

**MACUNGIE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
General Business Meeting  
Monday, May 4, 2026 - 7:30 P.M.

**I. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance**

The Macungie Borough Council meeting was called to order on May 4, 2026 at 7:30 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; Joshua 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.

**II. Announcement of Executive Sessions**

Mr. Sostarecz announced that an executive session was held on April 30, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. regarding personnel and on May 4, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. regarding legal and personnel matters.

**III. Engineer’s Report**

Mr. Fry reviewed his report including the Hickory Street & Church Street project, the Fields at Brookside Development, Main Street Commons, Mavis Tire, Lumber Street Development, and South Walnut Street Development. Mr. Landis asked why UGI rescinded their offer to help pay for the repaving of Church Street; Mr. Fry stated that UGI had initially offered to help pay even though they weren’t required – the Borough was not expecting it and it was part of the project budget.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**A. April 6, 2026**

**Motion by President Sell to approve the minutes of April 6, 2026, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Motion passed unanimously.**

**B. April 20, 2026**

Ms. Megan Sell and Mr. Reinbold stated that they had not voted to adjourn the meeting of April 20<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Sostarecz stated that the audio recording was unclear and will amend the minutes to reflect their non-vote.

**Motion by President Sell to approve the minutes of April 20, 2026, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Motion passed unanimously.**

**V. Financial Reports**

**A. Treasurer’s Report for March 2026**

**Motion by President Sell to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Motion passed unanimously.**

**B. Approval of Paid Bills Detail Report in the Amount of \$272,068.58**

Tim Romig, business owner, asked if the amount is combined from the previous meeting. Mr. Sostarecz stated that it was a combination of the previous meeting and current.

**Motion by President Sell to pay the bills in the amount of \$272,068.58, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Motion passed unanimously.**

**VI. Correspondence**

**A. PSAB-MRT Monthly Report of Municipal Net Assets**

- B. Letter of Interest from Bob Bogert on Zoning Hearing Board Appointment**
- C. Letter of Interest from Sue Steinberg on Planning Commission Appointment**
- D. Letter from Bill Reiss on Request to Seek Grant for Swabia Creek Cleanup**

**VII. Reports**

- A. Macungie Institute Quarterly Report**
- B. Police Department Monthly Report for March**

Mayor Sell outlined the police report. President Sell asked if additional details could be provided on the location of the traffic stops. Mr. Landis Commented on the significant change in statistics from last year to this year.

- C. Council**

None

- D. Mayor**

Mayor Sell stated that the mailer he previously mentioned was held up at the printer, but as soon as it's ready it will be sent out. Mr. Hutchison asked how many body cameras does the Police Department own, and if he can see the Standard Operating Procedures on their use.

- E. Solicitor**

None

- F. Borough Manager**

None

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

- A. Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement with Macungie Historical Society**

Mr. Sostarecz stated that the agreement was discussed at a previous meeting and Council had voted to draft a new agreement reducing the lease rate to \$1.00 per year. The Solicitor also reviewed the agreement and made a couple of minor changes. The agreement was shared with the Historical Society and they had no additional comments.

**Motion by Vice President Karboski to authorize the lease agreement with the Macungie Historical Society, seconded by President Sell. Motion passed unanimously.**

- B. Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement with Boy Scout Troop #71**

Mr. Sostarecz stated that similar to the previous agenda item, this agreement was discussed at a previous meeting and Council had voted to draft a new agreement reducing the lease rate to \$1.00 per year. The Solicitor also reviewed the agreement and made a couple of minor changes. The agreement was shared with the Boy Scouts for their comment as well. Matthew Wieder thanked the Council on behalf of the Scouts.

**Motion by Vice President Karboski to authorize the lease agreement with the Macungie Historical Society, seconded by Mr. Landis. Motion passed unanimously.**

**IX. New Business**

- A. Authorizing Wage Increase for Part-Time Summer Employee**

Mr. Sostarecz stated that Mr. Braim has been a part-time summer employee for six years and staff is recommending a wage increase to \$17.00 per hour to be competitive.

**Motion by Vice President Karboski to authorize a wage increase for Keith Braim to \$17.00 per hour, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Motion passed unanimously.**

**B. Appointing Bob Bogert to the Zoning Hearing Board**

Mr. Sostarecz stated that a letter of interest from Bob Bogert was received for the Zoning Hearing Board on which there are vacancies.

**Motion by Mr. Landis to appoint Bob Bogert to the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Mr. Reinbold. Motion failed 3-4 (Karboski, C. Sell, Hutchison, L. Sell)**

**C. Appointing Sue Steinberg to the Planning Commission**

Mr. Sostarecz stated that a letter of interest from Sue Steinberg was received for the Planning Commission on which there are vacancies.

**Motion by Mr. Hutchison to approve Resolution #2026-08 appointing Sue Steinberg to the Planning Commission, seconded by Ms. M. Sell. Motion passed unanimously.**

**D. Appointing Special Legal Counsel**

Solicitor Armstrong stated that it is recommended that John Gonzales of the law firm of Marshall Dennehy be appointed to represent the Borough in a complaint that has been filed against the Borough. Tom Ashelman, resident, asked what it was in regard to; Mr. Armstrong stated the case is Docket No. 2026-C-1640, Mayor Robert Sell v. Borough of Macungie.

**Motion by President Sell to appoint John Gonzales as Special Legal Counsel, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Motion passed unanimously.**

**E. Authorizing Repair of Fire Sprinkler System at Macungie Institute**

Mr. Sostarecz stated that a leak was discovered in the fire sprinkler system at the Macungie Institute and Cintas diagnosed the issue. The leak did not cause any damage and is leaking in an area that has a drain.

**Motion by President Sell to authorize Cintas to repair the fire sprinkler system at the Macungie Institute at a cost of \$1,657.20, seconded by Vice President Karboski. Motion passed unanimously.**

**F. Authorizing Seal Coating of Parking Lots at Borough Hall and Macungie Institute**

Mr. Sostarecz stated that the parking lots at Borough Hall and the Macungie Institute have not been seal coated since 2020 and are due to be completed; the project was budgeted in this year's budget and three estimates were received, the lowest of which from Hovan at a cost of \$6,875 which is below the budgeted amount.

**Motion by President Sell to authorize the seal coating of the parking lots by Hovan at a cost of \$6,875.00, seconded by Vice President Karboski. Motion passed unanimously.**

**X. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Brenda Eisenhard, resident, stated she doesn't understand why the Council wouldn't want to appoint an interested resident to the Zoning Hearing Board when there are open positions.

Tanner Beers, resident, stated that he served in the U.S. Army and feels that residents are being disrespected, silenced, or ignored by council members.

Michael Mullen, police officer for the Borough, stated that he's embarrassed to be a Borough employee because of the way the Council treats people, commented on the transparency of the Council as well as his thoughts on President Sell's actions, whom he has filed an ethics complaint against.

Ronald Conrad, resident, stated that the Courts say that people can talk about whatever they want during Public Comment at a meeting, and feels the Council violated those rights at the previous meeting by adjourning.

Janet Sell, resident, asked Mayor Sell why police officers weren't ticketing or towing during the street sweeping.

Karen Billger, resident, commented on the Spring/Summer Newsletter and the Cotton Street Bridge.

Terry Buss, resident, commented on President Sell's behavior stating that he shuts her down, and the way he treats others. She does not trust him.

Nancy Wittman, resident, commented on the property development across the street from her property and questioned why DEP is not aware of the development.

Kelley Lester, resident, stated that the fire hydrant in front of her house was replaced but the sidewalk has not been repaired.

Bob Bogert, resident, asked about the ability to access archived minutes for the Authority, Zoning Hearing Board, and Planning Commission.

Paul Licata, business owner, is fearful to lose clients because of the climate in the Borough, and feels that both residents and business owners are very nervous.

Tim Romig, business owner, stated that his rights were violated last meeting when he was stopped from speaking with the meeting being adjourned; he has the right to state whatever he wants and did not use foul language. He commented on the demeanor of President Sell and Vice President Karboski in public and on social media.

Rachel Cueva, who is running for state representative, stated that she is offering to replace tattered American Flags throughout the district free of charge.

#### **XI. Adjournment**

**Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m., seconded by Mr. Landis. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr.', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr.  
Borough Secretary