

CALL TO ORDER

President Chris Becker called the April 17, 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 Greg Hutchison Roseann Schleicher John Yerman
Borough Manager:	Chris L. Boehm
Mayor:	Gary Corder
Solicitor:	Attorney Colby Grim
Administrative Assistant:	Cynthia Hartzell
Jr. Council Members:	Renee Martin Valeria Corder
Absent:	David Boyko Marvin Moyer

Chris Becker read the following:

The “Government is a collection of individuals who are supposed to be our brightest minds and moral leaders who’ve been successful in their own lives and can share their experiences on a larger platform guiding the positive growth of society.”

SPECIAL PROCLAMATION FOR DAVID SAYLOR

Mayor Corder read a Proclamation for David Saylor who has done so much for the Borough and has now retired from all he has been involved in and done. Mr. Saylor was unable to attend and receive the Proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTSa. Prior Public Comments to Council

1. Peter White, 821 Hickory Street, meter discrepancy – This will be carried.

b. Public Comments

1. David Fatzinger, 218 Village Walk Drive, Macungie, informed Council about a situation with his neighbor. He has spoken to the Code Enforcement Officer about the situation. He reported his neighbor has 2 or 3 company trucks parked in the neighborhood which makes it more difficult in a neighborhood where a parking problem already exists. He commented the resident is housing construction material, diesel fuel tank and oxygen tanks in the garage. He asked if the Borough can do anything about his concerns. He commented about another new

resident that is parking another box truck in the neighborhood on the curve that creates a visibility hazard for cars. He asked if there is any regulation for the Merchandiser throwing their papers in the neighborhood and the resident does not want it. The paper is not picked up which leaves trash around the street. He also remarked about residents parking across the sidewalk and anyone walking has to go out into the street to get around.

Council Member Akinjiola who lives in that neighborhood corroborated Mr. Fatzinger's comments. President Becker remarked he will look into his concerns and update him.

2. Karen Holt, representative for Town Beautification Committee, thanked the Macungie Police Department for having a positive presence at the Easter Bunny Photos this past Saturday. The kids liked getting pictures with the police officer too.

3. Barbara Peters, Macungie Fire Police Captain, reported on the event, Emergency Service Recognition Event, to be held on September 9 and 10 at the Macungie Fire Department. She reported on the events they were planning to have with a 911 remembrance ceremony.

COUNCIL COMPLIMENTS, COMPLAINTS, PETITIONS AND APPEALS

a. Council Member Schleicher continued the compliment to the Macungie Police Department for their presence at the Easter Bunny Photo event. She announced this year was the last year for the Egg Hunt at the Macungie Park unless someone steps up. She asked the newspaper to report it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. April 3, 2017 meeting – Council Member Schleicher made a motion to approve the April 3, 2017, Council minutes as presented, second by Council Member Hutchison. Motion carried: 5 ayes

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Council Member Yerman made a motion to approve the bills for payment totaling \$119,533.70, second by Council Member Akinjiola. Motion carried: 5 ayes

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Macungie Volunteer Fire Department March Training Report
- b. Karen Holt, Macungie Institute Building Coordinator, March Monthly Report
- c. Macungie Ambulance Corp March Monthly Report
- d. Lehigh County Assessment Appeals, re: Appeal Hearing Notice for 150 Spring Street
- e. Macungie Police Department March Monthly Report

f. Sara Pandl, Lower Macungie Township, re: Zoning Amendment – Lower Macungie Township is eliminating storage or distribution use (warehouses) from 2 districts. It was unclear if that use is provided elsewhere because it may affect the Comprehensive Plan. Borough Manager Boehm will get more information on the zoning amendment. This will be carried.

REPORTS

a. Mayor – No report.

b. Borough Manager

1. Upcoming Events – Borough Manager Boehm announced several events that will be happening within the next 2 months.

2. President Becker questioned how the ADA Ramp Project was coming along since the bids were over budget. Borough Manager Boehm noted there is a pre-construction bid the next day and a change order will be discussed. Council Member Hutchison questioned if the specifications for the ADA Ramps has changed. Borough Manager Boehm remarked the new specs require the bubbled mat on the ramp. She noted the ramps chosen is to keep ahead of the street paving.

3. Refuse/Recycling Contract – Linda Emery of Waste Management spoke to Council about extending the current contract at the current cost instead of going out for bid. She commented on all the services that are provided now and may not be provided with the new contract. She asked Council to reconsider their decision to bid the refuse/recycling contract. President Becker remarked that Council bidding the contract was doing a service to the Borough and it was not a reflection on Waste Management.

Council Member Hutchison complimented Waste Management for their service to the Borough.

c. Junior Council Members – No report.

d. Committees – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – PART I

a. Ordinance 2017-02, Sewer Ordinance Amendment

Attorney Colby Grim opened the public hearing for the Sewer Ordinance Amendment. The public hearing was closed with no comments from Council or the public.

Council Member Yerman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-02, second by Council Member Akinjiola.

Roll Call Vote:	Akinjiola – aye	Becker – aye
	Boyko – absent	Hutchison – aye
	Moyer - absent	Schleicher – aye
	Yerman – aye	

Motion carried.

- b. Budget Review – Police – This will be discussed later in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – PART II

- a. Main Street Streetscape Plan
- b. SW Lehigh Comprehensive Plan – The next meeting is April 25th. Borough Manager Boehm reported Solicitor Armstrong provided comments on the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Comprehensive Agreement that she passed along.
- c. Rental Inspection Program – The next meeting is scheduled for April 19th.
- 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 is working on the Policy.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2017-08, Disposal of Electronic Devices – Borough Manager Boehm explained this resolution lists items owned by the Borough for disposal at the Electronic Recycling Event next Saturday.

Council Member Schleicher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-08, second by Council Member Hutchison.

Roll Call Vote:	Akinjiola – aye	Becker – aye
	Boyko – absent	Hutchison – aye
	Moyer - absent	Schleicher – aye
	Yerman – aye	

Motion carried.

- b. Appointment of Part Time Seasonal Employee – Public Works Supervisor Smith recommended hiring Terry Heil. This will be his 3rd year working for the Borough.

Council Member Hutchison made a motion to hire Terry Heil for the seasonal part-time employee at the hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour for a maximum of 40 hours per week, second by Council Member Akinjiola. Motion carried: 5 ayes

c. Resolution 2017-09, Open Records Policy Amendment

Roll Call Vote:	Akinjiola – aye	Becker – aye
	Boyko – absent	Hutchison – aye
	Moyer - absent	Schleicher – aye
	Yerman – aye	

Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

1. Council Member Schleicher expressed concern about Council Member Moyer not attending Council meetings. She tried to contact him but was not successful. She had several people ask about his attendance. She suggested sending a letter to him. President Becker mentioned that he has spoken to him twice. He noted Council Member Moyer's physical condition is poor. President Becker talked to him about resigning and he will not. Council cannot take any further action because there is nothing in the state law about a Council Member having to attend the Council meetings.

2. Council Member Hutchison asked if there is a limit of fuel that a resident can store. Attorney Grim remarked the question is if a resident is storing it for a business.

BUDGET REVIEW – Police - President Becker reviewed his figures that he calculated for the man hours and the expenses of the police department.

- *Allentown Police force 120,207 residents; Police budget 34 million= \$282.00 person.
- *Bethlehem Police force 74,892 residents; Police budget 14 million= \$ 186.00 person.
- *Easton Police force 26,915 residents; Police budget 22 million= \$ 81.73 a person.
- *Coplay Police force 3,224 residents; Police budget 445,177.00= \$ 137.86 a person.
- *Upper Macungie Police force 20,063 residents; Police budget 608,000.00= \$ 30.30 a person.
- *Emmaus Police force 11,368 residents; Police budget 2.4 million= \$ 211.11 a person.
- *Macungie Police force 3,134 residents; Police budget 669,829.00= \$ 213.72 a person.

Budgeted income for Macungie:

2017- Income \$ 17,300.00 / Expense \$ 669,828.00
 2016- Income \$ 19,808.00 / Expense \$ 719,867.00
 2015- Income \$ 28,964.00 / Expense \$ 673,190.00
 2014- Income \$ 25,349.00 / Expense \$ 687,622.00
 2013- Income \$ 28,402.00 / Expense \$ 650,911.00

Police Wages:

2017-\$ 416,504.00
 2016-\$ 417,051.00

2015-\$ 401,473.00
2014-\$ 400,894.00
2013-\$ 373,959.00

Notes:

\$ 14,000.00 spent on Health Care in 2017
\$ 37,000.00 more in Health Care since 2013.
\$ 8,000.00 spent in overtime since 2013.

Breakdown of Payroll:

2017- Sergeant- \$ 71,011.00, Corporal- \$ 67,496.00, Patrolmen-\$ 129,126.00, 30 hour- \$68,756.00
2016- Sergeant- \$ 71,723.00, Corporal- \$ 66,906.00, Patrolmen-\$ 125,141.00, 30 hour- \$ 34,593.00
2015- Sergeant- \$ 59,263.00, Corporal- \$ 60,149.00, Patrolmen-\$ 113,207.00,30 hour- \$ 29,804.00
2014- Sergeant- \$ 66,512.00, Corporal- \$ 44,205.00, Patrolmen-\$ 122,539.00,30 hour -\$ 32,570.00
2013- Sergeant- \$ 61,905.00, Corporal- \$ 60,506.00, Patrolmen-\$ 112,711.00, 30 hour- \$ 26,921.00

Part-time Officers:

2017- \$ 20,730.00
2016- \$ 28,458.00
2015- \$ 20,784.00
2014- \$ 13,630.00
2013- \$ 6,543.00

Vehicle Expenses:

2017- Fuel- \$ 7,000.00 / Maintenance- \$ 6,800.00
2016- Fuel- \$ 5,154.00 / Maintenance- \$ 4,464.00
2015- Fuel- \$ 7,031.00 / Maintenance- \$ 4,048.00
2014- Fuel- \$ 11,801.00 / Maintenance- \$ 5,531.00
2013- Fuel- \$ 13,697.00 / Maintenance- \$ 4,830.00

Police Budget:

2017- \$ 725,832.00 = 25% of the total Borough Budget.
2016- \$ 725,188.00 = 27% of the total Borough Budget.
2015- \$ 665,943.00 = 26% of the total Borough Budget.
2014-\$ 665,698.00 = 30% of the total Borough Budget.
2013- No data

Sergeant Kocher and Corporal Mullen were in attendance. President Becker explained that Council would like to provide a set amount of funds each year that the Police Department can operate with that does not fluctuate greatly. Sergeant Kocher commented since he has been doing this part of the job for 1 year, he is unable to say a set figure. Doing the budget this way

would help with the taxes. Sergeant Kocher reported an increase in crime numbers compared to last year. Corporal Mullen commented that the police department is a training department and loses the part time officers to a full time job elsewhere. Council will be working on the budget in the next months.

Council Member Akinjiola wanted to let the Officers know about a compliment expressed tonight for their presence at the Easter Bunny Photo event. Mayor Cordner commented about the Paint with the Police event that was held and a second event is scheduled. President Becker complimented the police department for their website.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to be brought before Borough Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Hartzell
Administrative Assistant