

October 7, 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 and Dana Bertin . Also, Borough Manager Ed Coup, Police Chief Richard Sutton, Solicitor Dave Smith and Mayor Anthony Rizzo.

Guests: Dan Arnold
 Marcia Arnold
 Barron Zimmer
 Darla Zimmer
 Michael McAleer
 Elaine McAleer
 Jim Maust
 Kim Brown
 Tom Gardner
 Betty Brown

President Daily called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the Muncy School District Board Room located in the Margaret Waldron Building. Invocation was provided by Mrs. Daily followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President called an Executive Session at 7:02pm to discuss legal and personnel issues.

Regular meeting was called back to session at approximately 7:30pm.

Minutes from September 2, 2008

Ms. Richards made the motion to accept minutes from the August 5th, 2008 council meeting and motion was seconded by Mr. Bertin. Motion carried. All voted in favor.

Minutes from September 18, 2008

Ms. Richards made the motion to accept minutes from the September 18, 2008 council meeting and motion was seconded by Mr. Bertin. Motion carried. All voted in favor.

Public Participation

Betty Baker presented a petition to appoint Mike McAleer to Borough Council. She asked about the process of appointing council representatives. She felt that council set a precedent when Karen Richards was appointed. Mrs. Daily said that Council received letters of interest the last time, the same as this time. Ms. Baker then talked about the proposed "Walking Trail", and she asked questions about the proposed salt shed. Ms. Richards explained that the salt shed was on the Equipment Committees agenda. She indicated that the committee was in discussion with Muncy Creek Township officials, and she talked about the proposed costs of construction. Discussion then took place on the proposal to hire an accounting firm. Mrs. Daily explained how the Borough hired an accountant and how he is helping the borough set up a new system. Mrs. Baker asked the Borough to hold the line on expenses.

Nella Storm thanked council on their restraint and good judgment. She appreciated the hard work on behalf of the community. She felt we should work towards improving the parks, but with no increase in the budget.

John Smay asked where we will relocate the Salt Shed. He then asked council to appoint Mike McAleer to council. Mrs. Daily said that council would postpone appointment of a council representative until their October work session.

Mr. Arnold asked if council members solicited getting people to apply for the council vacancy.

Bids for 2001 Police Cruiser

Mrs. Daily opened bids for the sale of the Borough's 2001 police cruiser. Results are as follows: Thomas Boatman, \$760.00; George Parkes, \$1505.00; Lawrence Wilcox, \$851.00; Tony Oeler, \$500.00; and David Woomer, \$975.00. Mr. Bertin made a motion to award the bid to the low bidder, Mr. George Parkes, at this bid of \$1505.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Betzer. Motion passed with all voting in favor

Treasurers Report

Motion to approve general fund by Ms. Richards and seconded by Mr. Bertin. Motion Passed with all voting in favor.

Motion to approve sewer fund by Mr. Bertin and seconded by Ms. Richards. Motion Passed with all voting in favor.

Motion to approve water fund by Ms. Richards and seconded by Mr. Bertin. Motion Passed with all voting in favor.

Motion to approve Shade Tree Fund by Ms. Richards and seconded by Mr. Bertin. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

Motion to approve liquid fuels fund by Ms. Richards and seconded by Mr. Bertin. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

Motion to approve the Equipment fund by Ms. Richards and seconded by Mr. Bertin. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

Motion to approve Building Fund by Ms. Richards and seconded by Mr. Bertin. Motion Passed with all voting in favor.

Motion to approve the Special account by Ms. Richards and seconded by Mr. Bertin. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

After review by acting treasurer Ed Coup, a motion was made by Mr. Knier and seconded by Ms. Richards to approve the treasurer's report in its entirety. Motion carried. All voted in favor.

Burning Ordinance

Chief Sutton indicated that he wasn't comfortable with the way the proposed Burning Ordinance was written. Mr. Betzer asked the definition of an inhabited building. Dave Smith, solicitor recommended that the word "inhabited" be removed from the ordinance. Also, change functional purpose to primary purpose. Ms. Richards made a motion to amend and correct Section 3 and 5.1. Ms. Stein seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. Ms. Richards then made a motion to approve the amended Ordinance. Ms. Stein seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

Ordinance 497, and Ordinance modifying the Rate of Compensation of the Office of Tax Collector was then discussed. Ms. Stein recommend that council amend the effective date to _____, or upon vacancy of position, whichever comes first. Ms. Stein made a motion to amend the ordinance subject to legal review. Ms. Richards seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. Ms. Stein then made a motion to accept amended ordinance. Mr. Bertin seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

Ordinance 498 establishing the procedure for delegation of the duties of Tax Collector in the event of abandonment or vacancy of the office of Tax Collector. Ms. Stein made a motion to accept Ordinance 498 on final reading. Ms. Richards seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

Borough Reports

Solicitor – No Report.

Borough Manager- Ed Coup reported on the status of the water line project. He indicated that the water contractors bonding company has notified the Borough not to pay any more money to Hamersley or his subcontractors at this point. He also talked about the West Water Street Pump Station engineering as well as the moyno pump in the basement of the control building. Information was also presented to council on the rising cost of the amesite for paving in the borough. Mr. Coup informed council members that many local municipalities and townships have drastically reduced their paving because of the rising costs.

Police Chief – Chief Sutton recognized the VFW for their contribution to the Halloween parade in Muncy on October 30, 2008.

Fire Chief, Health Officer, Tax collector – No report

Zoning Officer – As submitted. Mr. Coup said that zoning permits were beginning to dwindle.

Departmental reports (attached) were also reviewed.

Committee Reports:

- Water - Mr. Coup gave Council an update on the waterline project during his report.
- Sewer - Mr. Bertin made a motion that Steve Michael, Sewer Plant operator be permitted to attend the PRWA Simplified Water Analysis course at a cost of \$135.00. Ms. Richards seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor.
- Streets - Mr. Betzer talked about the increased cost of paving, and that the Borough cut some of their original paving.
- Finance - Ms. Stein discussed several new resolutions in reference to the Tax Collector. The solicitor will draft, and the 1st reading is scheduled for October 2008.
- Personnel - Ms. Richards asked council members if, going forward, they want to amend the personnel policy to exclude part time employees from the Borough's pension plan. She then gave an explanation of our current plan. She also indicated that part time police officers are not eligible for a pension plan. Ms. Richards recommended that the Borough have a special meeting on October 21st prior to their regular meeting to discuss the pension plan with the administrator, R. J. Hall.
- Ms. Richards indicated that several individuals that have part time hours will be changed from W-2 to 1099 status (contract employees). Dave Smith, Borough Solicitor suggested that he be involved in making the determination.
- Equip Nothing
- Community Relations Mrs. Daily, Council President, thanked Kim Brown and Ed Coup for their efforts on the Borough Newsletter.
- Public Health And Safety Nothing to report.

Other Business

Mrs. Storm, chairperson of the Shade Tree Commission said that twenty (20) new trees were to be delivered and planted by November of this year.

Mr. Arnold asked again if any council member contacted citizens to run for Council. Mrs. Daily and Ms. Stein said yes, and Ms. Richards And Mr. Betzer said no.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm by motion of Bertin and seconded by Mr. Betzer. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Coup
Assistant Secretary