

MACUNGIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
General Business Meeting
Monday, March 16, 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 7:30 p.m. at the Macungie Institute, 510 E. Main Street, Macungie, PA 18062. In attendance were Carl Sell, Jr., President; Greg Hutchison, Member; Megan Sell, Member; Greg Reinbold, Member; Lynette Sell, Member; Stan Landis, Member; Bob Sell, Jr., Mayor; Patrick Armstrong, Esq., Solicitor; and Kalman Sostarecz, Jr., Borough Manager. Absent – Ronald Karboski, Vice President.

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 two executive sessions were held: the first on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. regarding legal matters, and on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. regarding personnel.

III. Presentations

A. East Penn Chamber of Commerce

Hayden Rinde and Chloe Krempasky from the Chamber of Commerce spoke about the Chamber’s mission of furthering economic development and what the Chamber has to offer for local businesses.

B. Lower Macungie Fire Department 2025 Annual Report

Fire Chief Ryan Trexler outlined the department’s annual report by reviewing their statistics. He also stated that they are working on their strategic plan and apparatus replacement plan, implemented new incident reporting software, received a \$1.65 million federal grant for the replacement of the Alburts Station, and brought on ten new members during 2025. They now have 61 members and 10 fire police. Resident Bill Reiss asked if the fire department has a program to incentivize residents shoveling snow from around fire hydrants. Chief Trexler stated that there is no formal program, but they do share social media posts that residents should do this as it benefits everyone. Mr. Hutchison asked if they are able to connect to all of the fire hydrants in the Borough; Chief Trexler stated that they have adapters and are able to connect. The fire department also presented Macungie Police Officers Diaz and Santiago with commendations for their heroic acts during two different incidents in the Borough.

C. Macungie Police Department Recognition of Officer Sabdiel Diaz

Mayor Bob Sell presented a police commendation to Officers Sabdiel Diaz & Matthew Santiago for their heroic acts at structure fires in the Borough. A daughter of a person who was rescued at one of the fires, Jessica, stated that she and her family have deep appreciation for Officer Diaz for his selfless actions.

IV. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Business Owner Tim Romig commented on meeting audio and Right to Know requests.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. March 2, 2026

Resident Karen Billger requested that the names of those who speak should be spelled correctly.

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

VI. Financial Reports

A. Treasurer’s Report

Resident Thomas Ashelman asked if the cost of investigations by attorneys are included in the report. Mr. Sostarecz stated they are and Mr. Ashelman can contact him at Borough Hall for more information.

President Sell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Paid Bills Detail Report in the Amount of \$94,239.40

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$94,239.40, seconded by President Sell. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Correspondence

A. Macungie Ambulance February Monthly Report

B. Astound/RCN Letter Regarding Cable Franchise Agreement

VIII. Reports

A. Police Department Monthly Report for February

Mayor Sell reported on the statistics in the report.

B. Council

None

C. Mayor

None

D. Solicitor

None

E. Borough Manager

Mr. Sostarecz provided an update on the Spring/Summer Newsletter, announced the procedure for utilizing the Emmaus Borough Yard Waste site, and the utility bill due date.

IX. Unfinished Business

None

X. New Business

A. Accepting Resignation of Officer Cole Surridge

Resident Bill Reiss asked if there was an exit interview; Mayor Sell stated that there will be.

President Sell made a motion to authorize the resignation of Officer Surridge, seconded by Mr. Hutchison, with regret. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Authorizing Execution of Borough Electricity Generation Provider Agreement

Mr. Sostarecz stated that the Borough's previous energy generation agreement has expired as of December 2025 and an energy broker that we utilize, Environ, has provided four different provider offers. He recommends the Borough select AEP Energy for their 48-month "all in" rate which will include all generation, capacity, and transmission charges. PPL will still provide the distribution. Resident Bernie Reinert asked if Environ charges any fees; Mr. Sostarecz stated that they are baked into the costs.

President Sell made a motion to authorize the execution of an agreement with AEP Energy for their 48-month rate, seconded by Mr. Landis. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Authorizing Informal Negotiations with RCN for Cable Franchise Agreement Renewal

Mr. Sostarecz stated that the Borough has received a letter from Astound/RCN indicating that the franchise agreement with their company expired approximately one year prior. Their letter requests to begin informal negotiations to enter into a new agreement, as well as their desire to renew at the current terms. He would like permission to begin the negotiations and then come back to a future meeting with the actual agreement for approval. Resident Thomas Ashelman asked if there would be any exclusivity as part of the agreement; Solicitor Armstrong stated that no, any company is able to operate in the Borough,

the agreement would just stipulate the terms. Resident Ricky Moyer stated that if fiber optics could be discussed as part of the negotiations, that would be helpful.

President Sell made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to begin informal negotiations with Astound/RCN, seconded by Mr. Reinbold. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Adjournment

Mr. Landis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Reinbold. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Sostarecz, Jr.', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr.
Borough Secretary