

January 3, 2022

MACUNGIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 3, 2022
Reorganization and Regular Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Council Members:

John Yerman, President
Angela Ashbrook, Vice-President
Barry Bloch
Todd Rutledge (Via Telephone)
Lisa Yeager
Greg Hutchinson
Ronald Conrad
John A. Brown
Travis Kocher
Carl Sell, Council Member

Mayor:

Interim Borough Manager:

Sgt.

Absent:

President John Yerman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Council Reorganization

Newly elected officials.

All Elected Officials took the Oath of Office Administered by the Honorable Judge Doug Reichley.

Appointment of Council President

Todd Rutledge made a motion nominating John Yerman as Council President. Angela Ashbrook seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. (010322-A)

Appointment of Council Vice President

Greg Hutchison along with Angela Ashbrook were nominated for Vice President. Mrs. Ashbrook respectfully declined her nomination. Angela Ashbrook made a motion nominating Greg Hutchison as Vice President. Lisa Yeager seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (010322-B).

Appointment of President Pro-Tempore

Greg Hutchison made the motion to nominate Barry Bloch as President Pro-Tempore. Angela Ashbrook seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (010322-C).

Appointment to Vacant Council Seat

Council member elect Christopher Cvijic relocated outside of the borough and could not be seated, leaving an open council seat. Angela Ashbrook made the motion nominating Lisa Yeager to fill the open council seat. John Yerman seconded the motion. Roll call was all completed. Motion passed unanimously (010322-D). Lisa Yeager was then sworn in for the council seat.

Public Comment

- *Roseann Schleicher 69 Chestnut St Macungie PA 18062*

Roseanne congratulated all who were nominated in and appointed for the new year. Mrs. Schleicher was upset to hear council turned down the \$250,000 grant for the Stage V Streetscape Project. Roseann stated that without this grant the town will look "lopsided".

- *Tom Bartholomew 129 E Main St. Macungie PA 18062*

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Mr. Bartholomew is an insurance agent who looked for a long time to have his office in the downtown community of Macungie. His first observation of the community was investment opportunities. Mr. Bartholomew thanked the council for improving curb appeal which he showed photos of his office from when he first bought up until now. He stated that it would be a tragedy if the phases stopped with the Streetscape.

- *Stan Landis 48- year resident of Macungie PA*

“I really like this town” Mr. Landis stated as he enjoys walking and jogging in Macungie. Mr. Landis said continuing these lights is necessary. With most buildings in walking distance, it’s important to have plenty of lights for safety reasons. Mr. Landis also commented that the crosswalks need more attention. Stan Landis compared Macungie main street to a Front porch. It needs to be lit up.

- *John Horner 956 Vine St. Macungie PA 18062*

Mr. Horner, a former mayor from 2005-2009 and voted mayor of the year in 2006 has also sat on the zoning board for the past 30+ years. “I want to see Macungie grow, passing up grants means we are going backwards”.

- *Rebecca Young 119 E. Main St. Macungie PA 18062*

When Streetscape was first mentioned Mrs. Young was not in favor of the project, she didn’t support it. Mrs. Young noted that the lights needed to be spaced out more. Mrs. Young also commented that it will cost thousands of dollars to fix brick work if needed in the long run that will not be covered by the grant.

- *Mark Shaffer 47 N. Walnut St. Macungie PA 18062*

Mr. Shaffer remembers riding his bike throughout the town as a young boy. Mr. Sheffer later left the town however moved back after getting married. He talked about how beautiful the lights were his only concern was how dark it is near Salvatore’s, and it could cause a safety concern.

- Several council members questioned where the money would come from to handle the future costs of the lights. Todd Rutledge investigated the cost to run the lights. There are 57 lights on main street each light is 68 watts and run approximately 11 hours a day 365 days a year. The cost is .7 cents per kilowatts. The approximate cost to run these lights per year would be \$1,089. These lights also come with a 10-year warranty Mr. Rutledge stated. Doris Warner at 956 Pine Street questioned how these lights are being funded. The answer was a portion was paid from the liquid fuels fund.

Complaints, Petitions, Appeals and Compliments-

- There was a complaint made regarding dog license and bicycle license. Sgt. Kocher stated dog licenses are a must with the county for all dogs. Sgt. Travis Kocher said that residence should keep a copy of their receipt as well as the serial number on their bicycles in case they are stolen, they can be looked up in the data base.
- There was a complaint for 140 E Main St. for the piles of garbage that have been seen for 2 months. Photos and letters should be sent to the zoning officer. Once the complaint is made the zoning officer will be instructed to take care of the issue.

Approval of Minutes

December 6 and December 20, 2021, minutes will be approved at future meeting.

Consent Agenda Approval of invoices as listed

- a. Todd Rutledge made a motion to approve the invoices to be paid. Lisa Yeager seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (010322-E).

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Correspondence

- a. Macungie Police Department November Monthly Report
 - i. Sargent Travis Kocher indicated the \$3,000 computer upgrade money previously budgeted was not used \$1,500 was returned to the borough, the remainder was put towards computer screens, and a new taser. All tasers will be upgraded at some point.
- b. Emmaus Public Library December Monthly Report- no discussion
- c. Municipal Retirement Trust November Monthly Report- no discussion

Reports

Mayor-none
 Borough Manager-none
 Solicitor-none

Unfinished business

A. Approval to accept Streetscape VI Multi-modal grant for \$ 250,000 and execute all requisite contracts.

Mayor Conrad took the time to thank the council for reconsideration of accepting the grant. Mayor Conrad is appreciative with the Streetscape plans being taken to Poplar St. Mayor Conrad said he has knocked on many doors before this project started, at least 75% of residents were in favor for the project. Neither the Solicitor nor Borough Manger had anything to report.

Angela Ashbrook comments that she has been against the Streetscape project since council only focuses on the cosmetic side of the project. Instead, the focus should be on the bridge that is damaged due to the storm and the roads that cannot be driven down because of the bridge. Mrs. Ashbrook believes these issues should be handled first.

John Yerman said to date there are no grants out there to fix the bridge and would cost \$300,000.00 dollars. Mrs. Ashbrook does agree the Streetscape should be parallel and possibly end at Poplar St. Greg Hutchison stated streetscape should end at Poplar St. Angela Ashbrook also commented that there is limited parking to invite people into the town.

Council member Hutchison made a motion to accept Streetscape VI Multi-modal grant for \$250,000 but do not go past Poplar St. Council member Ashbrook seconded the motion.

President Yerman to amend Hutchison's motion to accept Streetscape VI Multi-modal grant for \$250,000 to pay for phase VI prioritizing the Cobra Heads first and if allowed, then address the crosswalk topic. Councilman Hutchinson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (010322-F).

President Yerman made a motion to approve Barry Islett to begin working on the design that triggers \$24,500 that will be funded by the grant, instructing them not to go past Poplar St. and prioritize Cobra Heads and look into what we can do with the crosswalk. Council member Hutchison seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (010322-G)

B. MI manager and trustee update

Macungie Institute and trustee updates will be provided by the Macungie Institute coordinator Darlene Misselbeck who will attend a meeting at least once a month. The Macungie Institute is opening January 4th, 2022, with winter hours. Greg Hutchison raised the question about the Macungie Institute Facebook

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page. President John Yerman commented Darlene Misselbeck will handle the Facebook from that moment on.

New Business

- a. \$1,000 Approval from Lantek Quotation for Firewall/Modem for \$2490- approval to sign purchase agreement
 - i. Lantek noted the three modems the borough has, two in borough hall and one in the Macungie Institute are equivalent of a home modem with limited fire wall protection. Once the new modems are in place Lantex will come out and map out the entire IT infrastructure of the borough. (010322-H) Lisa Yeager made the motion to sign the purchase agreement for \$2,490. Angela Ashbrook seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing no further business, President John Yerman made a motion to adjourn. Todd Rutledge seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (010322-I).

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Rinker

Ashley Rinker, Administrative Assistant

2022 Motions Made at Monthly Council Meetings

Disclaimer: Motions are subject to revision and corrections from all participants. The contents herein represents notes and audio collection of Macungie Borough Council meetings. These motions may not have captured the true intent of all statements made by participants.

| Date | Motion # | Motion | Motion Made By | Seconded | # Ayes | # Neys |
|-------------|-----------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1/3/2022 | 010322-A | Appointment of Council President (John Yerman) | Todd Rutledge | Angela Ashbrook | 5 | 1 |
| 1/3/2022 | 010322-B | Appointment of Vice-President (Greg Hutchinson) | Angela Ashbrook | Lisa Yeager | 6 | 0 |
| 1/3/2022 | 010322-C | Appointment of President ProTem (Barry Bloch) | Greg Hutchison | Angela Ashbrook | 6 | 0 |
| 1/3/2022 | 010322-D | Council Member Elect (Lisa Yeager) | Angela Ashbrook | John Yerman | 6 | 0 |
| 1/3/2022 | 010322-E | Approval of all invoices | Todd Rutledge | Lisa Yeager | 6 | 0 |
| 1/3/2022 | 010322-F | amended Hutchison's motion to accept Streetscape VI Multi-modal grant for \$250,000 to pay for phase VI prioritizing the Cobra Heads first and if allowed, then address the crosswalk topic. | John Yerman | Greg Hutchison | 6 | 0 |
| 1/3/2022 | 010322-G | approve Barry Islett to begin working on the design that triggers \$24,500 that will be funded by the grant, instructing them not to go past Poplar St. and prioritize Cobra Heads and look into what we can do with the crosswalk | John Yerman | Greg Hutchison | 6 | 0 |
| 1/3/2022 | 040322-H | Approval to sign purchase agreement for Lantex for \$2,490 | Lisa Yeager | Angela Ashbrook | 6 | 0 |
| 1/3/2022 | 010322-I | Adjournment of meeting | John Yerman | Greg Hutchison | 6 | 0 |

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