

MACUNGIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
General Business Meeting
Tuesday, March 2, 2026 - 7:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

The Macungie Borough Council meeting was called to order on March 2, 2026 at 7:34 p.m. at the Macungie Institute, 510 E. Main Street, Macungie, PA 18062. In attendance were Carl Sell, Jr., President; Ronald Karboski, Vice President; Greg Hutchison, Member; Megan Sell, Member; Greg Reinbold, Member; Lynette Sell, Member; Stan Landis, Member; Bob Sell, Jr., Mayor; Patrick Armstrong, Esq., Solicitor; Josh Fry, Engineer; and Kalman Sostarecz, Jr., Borough Manager.

President Sell opened the meeting and asked all present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. He then thanked everyone involved in the structure fire on S. Lea Street including the Macungie PD, Macungie Ambulance, Lower Macungie Fire Department.

II. Announcement of Executive Sessions

Mr. Sostarecz announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting, beginning at 6:45 p.m., and the topic was personnel.

III. Public Hearing – Ordinance #2026-01 – Sewer Lateral Inspection Validity Time Period

Solicitor Armstrong stated that Council previously discussed the proposed ordinance which allows for a two-year period of time that a sewer lateral inspection is valid. Resident Bryan Witman asked who creates the video; Solicitor Armstrong stated that a private plumber would do the video inspection. Resident Jeff Hartman asked how much the fee is; Mr. Sostarecz stated that the Borough's administrative fee to review the video is \$95.00.

Mr. Reinbold made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2026-1, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Engineer's Report

Mr. Fry reported that PennDOT is making slow progress on the review of the Hickory Street bridge. The South Church street design work has been completed. UGI has verbally agreed to cost-share some of the paving since they just did perform a lot of work in the street. PPL recently relocated a pole. Regarding Land Development – Fields at Brookside and Mavis Tire are both under construction. The South Walnut Street development is working toward approval of the development agreement. Regarding grants – the previously submitted MS4 projects were not accepted for congressional consideration.

Tim Romig, President of MVFD, stated that they had gotten letters from BIA the previous year about coming out to their property to mark where the easements will be needed, but he doesn't believe that happened. He also stated that he received a letter from Solicitor Armstrong that he is awaiting a return call on. Finally, he asked if Mavis Tire will need to complete their sidewalks, and why they could get a certificate of occupancy before they were done; Mr. Fry stated they will need to complete the sidewalks prior to them getting their security returned, and that they do verify all ADA accessible pathways.

V. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Resident Karen Bilger stated there was an accident at the Cotton Street bridge and there is a mess that needs to be taken care of, also that she had submitted information regarding the Main Street bumpouts; Mr. Sostarecz stated it was received and will be reviewed.

Resident Brenda Eisenhard asked Ms. Megan Sell to expand on her previous comments about her being excluded from Council discussions. Ms. Sell stated that there has been times where she didn't feel she had insight into what Council was deciding.

Former Councilmember Robert Rozak read a statement regarding interactions he had with Vice President Karboski, and stated that lawsuits were forthcoming.

Resident Terry Buss commended Officer Diaz for saving a life and the entire police department that keep everyone safe. She also stated she does not feel the same about Vice President Karboski.

Mr. Hutchison stated that some people say that Vice President Karboski directs others what to do; however, he does not feel he's directed and the Council backs him.

Former Mayor Ronald Conrad commented on the appointment of Lynette Sell to Council, and on Vice President Karboski's write-in campaign during the last election.

Tim Romig stated that he put in right-to-know requests for audio recordings and that there were three recordings that could not be found, and he would like to know how that happened. He also thanked the Mayor for video streaming the meeting and feels the Borough should do that on its own. He then commented on meeting minutes for the Borough's boards and commissions missing from the website.

Resident Bob Bogert stated that everyone was involved in the fire on Lea Street did a great job, including Officer Diaz and doesn't know why Council would want to get rid of anyone. He also said that he feels that Vice President Karboski was not respectful during the election.

Resident Bernie Reinert stated that it seems pretty quick for a letter of interest for someone to be on the Zoning Hearing Board and an agenda item for them to be appointed.

Resident Ricky Moyer feels that someone on Council should make a motion to give a commendation to Officer Diaz.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. February 17, 2026

Ms. M. Sell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Landis. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Financial Reports

A. Approval of Paid Bills Detail Report in the Amount of \$91,885.14

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$91,885.14, seconded by Ms. Mr. Reinbold. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Correspondence

A. PSAB-MRT Monthly Report of Municipal Net Assets

B. William Reiss Letter of Interest for Zoning Hearing Board Appointment

C. Macungie Town Beautification Committee – Request to Plant Memorial Tree

IX. Reports

A. Council

None

B. Mayor

Mayor Sell announced that the new Jolly Beauty Company at 21 E Main Street has moved its grand opening to March 15th. He also announced that Officer Diaz will be receiving a commendation from the police department and himself at the next Council meeting.

C. Solicitor

None

D. Borough Manager

Mr. Sostarecz announced that Tara Troxell, the new Administrative Assistant has started work; he also reported that the annual audit has begun and the auditors are in person at Borough Hall.

X. Unfinished Business

None

XI. New Business

A. Boy Scout Troop 71 Request for Upgrades to Macungie Institute

Matt Weider, Matt Hunter, and Chip Wachob from Boy Scout Troop 71 request that they be permitted to complete upgrades on their rented space at their cost, including a new flooring surface, ceiling tiles, and exterior signage. Their scout troop has doubled in size and they would like a space that is welcoming and enjoyable to be in. They received several quotes for the flooring and the lowest estimate is by a firm that comes with good recommendations. The sign they would like to place on the Sycamore Street side of the building would recognize the Young family for their years of service and dedication to the scouts. Mr. Landis stated that he congratulates the scouts for the important work that they do to guide young people.

Ms. Lynette Sell made a motion to authorize the Boy Scouts complete the work, seconded by Mr. Landis. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Audio Equipment Upgrade for Macungie Institute Auditorium

Mr. Sostarecz stated that there has been discussion regarding the residents in the audience having difficulty hearing what is being said by the members at the dais. He received a quote from ESG to add four microphones which will tie into the rooms existing audio system \$4,193.14. Resident Jeff Hartman said that he has worked with ESG in the past and they are excellent to work with. Resident Karen Bilger stated she believes eight microphones will be needed.

Ms. Megan Sell made a motion to approve the audio upgrade, seconded by Mr. Reinbold. Motion passed unanimously.

C. William Reiss Appointment to Zoning Hearing Board

Ms. Megan Sell asked if the position would be advertised. Mr. Sostarecz stated that it has been on the website since last year. Ms. M. Sell stated that she has a concern that they would appoint a person to the Zoning Hearing Board who has a lot of zoning violations himself. Tim Romig presented information that the Borough had previously entered into litigation against Mr. Reiss and there were many zoning and SALDO violations. Terry Buss stated that a Zoning Hearing Board member was removed from the Board and should not have been. Jeff Hartman stated that with the new information it would make sense to investigate the violations and table the appointment.

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to appoint William Reiss to the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Vice President Karboski. The motion failed 3-4 (L. Sell, Landis, M. Sell, Reinbold – No)

D. Macungie Town Beautification Request to Plant Memorial Tree

President Sell stated that Town Beautification has submitted a letter requesting to plant a tree near the Macungie Institute in a place that there was previously a tree.

Vice President Karboski made a motion to authorize the planting of a tree, seconded by President Sell. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Adjournment

Mr. Landis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m., seconded by Vice President Karboski. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr.
Borough Secretary