

MACUNGIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
General Business Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2026 - 7:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

The Macungie Borough Council meeting was called to order on June 15, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. at the Macungie Institute, 510 E. Main Street, Macungie, PA 13062. In attendance were Carl Sell, Jr., President; Stan Landis, Vice President, Greg Hutchison, Member; Megan Sell, Member; Greg Reinbold, Member; Lynette Sell, Member; Tom Ashelman, Member; Bob Sell, Jr., Mayor; Patrick Armstrong, Esq., Solicitor; 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 sessions were held on June 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. and June 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., both regarding legal and personnel matters.

III. Appointment to Fill Vacancy on Borough Council

Motion by President Sell to appoint Usume Tunagur to fill the vacancy, seconded by Lynette Sell.

Ms. Megan Sell asked why others who had their letters of interest in for much longer, including a person who was a write-in candidate at the last election, wouldn't be considered first? President Sell stated because it was his decision who he nominates.

Tanner Beers, resident, stated that Council should do the right thing and fill the vacancy by appointing Tom Ashelman.

Ricky Moyer, resident, stated that he submitted a letter of interest to be appointed, but he also feels that Tom Ashelman should be appointed instead as he was a fifth-place finisher in the previous election.

Ron Conrad, resident, stated the he knows everyone who submitted a letter of interest except for the person who was nominated, and he feels that Tom Ashelman should be appointed.

Bernie Reinert, resident, stated that she also submitted a letter of interest for the vacancy but she agrees that Tom Ashelman should be appointed.

Tim Romig, business owner, stated that he fully supports Tom Ashelman as it is the people's choice. He stated that Mr. Tunagur should get involved in other boards or committees prior to being appointed to Council.

Usume Tunagur, resident, stated that he had been coming to meetings a few years ago but not recently. He apologized for taking up everyone's time and withdrew his letter of interest in being appointed.

President Sell withdrew his motion nominating Usume Tunagur.

Motion by Mr. Reinbold to appoint Thomas Ashelman to fill the vacancy on Borough Council, seconded by Ms. Megan Sell. Motion passed 5 – 1; President Sell – No

Thomas Ashelman was then sworn in by Mayor Sell and seated for the remainder of the meeting.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. June 1, 2026

Motion by President Sell to approve the minutes of June 1, 2026, seconded by Mr. Reinbold. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Financial Reports

A. Treasurer's Report for May 2026

Motion by President Sell to approve the Treasurer's Report for May 2026, seconded by Ms. Lynette Sell. Motion passed unanimously.

Karen Billger, resident, asked why the financials were not posted on the website over the weekend. Mr. Sostarecz explained that the packet was forwarded to the webmaster as usual on Friday and unfortunately, he had forgotten to post it, and when phoned regarding it Monday morning, the webmaster apologized profusely. Mr. Sostarecz was instructed on how the agenda is posted and will be posting it himself for future meetings.

Ms. Reinert commented on the requirement to post meeting agendas.

B. Approval of Paid Bills Detail Report in the Amount of \$94,782.04

Motion by President Sell to pay the bills in the amount of \$94,782.04, seconded by Ms. Megan Sell. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Landis asked questions regarding the Treasurer's Report line items 01.410.374 – Vehicle Maintenance, 01.410.450 – Contracted Services, and 01.411.540 – Fire Dept Annual Allocation. Mr. Sostarecz stated that for the fire department allocation – that is paid to Lower Macungie twice per year; he will research the other answers and get back to him. Vice President Landis also commented the PPL bill for 301 S Church, the maintenance building, seemed high to him.

Ms. Billger asked if there are any questions on the bills if they could be asked at the next meeting as they had not had time to review them.

VI. Correspondence

A. Macungie Ambulance Monthly Report for May 2026

B. Letters of Interest for Planning Commission Vacancies

- 1. Virginia Voros**
- 2. Robert Sell, Jr.**

VII. Reports

A. Police Department Report for May 2026

Mayor Sell reviewed the written report. Vice President Landis commented on the injured officer, and also the number of fights that were reported during the month – he stated that the numbers reported do not agree with what is listed in the chart. Mayor Sell stated that he will look into it. Mr. Hutchison commented on the new radios. President Sell asked when the new officer would be introduced to the public; Mayor Sell stated they are trying to work out a time for him to attend a meeting. President Sell asked for an update on the vehicle stop locations; Mayor Sell stated that he just put a new system in place to be able to provide that report and it should hopefully be ready in June.

B. Council

Mr. Reinbold stated that previous Councilmember Yerman had brought up some missing speed limit signs last year and is not sure anything has been done; Mr. Sostarecz stated that it will likely

need input from the Borough Engineer and he will research what the status is. Ms. Megan Sell stated that there was a new telephone pole put up and a sign was blocked.

C. Mayor

Mayor Sell reminded everyone that volunteers are needed for the various boards and committees in the Borough. He also listed the various events that are occurring at Macungie Memorial Park over the coming month. Mr. Romig commented on National Night Out, the open police officer positions, and the exit interview and resignation letter from a previous police officer.

D. Solicitor

None

E. Borough Manager

None.

IX. Unfinished Business

None

X. New Business

A. Appointing of Planning Commission Members

Motion by President Sell to appoint Virginia Voros to the Planning Commission, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Megan Sell to appoint Robert Sell, Jr. to the Planning Commission, seconded by Mr. Reinbold.

Vice President Landis stated that he applauds the Mayor for putting in a letter of interest; however, he feels that we need different voices from the community. Mayor Sell stated that he would hold his request until the next meeting to see if any other letters of interest are submitted. President Sell stated that he finds it appalling that the Mayor would ask to be appointed when he is suing the Borough. Mr. Romig commented on the Borough's website not being updated as well as the terms of the Planning Commission members, which indicate that there are multiple open seats including Carl Sell's term which expired at the end of March.

Ms. Megan Sell withdrew her motion.

B. Tax Collector Request for Reimbursement of Expenses

Mr. Sostarecz stated that the Local Tax Collection Law affords the reimbursement of certain expenses to the Tax Collector. Ms. Carwell is requesting reimbursement of additional expenses she has incurred since being elected. The East Penn School District is providing a reimbursement of 50% and she has requested the Borough to reimburse the other 50%.

Motion by President Sell to reimburse \$250.12, seconded by Vice President Landis. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Authorizing Replacement of Exterior Replacement Door at Macungie Institute

Mr. Sostarecz stated that the exterior basement door leading into the Boy Scouts area at the Macungie Institute is in very poor condition and in need of replacement. The Borough budgeted \$4,500 for the replacement this year; three quotes were received, the lowest of which is by Keith's Lock & Door Service.

Motion by President Sell to authorize the replacement of the door by Keith's Lock & Door at a cost of \$3,173.59, seconded Mr. Reinbold. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Approval of Celebration Fireworks for Display at Brookside Country Club

Mr. Sostarecz stated that Celebration Fireworks submitted their annual application to hold a fireworks display at Brookside Country Club on July 5th. The Fire Marshal has reviewed and approved the application. The LMFD will be at the event.

Motion by President Sell to approve the application for fireworks display at Brookside Country Club, seconded Vice President Landis. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Authorizing Revision of Macungie Borough Police Department Internal Affairs Policy

Motion by President Sell to approve Resolution #2026-11, approving the revision to the Macungie Borough Police Department Internal Affairs Policy, seconded Ms. Lynette Sell.

Ms. Megan Sell stated that the revision does fix several issues with the policy, but she does not agree that anonymous complaints should be accepted. Mr. Hutchison stated he agrees that a name should be associated with a complaint. Mr. Landis stated that there are several points in the policy that should be revised to include the Mayor; he also recommended renumbering a few steps under Section VI.A. Solicitor Armstrong stated that he will review the requested revisions with Attorney Gerber and recommends that it be brought back to a future meeting.

Ms. Billger commented on the amount of time Council members have to review the documents prior to a meeting. Vice President Landis stated that he doesn't feel it's a burden to review the documents regardless of when they are received – it's an obligation to do so as a Council member. Mr. Romig commented on anonymous complaints as well as the amount of funds that were expended on the policy. Mr. Conrad stated that he appreciates the Council having the discussion at a regularly scheduled meeting.

President Sell amended his motion to table the item, seconded by Ms. Lynette Sell. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Authorizing Partial Release of Financial Security for Mavis Tire

Mr. Sostarecz stated that Mavis Tire has requested a reduction of their financial security – this is their first request. Barry Isett & Associates has reviewed the request and confirmed it is appropriate. Mr. Hutchison asked if the remaining funds would be sufficient should the developer walk away. Mr. Sostarecz stated that it would be.

Motion by Mr. Hutchison to authorize the reduction request of Mavis Tire, seconded by President Sell. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Dan Dreher, President of the Fields at Brookside HOA, spoke on behalf of the HOA regarding the emergency access road and walking path. He stated that the Kay representative on site does not give accurate information to current residents or those interested in purchasing. He feels that the trail is ill-conceived, and was initially requested by the Borough.

Zoe McCord, Vice President of the Fields at Brookside HOA, stated that the walking path goes through the backyard of many homes and the privacy fence is a security issue. Additionally, the HOA will be responsible to maintain the path. They understand that the Borough does not have the authority to alter the plan, but that Kay Builders could propose modifications. The HOA plans to meet with Kay to discuss the matter.

Sandy Barrett, resident, commented on the property line between the Ridings and Fields at Brookside. She does not agree with where it has been set. She is also opposed to the walking path.

Amanda Robbins, resident of the Ridings, commented on the emergency access road and easement that travels through her property. She is very concerned with the safety and security of her property and family.

Mark Minetola, resident of Fields at Brookside, commented on the walking path. He feels that it should not be installed and is a security issue.

Mr. Conrad stated he would like to know how much money was spent on the police policy, investigation, and other items started by the previous Council majority. He would like to see the public comment period brought back to the beginning of the meeting, and change the time period back to five minutes.

Wendy Horn, resident, commented on the paper streets near the proposed Lumber Street development.

Susan Grow, resident of the Ridings, asked that the walking path and privacy fence put on hold until it has been properly checked.

Jeff Hartmann, resident, commented on the interior lighting of Stack Storage which shines onto his property. He stated that other businesses in the area are understanding of their impacts, but Stack Storage has not. He asks that Council intervene and require them to shield their lights.

Eric Linde, board member of the Fields at Brookside HOA, commented on the walking path and fences, and stated that they would like to work with Kay and the Council to come up with a solution that works for the residents of the community.

Dennis Fritz, resident and former Fire Chief, commented on a former council member. He also commented on the issues of the Macungie Volunteer Fire Department and the negotiations that occurred with Mr. Karboski. He stated that they are working hard to bring the department back and would appreciate the support of Council.

Mr. Romig stated that Mr. Hutchison has been repeating lies that the MVFD does not have Worker's Comp insurance at the Borough Authority meeting as well as surrounding departments. He feels that Mr. Hutchison has been on a mission to sabotage the MVFD from reorganizing. Mr. Romig also commented on President's Sells ability to run a meeting.

Beth Frickmann, resident of the Ridings, is concerned about the stormwater runoff of the Fields at Brookside.

Casey Foreman, resident of Fields at Brookside, commented on Kay Builders not disclosing items in their development and asked the Council to step in.

Bob Bogert, resident, commented on the MVFD coming before the Water Authority to utilize water to train.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m., seconded by President Sell. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr.
Borough Secretary