

CALL TO ORDER

President Chris Becker called the October 3, 2016, meeting of Macungie Borough Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 21 Locust, Macungie, PA.

ATTENDANCE

Council Members: Alma Akinjiola  
Chris Becker  
David Boyko  
Roseann Schleicher  
John Yerman

Absent: Greg Hutchison  
Marvin Moyer  
Mayor Gary Cordner  
Borough Manager Chris L. Boehm  
Administrative Assistant Cynthia Hartzell

PUBLIC COMMENTSa. Prior Public Comments to Councilb. Public Comments

1. Paul Smith 421 E Main St, Macungie, explained the water situation on Fern Street when there is a heavy rain. He noted when it rains heavily, the water flows from Fern Street into his backyard and floods it. He noted The Borough has made attempts to correct it but have not work. President Becker suggested putting a macadam berm to which Mr. Smith agreed to. President Becker will inform Borough Manager Boehm to have Public Works put the berm along Fern Street starting about 8' – 10' from the east property line.

2. Ralph Bartman, Jr., questioned the traffic light plan and when it was going to happen. President Becker gave an overview of the projects that will be done on Main Street. He noted the project will be done in spring when approval has been received from PennDOT and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Mr. Bartment commented about pedestrians having to cross the bridge in the street on Cotton Street being an unsafe situation. Council explained a bridge is planned to be put across the creek in the future and as for the stop signs at the bridge, it will take people time to adjust to the change of having to stop.

COUNCIL COMPLIMENTS, COMPLAINTS, PETITIONS AND APPEALS

a. Council Member Schleicher introduced the Junior Council Member Valeria Cordner who was in attendance to observe and Renee Martin will attend at another date. There was a discussion about having a report from the Junior Council Member at meetings.

b. Council Member Schleicher reported on a fundraiser for the Allentown Rescue Mission at the Macungie Farmers Market. She noted the amount of food received from the Market Vendors and customers and the Rescue Mission was grateful for the food.

- c. President Becker noted the permits were received for the Halloween Parade. Fire Chief Natysyn will need to post traffic signs during the parade.
- d. President Becker noted the insulation work for the police department will be done November 8 and 9, 2016.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. September 19, 2016 meeting – Council Member Akinjiola made a motion to approve the September 19, 2016 Council minutes as presented, second by Council Member Schleicher. Motion carried: 5 ayes

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Treasurer's report of September 30, 2016

Council Member Yerman made a motion to approve the September 30, 2016 Treasurer's Report, second by Council Member Akinjiola. Motion carried: 5 ayes

- b. Payment of invoices as listed totaling \$265,448.58

Council Member Schleicher made a motion to approve the invoices for the current month of the Consent Agenda, second by Council Member Akinjiola. Motion carried: 5 ayes

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Macungie Police Department August Monthly Report
- b. Macungie Institute Trustee September 19 Meeting Minutes
- c. Lehigh County Board of Assessment Appeals, re: 101 Lehigh Street, 111 Lehigh Street, 901 Willow Lane, 151 Village Walk & 951 Hickory Street Appeal Hearing Notices
- d. Municipal Retirement Trust August Monthly Pension Report, MRT Pension Advisory and 2015 Annual Report
- e. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, re: Receipt of Grant funds for streetscape plantings

#### REPORTS

- a. Solicitor
  - 1. Ordinance amending Real Estate Tax Collector's tax certification compensation – This will be carried.
- b. Mayor
  - 1. Use of retarder brakes on Main Street – This will be carried.
- c. Borough Manager – No report

- d. Committees – No reports

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS – PART I

- a. 90-day Trial Period for Dock Street one way traveling east, expires October 12<sup>th</sup> - Council discussed putting a stop sign on Cotton Street traveling west at Lea Street to try to address the comments from the residents. Council Member Schleicher noted during the final inspection of Cotton Street, Engineer Kern looked at the area and commented there was not enough room to place a stop sign due to a garage at the corner of Cotton Street and Lea Street. This topic will continue and if a special meeting is needed before October 12<sup>th</sup>, President Becker will call for one.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS – PART II

- a. Main Street Streetscape Plan - President Becker reviewed the changes to the streetscape plan as discussed at the last meeting. He noted the crosswalk at Lea Street will remain, a change will be done to the water inlet at Pine Street, and the shrubs in the bump-outs will remain. Council discussed painting the crosswalk at the Poplar Street intersection instead of the stamped crosswalk. Engineer Smith noted painting the crosswalks would not affect the grant so Council decided to move forward with painting the crosswalk instead of a stamped crosswalk.

- b. SW Lehigh Comprehensive Plan – Council Member Schleicher noted the plan continues to be worked on.

- c. Rental Inspection Program

- d. LTD Capital Projects

1. Church Street Traffic Light

- e. Ordinance 2016-03, Per Capita Tax Exemption Amendment and Burning Outdoor Exemption Amendment – adoption October 17, 2016

- f. Ordinance 2016-04, Defined Benefit Pension Plan Amendment – adoption October 17, 2016

- g. Ordinance 2016-05, Defined Contribution Pension Ordinance – adoption October 17, 2016

- h. Ordinance 2016-06, Cotton Street One Way Ordinance – adoption October 17, 2016

- i. Ordinance 2016-07, Service Electric Cable Franchise Agreement – adoption October 17, 2016

#### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of Final Payment #4 in the amount of \$179,561.08 to Semmel Excavating Inc.

Council Member Yerman made a motion to approve the Final Payment #4 to Semmel Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$179,561.08 for the Cotton Street Project, second by Council Member Schleicher. Motion carried: 5 ayes.

Council was commenting on the road improvements on Race Street, Cotton Street and Lehigh Street. President Becker noted an anonymous donor will compensate the Macungie Memorial Park for the cost of the electric for the 4 new street lights on Lehigh Street.

#### ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

- a. President Becker commented that budget season is coming up. He has worked with the police department and will be working with the fire department on their budget.
- b. Sewer Inspection Ordinance - President Becker noted this topic will be carried for further discussion. He commented LCA presented the extension of time to finish Phase 1 to EPA but they were not in favor it.
- c. Council had a brief discussion about the use of retarder brakes on Main Street.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to be brought before Borough Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Hartzell  
Administrative Assistant