

CALL TO ORDER

President Chris Becker called the March 6, 2017, 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 Greg Hutchison Roseann Schleicher John Yerman
Borough Manager:	Chris L. Boehm
Mayor:	Gary Cordner
Solicitor:	Patrick Armstrong
Administrative Assistant:	Cynthia Hartzell
Absent:	Marvin Moyer

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Prior Public Comments to Council – No prior public comments.
- b. Public Comments – No other public comments.

COUNCIL COMPLIMENTS, COMPLAINTS, PETITIONS AND APPEALS

- a. Council Member Yerman remarked he will have to step out of the meeting at 9:00 pm if it is still in session.
- b. Council Member Hutchison mentioned he received his toter and likes it. Borough Manager Boehm noted there are still toters available for single family home residents that calls and Public Works continues to deliver the toters.
- c. President Becker and Council Member Schleicher remarked about an article in the Borough News February edition about volunteer fire departments. Council Member Schleicher remarked it was an excellent article.
- d. President Becker reported on an incident that occurred this past Saturday due to the high winds. The County Housing apartments at 22 Locust Street had roof damage that required the assistance of the Macungie Fire Department. He thanked the fire department for their work during the incident.
- e. President Becker reported a meeting will be held with the Fire Department this Wednesday with Tim Schantzenbach and the former fire chief of Seisholtzville Fire Department. He noted Council Members were invited.

f. President Becker remarked that he would like to make sure there is a key available for the police department if Borough Hall is needed for an emergency. Borough Manager Boehm will talk to the police department to work out some procedure.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. February 21, 2017 meeting – Council Member Akinjiola made a motion to approve the February 21, 2017, Council meeting minutes as presented, second by Council Member Hutchison. Motion carried: 6 ayes

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Treasurer's report of February 28, 2017

Council Member Schleicher made a motion to approve the February 28, 2017 Treasurer's Report, second by Council Member Hutchison. Motion carried: 6 ayes

b. Payment of invoices as listed totaling \$85,436.69

Council Member Yerman made a motion to approve the invoices of the Consent Agenda, second by Council Member Schleicher. Motion carried: 6 ayes

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Emmaus Public Library, re: February agenda, January meeting minutes and budget
- b. PennDOT, re: Award of Transportation Alternatives Program Grant in the amount of \$542,288
- c. Pat Vassilaros, re: Resignation as Deputy Tax Collector
- d. Macungie Fire Department, re: Report on Storm Incident at 22 Locust Street
- e. Macungie Ambulance Corp February Monthly Report
- f. Macungie Fire Department February Monthly Report

REPORTS

a. Solicitor Armstrong

1. Update on Assessment Appeals:
 - i. Brookside Country Club Assessment Appeal - Solicitor Armstrong reported this appeal will be going to trial.
 - ii. Narsu Tatikola, 101-111 Lehigh Street, Macungie - Solicitor Armstrong reported the assessment was agreed upon and should be filed in the court shortly.
2. MS4 Pollution Reduction Engineering Service Contract - Solicitor Armstrong provided a copy of the contract to Council and wanted to inform Council about a change in the contract. The noted

change was the indemnification was not as broad as Solicitor Armstrong usually has in contracts but he had no issue with the change. The contract was authorized to be signed previously by Council which will be done unless any Council Member had a concern. Council agreed to sign the contract with the noted change.

b. Mayor – Mayor Corder remarked about the annual grant that is available pertaining to casino funds. He noted Macungie does not have any impact from the casino so is not eligible for the grant.

c. Borough Manager

1. Update on Recycling Toters – Borough Manager Boehm reported the Borough continues to deliver toters and there are more available.

2. President Becker reported on the meeting held with Macungie Institute Building Coordinator Holt to work on advertisement and signage.

d. Committees – Council Member Schleicher asked Mayor Corder to inform the Junior Council Members Corder and Martin about the Town Beautification meeting to coordinate the March 31 dance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – PART I - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – PART II

a. Main Street Streetscape Plan – Council discussed the time frame for the work to be done on Main Street.

b. SW Lehigh Comprehensive Plan – Council Member Schleicher reported the draft copy of the plan was not discussed. The committee reviewed the implementation plan which 2 managers were to revise but were not able to get together. She reported the LVPC will come to the Planning Commission at a later date, not this month.

c. Rental Inspection Program – President Becker reported a rental application and rewritten ordinance were created by Zoning Officer Nicholson. Council discussed the program. More information will be presented to Council in the future.

d. LTD Capital Projects

1. Church Street Traffic Light

e. Sewer Ordinance Amendment for sewer lateral inspections

f. Borough Safety and Loss Control Policy – Borough Manager Boehm provided a draft copy of the policy for Council's review. It is a lengthy document. She reported the policy was reviewed by Susquehanna Municipal Trust and is a stipulation of the Workers Compensation Company. If Council has any comments, they should provide them to Borough Manager Boehm by the first meeting in April.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Acceptance of Resignation from Pat Vassilaros for Deputy Tax Collector

Council Member Yerman made a motion to accept the resignation of Pat Vassilaros as Deputy Tax Collector with regret, second by Council Member Akinjiola. Motion carried: 6 ayes

b. Appointment of Deputy Tax Collector – Tax Collector Buchin provided a replacement recommendation. His recommendation was to appoint Cynthia Hartzell.

Council Member Akinjiola made a motion to appoint Cynthia Hartzell as the Deputy Tax Collector, second by Council Member Schleicher. Motion carried: 6 ayes

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

a. Mayor Corder congratulated Council Member Boyko for his recovery from surgery.

b. Council Member Schleicher mentioned another article in the Borough News magazine about PennDOT. It pertained to legislation that PSAB is proposing about stormwater mandates that basically have more of a financial burden on Boroughs than on Townships.

c. Council Member Hutchison confirmed Chief Harry returned the bullet proof vest. He remarked the police union contract negotiation start earlier than later this year. President Becker mentioned having a workshop to discuss the budget prior to starting negotiations.

d. Council Member Hutchison commented about having 3 officers on duty at the same time. Mayor Corder noted Sergeant Kocher has a budget to abide by and commented the budget is what the budget is as stated by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to be brought before Borough Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Hartzell
Administrative Assistant