

CALL TO ORDER

President Chris Becker called the July 17, 2017, meeting of Macungie Borough Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 21 Locust Street, Macungie, PA.

ATTENDANCE

Council Members:	Alma Akinjiola Chris Becker Greg Hutchison Roseann Schleicher
Borough Manager:	Chris L. Boehm
Administrative Assistant:	Cynthia Hartzell
Absent:	David Boyko Marvin Moyer John Yerman Mayor Gary Cordner Jr. Council Member Renee Martin Jr. Council Member Valeria Cordner

President Becker thanked Council Member Schleicher for running the July 5th meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTSa. Prior Public Comments to Council

1. Dave Fatzinger, 218 Village Walk Drive – neighborhood complaints – President Becker reported Mr. Fatzinger has filed a zoning appeal that will be held on August 23rd.

2. Jeanette Polizzi, 351 Village Walk Drive - property maintenance complaint - President Becker reported several items have been taken care of by the owner at 357 Village Walk Drive. He had a petition from Ms. Polizzi that he passed to Borough Manager Boehm. Copies will be given to Council.

3. Dennis Fritz, 32 S Lea Street – review noise ordinance, Pub noise complaint, painting of curb – Council Member Schleicher looked back and found documents from 2014 about the Pub noise complaint then. Police Chief, at the time, did not think a noise ordinance would be needed because the current nuisance ordinance could be used. Council Member Schleicher remarked the manager at The Pub should be contacted about the noise and ask the manager to be aware of the situation.

As for the yellow painting of curbs, she spoke to Sergeant Kocher. He commented under the state law the yellow painted curbing cannot be used as a regulation. Those areas would have to have signs to site anyone for any street violation. It was noted to call the police for those issues. Council did not want to place signs all over the Borough.

Council Member Hutchison remarked Mr. Fritz wanted to make sure the ordinance has regulations that the police could enforce.

b. Public Comments

1. John Long, 17 W. Chestnut Street, Macungie, questioned the traffic flow for the parking entrance to the dance studio when the traffic light is installed. President Becker replied that any vehicle traveling east will not be able to turn into the parking entrance. President Becker remarked Council talked to the property owners about the situation and asked to have an entrance from North Church Street. The conversation didn't change anything.

Mr. Long commented seeing yellow lights hanging above the street at a crosswalk in another municipality for pedestrians to cross the street. President Becker noted the streetscape will help with the installation of bump outs to make the pedestrians crossing more visible. The conversation progressed to having the police enforcing the crosswalks.

2. Diane Angermeier, representative from Macungie Memorial Park, came to the meeting to reiterate the need for volunteers at the Park during the major events. The Park is in need of volunteers for the Das Awkscht Fescht event and other events this summer.

COUNCIL COMPLIMENTS, COMPLAINTS, PETITIONS AND APPEALS

a. Council Member Hutchison saw a pickup truck and trailer parked on the west side Lumber Street near Main Street that hindered vehicles traveling on the street. President Becker commented parking vehicles at that location is legal.

b. Council Member Hutchison commented about Lehigh Street being closed the morning of the Ben Event on Saturday. Administrative Assistant Hartzell commented that may have been during the 5K Run. Council Member Hutchison suggested informing the residents along the route prior to the next event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 5, 2017 special meeting – Council Member Hutchison made a motion to approve the July 5, 2017 Council minutes as presented, second by Council Member Schleicher. Motion carried: 4 ayes

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

President Becker noted the \$1 invoice to Tyler Pipe for the lease of the Flower Park parking lot. He suggested sending a letter to Tyler to offer to purchase the property.

Council Member Schleicher made a motion to approve the bills for payment totaling \$169,490.94, second by Council Member Akinjiola. Motion carried: 4 ayes

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Macungie Ambulance Corp June Monthly Report
- b. Lehigh County Community Development, re: Award of 2017 Community Development Block Grant – Borough Manager Boehm noted the Borough was awarded the grant that is used to install handicapped ramps on Borough streets. She noted the award was for a lower amount than requested on the application. Borough Manager Boehm will contact Lehigh County to change the location of the ramps to be done.
- c. Benjamin Spencer, re: Comments about the Macungie Fire Department - President Becker remarked about some comments in the letter and was unhappy about the letter.
- d. Brian Miller, Upper Milford Township, re: Zoning Ordinance Amendment

REPORTS

a. Mayor

1. Mayor Corder is absent but sent a memo requesting Council authorize moving forward with Civil Service testing for a full-time police officer and create an eligibility list. Council discussed the cost for the process is about \$2,500 to \$5,200 but the police department could do part of the process to cut the cost. Borough Manager Boehm mentioned the last Civil Service list was in 2011 and the list is kept for 2 years.

Council Member Schleicher made a motion to approve to start the process for Civil Service testing, second by Council Member Akinjiola. Motion carried: 4 ayes

2. A resignation letter was received from 30 Hour Police Officer Alexander Smith effective July 17, 2017.

Council Member Becker made a motion to accept the resignation of Alexander Smith with regret with the return of the Borough equipment, second by Council Member Hutchison. Motion carried: 4 ayes

b. Borough Manager

1. Refuse Contract Bid – Borough Manager Boehm gave a copy of the refuse and recycling contract bid to Council for review. She reviewed the options for once a week or twice a week pick up and term options. Council had a discussion about the Collection Hours. Council approved the bid and to move forward having the bid reviewed by Solicitor Armstrong.

2. 2017 Chamber Foundation Grant – Borough Manager Boehm reported the grant for the sign at the Macungie Institute was awarded to the Borough in the amount of \$2,000. She asked for authorization for President Becker to sign the terms and conditions letter. She questioned if Council wanted to wait until next year to put the balance of the cost of the sign into

the 2018 budget. Council decided to sign the letter now and there may be donations to complete the project this year.

3. 2017 Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape mini grant – Borough Manager Boehm reported the Borough was awarded the mini grant in the amount of \$7,000 to be used for the bump out native plantings. It was the consensus of Council to sign the grant agreement.

c. Junior Council Members – Borough Manager Boehm questioned if Junior Council Member Cordner would be done with her term since she graduated from high school. It was noted that the Junior Council Member term usually ends when they graduate high school. Junior Council Member Cordner will be leaving for college soon.

d. Committees – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – PART I

a. Rental Inspection Program – Council was provided a copy of a draft ordinance for rental property regulations. President Becker noted the Committee worked on this ordinance and if Council had no comments on the ordinance, it will be passed to Solicitor Armstrong for review.

Audience member wanted the ordinance to cover all properties, not just rentals. He noted some conditions of properties in the Borough. He remarked about the police budget, commenting about the extra hours needed for the big events in the Borough and suggested getting funds from the event. President Becker told him the police department is working within their budget and are scheduled within the budget. The audience member commented residents don't want to make complaints because of signing the complaint. He commented about the pedestrians crossing Main Street should have the right of way and asked about lowering the speed limit. President Becker reiterated the vehicles and pedestrians must be careful on Main Street. As for the lower speed limit, Council may address that issue after the streetscape project is completed.

The residential rental property ordinance will be passed to Solicitor Armstrong for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – PART II

a. Main Street Streetscape and Church Street Traffic Light Project

b. SW Lehigh Comprehensive Plan – Council Member Schleicher reported the public meeting is scheduled for September 25th at 7:00 pm at Lower Macungie Township. There were some changes to the Intergovernmental Agreement but Solicitor Armstrong had no problem with the changes.

c. Sewer Ordinance Amendment for sewer lateral inspections

d. Grace Lutheran Church Parking Request and review of on-street parking on West End Trail – Council Member Hutchison reiterated about notifying the residents on Village Walk Drive when the discussion about parking will be held at a Planning Commission meeting.

e. Macungie Institute budget - President Becker referenced the Macungie Institute budget to the general budget and the deficit for the past few years. The deficit is about half of the Building Coordinator wages. Council Member Hutchison questioned what is the difference if the Borough had to support a park or supporting the Macungie Institute. Council talked about the volunteerism that started out at the Macungie Institute has diminished as volunteerism is low all over.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Main Street Commons Land Development and Lot Line Adjustment time extension expires July 31, 2017 – Borough Manager Boehm noted no time extension has been received from the engineer on the plan. She remarked that if Council did not make a decision tonight and no time extension was given from the developer, the plan would be deemed approved. In an email, Solicitor Armstrong suggested denying the plan unless a time extension is received by the deadline July 31.

Council Member Schleicher made a motion to deny the Main Street Commons Land Development and Lot Consolidation Plan based upon the comments and requirements set forth in the December 8, 2016 Borough Engineer Review Letter unless the Applicant provides a time extension to the Borough for action on or before July 31, 2017, second by Council Member Hutchison. Motion carried: 4 ayes

b. Resolution 2017-11, Streetlight Services with PPL – Council, at the June 5th meeting, approved moving forward with PPL to install LED street lights. The contract includes a Resolution for Council to adopt. Borough Manager Boehm pointed out the \$82 increase is per month.

Council Member Akinjiola made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-11, second by Council Member Schleicher.

Roll call	Alma Akinjiola – aye	Chris Becker – aye
	David Boyko – absent	Greg Hutchison – aye
	Marvin Moyer – absent	Roseann Schleicher – aye
	John Yerman – absent	

Motion carried.

c. Authorization to sign MOU between Macungie Borough, Macungie Police Officers Association and Erin McFarland

Council Member Schleicher made a motion to authorize President Becker to sign the MOU, second by Council Member Akinjiola.

Council had a brief discussion about carrying health insurance coverage during long term disability.

Motion carried: 3 ayes, 1 nay (Council Member Hutchison)

d. City of Allentown Industrial Waste Ordinance – Allentown revised their pretreatment ordinance and for Macungie to be in compliance with the Pretreatment Agreement of 1985, Council would have to revise the Borough's sewer ordinance. Borough Manager Boehm commented she will work with Solicitor Armstrong to change the sewer ordinance.

e. Comments on Upper Milford Township Zoning Amendments – The amendment is to add regulation of medical marijuana facilities. The Planning Commission reviewed the amendment and had recommended no comment to Council.

Council Member Akinjiola made a motion to have no comment to the Upper Milford Township Zoning Amendment, second by Council Member Hutchison. Motion carried: 4 ayes

f. Emergency Management Coordinator – Borough Manager Boehm received information from PSAB that to remove an appointed position, the Borough would have to file the same type of paperwork as when the Emergency Management Coordinator is appointed. She will work on it.

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

a. Council Member Hutchison asked about the police negotiations and President Becker remarked that each side presented their comments at the meeting.

b. An appeal to the Open Records Office for vehicle maintenance records was granted to the appellant. Council Member Hutchison was surprised those records had to be kept. President Becker announced the Macungie Fire Department is appealing the Open Records Office decision.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business to be brought before Borough Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Hartzell
Administrative Assistant