next Zoning Advisory Committee meeting.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM by motion of Dana Bertin and seconded by Karen Richards. All were in favor. Motion carried.

An Executive session was held at the conclusion of business. The announced reason was for personnel matters. The meeting did not reopen.

Respectfully submitted,

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Edward Coup, Assistant Secretary