

October 23, 2008

The Muncy Borough Council met at their monthly work 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, and Mayor Anthony Rizzo.

Guests: Dan Arnold
 Marcia Arnold
 Barron Zimmer
 Darla Zimmer
 Elaine Hacker
 Janet Shuman
 Jamie Brelsford
 Alicia Myers

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.

Citizen Participation

Elaine Hacker thanked council for approving the Burning ban ordinance.

Janet Schumaker read a thank you letter commending Chief Sutton, Ed Coup, Dave Alexander and several other employees for their assistance during the demolition of a house she owned on South Market Street.

Sewer Committee

Mr. Bertin made a motion to approve the purchase of a flow meter and associated equipment for the Sewage Treatment Plant from Moyer Equipment, at a cost of \$6318.20. Ms. Richards seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voting in favor. Mr. Bertin then gave a brief update on the engineering work being done on the West Water Street Pump Station.

Personnel

Ms. Richards then gave a brief update on the work that the Zoning Advisory Committee is currently doing.

Ms. Richards discussed the Borough contracting with Lycoming County Planning and Community Development to be the Zoning Officer. She recommended that the option of Lycoming County doing Zoning Administration and Enforcement. Approximate cost from November to end of December would be \$600.00. Cost for 2009 would be \$3695.00, and most of the costs would be offset from zoning permit applications. Ms. Richards then made a motion to approve having Lycoming County do the Boroughs Zoning Administration and Enforcement beginning in November 2008 at a cost of approx \$600.00 for the remainder of 2008, and \$3695.00 for 2009. Ms. Stein seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mrs. Daily made a motion to approve appointing Steve Jaquith to the Shade Tree Commission, with a term expiring December 2009. Ms. Richards seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Linda Stein then discussed with council the value of using our present accountant as the Borough Treasurer. Because of the work currently done, it was anticipated that next years audit costs should be lower. Ms. Stein made a motion to appoint Richard C. Lowe as the Borough Treasurer for a 12-16 month period. This position will be a 1099 Employee. Ms. Richards seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Ms. Stein then informed council members that finance committee had met with Sovereign Bank officials to discuss finances. The committee is planning to request proposals from other banks in the near future.

Ms. Richards then made a motion to approve John Klim to attend a Simplified Water Analysis Course on November 11, 2008 at a cost of \$135.00. Mr. Betzer seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

President Daily then discussed the appointment of a citizen to replace Mr. Knier, who had resigned on September 30, 2008. She explained that there were originally four candidates who submitted letters of interest. They were Lloyd Wurster, Mike McAleer, Barron Zimmer and Nancy White. Mrs. Daily indicated that Nancy White had withdrawn her letter of interest. At this point, Mr. Zimmer stood up and indicated he was withdrawing his letter of interest and was recommending that Council appoint Mike McAleer. Ms. Stein made a motion to appoint Mr. Wurster to the unexpired term of Mr. Knier. Ms. Richards seconded the motion. Motion passed with Ms. Richards, Mrs. Daily, and Ms. Stein voting yes and Mr. Bertin and Mr. Betzer voting no. Vote count = 3 yes, 2 no.

Bid Opening

Mrs. Daily opened sealed bids for the replacement of the Muncy Library roof which was damaged by last years hail storm. Bid results are as follows:

Atlantic Coast Contracting Group	-	\$ 56,937.00
T-Ross Brothers	-	\$ 40,789.00
A-Lert Roof Systems	-	\$139,160.00
Hutchinson Construction, LLC	-	\$ 37,888.00

Apparent low bidder was Hutchinson Construction. President Daily informed council that the Borough Manager and a roofing expert, along with our solicitor will review the bids and make a recommendation at the November regular meeting.

Water Committee – Streets Committee

Mr. Betzer talking about the possible lawsuit with the water contractor. He indicated that the Municipal Authority would like to know if their solicitor or the Councils should take the lead role. The consensus was that the Authority's solicitor should continue to take the lead role.

Prior to adjournment, Keystone Hook and Ladder Fire Chief Jamie Brelsford talked about receiving a \$9500.00 Grant. He also talked about his water rescue team. Finally, he requested that a borough resident be appointed as the EMA Coordinator. Chief Sutton explained to Council what an EMA coordinator does. Chief Brelsford then talked about the road in front of the fire house not being flush with the curb. He also asked if the Fire Department could fuel their vehicles at the borough's maintenance shed. Mr. Coup said that he would talk with the streets supervisor and see what could be worked out. There was discussion about checking to see how much a card swipe system would cost. Mr. Coup will research it.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm by motion of Mr. Bertin and seconded by Ms. Richards. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Coup
Assistant Secretary