

CALL TO ORDER

President Chris Becker called the April 16, 2018, meeting of Macungie Borough Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in Macungie Institute, 510 E. Main Street, Macungie, PA.

ATTENDANCE

Council Members:	Alma Akinjiola
	Chris Becker
	Barry Bloch
	Greg Hutchison
	Roseann Schleicher
	John Yerman
Mayor:	Ronald Conrad
Borough Manager:	Chris L. Boehm
Administrative Assistant:	Selma Ritter
Absent:	Patrick Armstrong, Solicitor
	Marvin Moyer

MACUNGIE POLICE DEPARTMENT – updates and hearing of resident issues.a. Mayor Conrad:

1. Thanked everyone who volunteered at the Borough of Macungie Clean Up day, on April 14, 2018.
2. He will be attending a leader's reception at the Steel Stacks for Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.
3. Summarized the Macungie Police Department March 2018 Monthly Report. The report included being dispatched to 216 incidents, 57 vehicle stops and 4 traffic accidents.

b. Sergeant Travis Kocher:

1. Mentioned there was some confusion when someone on the Stanley Street Sweeping crew told a couple of residents that they can park on the street, where "no parking" signs were posted, then parking tickets were issued. Four (4) tickets were voided, due to the confusion. In the future, Stanley Street Sweeping will be asked to instruct their crew not to tell residents to ignore "no parking" signs. Residents should call the Borough with questions and always obey "no parking" signs.
2. Needs to draft an alternate route for the Memorial Day Parade, because the PennDOT Engineer denied use of the route that was used in the past, stating that commercial 102 trailers are not permitted on the route. This denial will affect all parades, including the Halloween Parade. Sergeant Kocher will meet with PennDOT on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, to discuss the matter.

3. The Salvation Army contacted Sergeant Kocher regarding their Foster Care and Adoption Program. They inquired if a 13-year old mentally challenged boy could be brought to the Macungie Police Department to acclimate him with the police. The invitation was accepted.

4. A Painting With Police Event is scheduled for April 29, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at Out of Our Minds Art Studio, Macungie, PA. More information can be found on their Facebook page.

Questions and comments directed to Sergeant Kocher and Mayor:

President Becker would like to meet with the Mayor and Sergeant Kocher to discuss a Civil Service seminar he recently attended, which discussed the responsibilities of Council, the Police and Mayor, when a criminal/police incident occurs.

Council Member Akinjiola asked if any parking tickets were issued to vehicles parked in front of the mailboxes on Village Walk Drive. She reported there are still issues with the mail not being delivered because people are parked in front of the boxes. The Mayor will review the tickets issued and report if any were for that location.

She also asked if the missing person was found. Sergeant Kocher reported that the person was found, but noted it was a teenage runaway and not a missing person.

PRESENTATION – Terry Schettini, Fair Districting PA. Cathleen O’Connor of 137 S. Church Street, Macungie, contacted Mayor Conrad about having the presentation before Council. Fair Districting PA is a nonpartisan, citizen-led, statewide coalition working to create a process for redistricting that is transparent, impartial, and fair.

The presentation discussed gerrymandering and included what it is, why it is a problem, how we got here, a proposed solution and what citizens/municipalities can do to help. Mr. Schettini was seeking support for SB22/HB722, which he believes would improve Pennsylvania’s redistricting process. Pennsylvania’s proposed SB22/HB722 is very similar to the resolution used in California. It would allow boundaries to be drawn only from census data, without political data being incorporated. He stated this would provide fairer boundary lines that represent local communities, without favoring a particular party. The presentation noted:

- Both Republicans and Democrats participate in gerrymandering to redraw legislative boundaries to favor their own candidates and/or political position.
- Pennsylvania is a target for National PAC because it is likely to lose a congressional set in 2020, it is a swing state, there are no limits on PAC donations from outside their group and the State is large.
- Gerrymandering is a problem because it impacts businesses, it is unfair and tips-the-scales to favor a political party and divides the nation.
- Supporting a resolution is municipality business.

Mr. Schettini is asking Council, and other municipalities, to pass a resolution or draft a letter of support to have the Constitution changed to have an independent citizen's commission. He also asked individuals and Council to help by:

- Asking Rep. Mackensie to co-sponsor the original version of HB722 and vote against today's state government committee version;
- Thank Senator Folmer for holding hearings and ask him for a committee vote to send it to the floor, with independent citizen commission provision intact;
- Write a letter to the editor;
- Ask family & friends to learn about and support SB22/HB722; and/or
- Attend the rally at the State Capital on April 16, 2018.

Questions and comments directed to Mr. Schettini:

President Becker asked where the individuals selected for the panel come from. Mr. Schettini stated that legislators set the criteria and open applications for qualified candidates. Then, 40 Democrats, 40 Republicans and 40 Independents are chosen. Each political party can then remove 2 candidates from their own political party. Then, they are randomly selected. At this time, it is uncertain how long the individuals will serve in the position.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Prior Public Comments to Council – None.
- b. Comments from the Audience on non-agenda items.

1. Diane Angermeier, Macungie Memorial Park. She noted that Macungie Memorial Park (the "Park") is not owned or operated by the Borough of Macungie and is run by volunteers. Currently, approximately, ninety percent (90%) of the volunteers are not residents of the Borough of Macungie.

The Park is in desperate need of volunteers, especially for upcoming events on May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in volunteering, they can contact Ms. Angermeier at (610) 967-1531 or drang@ptd.net.

2. Phil Armstrong, County Executive was in attendance at tonight's meeting to introduce himself and offer assistance in any way he can.

COUNCIL COMPLIMENTS, COMPLAINTS, PETITIONS AND APPEALS

- a. Council Member Yerman, said a Borough of Macungie resident thanked him and Council for installing the traffic light at Church and Main Streets and the bump-outs.

b. Borough Manager Boehm noted a resident thanked her and Council for the bump-outs and the proposed Residential Rental Ordinance.

c. Council Member Hutchison asked what happened to the missing sign at Lemon Alley. He also inquired about zoning issues at Salvatore's Pizza at Poplar and Main Streets. Zoning Officer Nicholson is working with the owner to resolve the parking issues and provided him with several options.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. April 2, 2018 meeting – Council Member Hutchison made a motion to approve the April 2, 2018 minutes as written, second by Council Member Akinjiola. Motion carried: 6 ayes.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

a. Payment of invoices as listed totaling \$255,835.07 – Council Member Hutchison made a motion approving the invoices for the April 17, 2018 Consent Agenda, second by Council Member Schleicher. Motion carried: 6 ayes.

Council commented that they would like the Amazon invoice purchases attached to the Consent Agenda, the same way as the credit card invoice purchases.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

a. Macungie Volunteer Fire Company, re: Active Member List, dated March 31, 2018. The list included 22 active volunteers.

Council Member Yerman commented on an article in the Morning Call Newspaper about firefighter training in Whitehall Township. Among other things, the article stated a new Fire Chief took over and upgraded the training requirements. Some of the requirements included Firefighter Basic Training and firefighting from inside a building.

b. Macungie Volunteer Fire Company, re: March 2018 Training Report.

c. Gary Cordner, re: letter of interest for the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator position.

d. Macungie Volunteer Fire Department, re: certificate updates, date March 31, 2018.

e. Antique Truck Club of America, re: request for Fire Police on June 15-16, 2018. The organization requested Fire Police to direct traffic at their Antique Truck Show on June 15-16, 2018, at Macungie Memorial Park.

f. Macungie Police Department March 2018 Monthly Report.

g. Macungie Institute, re: Facility Manager April 2018 Report.

Additional Correspondence, distributed at tonight's meeting:

- h. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), re: acknowledgement of the recommendation to appoint Michael Natysyn to serve as Emergency Management Coordinator for Macungie Borough. PEMA sent their endorsement to Governor Tom Wolf's office for appointment.
- i. Langan Engineering, re: time extension, to June 18, 2018, for land development plan review of Stone Hill Meadows- Phase 3.
- j. Macungie Volunteer Fire Department, re: request to assist Allentown Fire Police with traffic control on April 22, 2018 for the St. Luke's Half Marathon.

REPORTS

- a. Solicitor – None.
- b. Mayor - None.
- c. Borough Manager – None.
- d. Committees – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – PART IUNFINISHED BUSINESS – PART II

- a. Main Street Streetscape and Church Street Traffic Light Project.

President Becker gave an update on the Marino Corporation & Traffic Planning meeting he attended. Many issues were resolved and project timelines were discussed. President Becker also asked for a complete accounting, to date. As of now, the Phase 1 accounting totaled \$519,067.28.

- b. Sewer Ordinance Amendment for sewer lateral inspections. Solicitor Armstrong is in the process of drafting the Sewer Ordinance Amendment.

Lateral video inspections will be conducted upon the sale of a property, at the property owner's expense. However, if issues are seen when the Borough is videotaping the mains, a letter will be sent to the property owner and they will be required to fix it within a certain timeframe.

Council expressed concern, again, about the required qualifications for the person performing the video inspections. Council discussed having a list of certified, licensed plumbers, but noted that Solicitor Armstrong was not in favor of having such a list distributed by Macungie Borough. Council discussed having realtors distribute the list when a property is bought or sold.

Borough Manager Boehm suggested obtaining a copy of pre and post video inspections on CD, which would be kept in their property file at Borough Hall.

c. Emergency Management Deputy.

d. Residential Rental Ordinance - Establish Fees and Inspector. Solicitor Armstrong is in the process of working on the revised Residential Rental Ordinance.

Council expressed concern, again, about inspecting the properties when the unit is tenant occupied. They decided the units will be inspected upon the sale of the property, no matter when the last inspection occurred, or a minimum of every five (5) years, from the date of the last inspection. Landlords will have the option of requesting an inspection before the five (5) year minimum requirement, when a tenant moves out, to help alleviate inspecting units when tenant occupied.

e. Zoning Hearing Board Vacancy, a 2-year term expiring 3/31/2020. Richard E. Stukas submitted a letter of interest, dated March 19, 2018. Borough Manager spoke with Mr. Stukas about appointment of the position being conditioned upon completion of the training, which he agreed to. Once the training is completed, Mr. Stukas will be appointed.

f. Macungie Institute Trustee, a 3-year term, expiring on 3/31/2021. Rosanne McGinn submitted a letter of interest, dated March 01, 2018. Council discussed having this position as an alternate, so the candidate could vote, in the event that there are only two (2) Board Members at a meeting. Council Member Yerman will discuss it with Ms. McGinn.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution Number 2018-08, Denial of Turkey Hill Liquor License transfer. Council Member Schleicher made a motion to approve Resolution 18-08 disapproving and denying the transfer of Liquor License #E4682 by Turkey Hill into the Borough of Macungie from South Whitehall Township, second by Council President Akinjiola. The motion passed by a vote of 4 ayes, 2 nays. Council Members Hutchison and Bloch opposed the motion.

Roll Call Vote:	Akinjiola – aye	Becker – aye
	Bloch – nay	Yerman – aye
	Schleicher – aye	Hutchison - nay

Motion Passed.

Turkey Hill, L.P. has the right to appeal the decision to the Court of Common Pleas. If they appeal, Council will be notified and they would need to decide if they want legal representation for the hearing.

b. Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Council Member Schleicher made a motion to appoint Gary Cordner as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, second by Council Member Akinjiola. Motion carried: 6 ayes.

c. Antique Truck Club of America's request for Fire Police. Council Member Yerman made a motion to approve the Macungie Volunteer Fire Police directing traffic on June 15-16, 2018, second by Council Member Hutchison. Motion carried: 6 ayes.

d. Resolution Number 2018-09, CDBG 2018 Application. Council Member Schleicher made a motion to approve Resolution 18-09 authorizing the submission of a 2018 Community Development Block Grant Application for FY 2019 funding, second by Council Member Akinjiola.

Roll Call Vote:	Akinjiola – aye	Becker – aye
	Bloch – aye	Yerman – aye
	Schleicher – aye	Hutchison - aye

Motion Passed.

The grant will be used for improvements on the SW corner of Race and Main Streets, including a handicap ramp, sidewalk and crosswalk. Property Owner Tim Romig, at 50 Race Street, agreed, in part, to the improvements, providing the issues with standing water are addressed. Council would like Mr. Romig's permission in writing.

Work for the grant would need to be under bid by April 15, 2019.

e. Langan Engineering, re: time extension, to June 18, 2018, for land development plan review of Stone Hill Meadows- Phase 3. Council Member Schleicher made a motion to accept Stone Hill Meadows time extension to June 18, 2018, second by Council Member Hutchison. Motion carried: 6 ayes.

f. Macungie Volunteer Fire Department, re: request to assist Allentown Fire Police with traffic control on April 22, 2018, from 6:30 am to 1:00 pm, at the St. Luke's Half Marathon. Council President Becker made a motion to approve the Macungie Fire Police assisting the Allentown Fire Police with traffic control on April 22, 2018, second by Council Member Schleicher. Motion carried: 6 ayes.

Also, Council President Becker made a motion to approve the Fire Police assisting the Coopersburg Fire Police with traffic control on May 26-27, 2018, from 7:00 am to 10:00 am, second by Council Member Schleicher. Motion carried: 6 ayes.

#### ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA.

President Becker asked if the 2018 Sanitary Sewer CIPP lining project was advertised and if the bid package was received. Borough Manager Boehm stated it will be advertised in the East Penn Press on April 18th and 25<sup>th</sup>, for bid submittal in May 2018.

He also referenced the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region III letter, dated April 3, 2018, which stated they may be withdrawing their executive order. Borough Manager Boehm acknowledged that the EPA is considering their withdrawal based on certain requirements being met.

Borough Manager Boehm gave a brief summary of the webinar she attended on ADA ramps. She noted her take-a-ways were:

- Painted lines are not required in crosswalks. A crosswalk is assumed at any intersection, when there are curbs on any side. When a painted crosswalk is installed, it should be based upon a traffic study.
- A pedestrian crosswalk is any place where there are breaks in the roads (intersection), whether or not they are marked.

Council Member Bloch noted the street light is still on during the day at Willow Street. He also stated he received complaints from residents about garbage left behind in the streets from the trash hauler and they are coming late (9:00 a.m.).

Council commented that this past garbage day was extremely windy, so the garbage could have blown out of people's cans. If residents have complaints about the haulers they should call Town Hall, when it is happening, so the issues can be addressed.

Council Member Hutchison asked Mayor Conrad if the Macungie Police are still using the portable scale. He also asked if the police will be using the speedometer sign in the spring, as people are speeding on the street where he lives. Mayor Conrad said the Police will be using the speedometer.

Council Member Akinjiola commented that there was an article in the Pennsylvania Borough News Magazine, stating Barry Isett & Associates was named business of the year.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to be brought before Borough Council, a motion was made by Council Member Hutchison, second by Council Member Bloch, to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m. Motion carried: 6 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ *Selma Ritter*

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Administrative Assistant