

MACUNGIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 3, 2023
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:30 P.M.

Council Members:

John Yerman, President
Greg Hutchison, Vice President
Barry Bloch
Todd Rutledge
Lisa Yeager
Carl Sell
Ron Karboski
Ronald Conrad (absent)
Patrick Armstrong (absent)
John Brown (absent)
Nina Solivan

Mayor:

Solicitor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant to the Manager:

President Yerman called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

1. BIA engineering reports
 - a. Not in attendance
2. Public Comments
 - a. Prior public comments to Council
 - i. Angie Ashbrook – 7402 Saint Peters Rd. Macungie, PA 18062
 1. Miss. Ashbrook asked if the Borough Manager's time off until the 16th would be considered vacation time or time worked from home. President Yerman stated the email received from John Brown confirmed John Brown would be on vacation.
 2. Miss. Ashbrook also asked if John Brown is permitted to work from home. President Yerman stated yes, he is permitted based on his contract that the council agreed on.
 3. Miss. Ashbrook asked who is overseeing Public Works projects while John Brown is working from home. President Yerman stated Tracy Smith is in charge of Public Works and oversees the department. Miss. Ashbrook asked if Tracy was then in charge of grant projects. President Yerman stated that would be BIA.
 4. Previously no employees were permitted to work from home. Miss. Ashbrook asked why John Brown is allowed and if moving forward would all employees be allowed. President Yerman responded that Miss. Ashbrook was involved in the negotiation process prior to her leaving council and was aware of the contract for Mr. Brown.
 - ii. Colt Hershinger – 7402 Saint Peters Rd. Macungie, PA 18062
 1. Why would John Brown want to train Nina Solivan for 6 months if he's getting vacation and allowed to work from home?
 2. Mr. Hershinger stated the \$130,000 dollars that the Borough Manager is receiving is not benefiting the residents.
 3. Mr. Hershinger asked what the job responsibility of John Brown is. President Yerman commented John Brown oversees the Borough.
 - b. Comments from the audience on non-agenda items

MOTION: 010323-A / 010323-B / 010323-C / 010323-D

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3. Complaints, Petitions, Appeals, and Compliments
 - a. Councilman Karboski complimented Nina for her knowledge of QuickBooks.
 - b. Councilman Bloch received complaints regarding Lehigh Street and the three lights that are no longer working. Council President Yerman advised Councilman Bloch to send a letter to the Borough Manager or Public Works Supervisor Tracy Smith.
4. Approval of minutes
 - a. December 19, 2022
 - i. After a few corrections were asked to be made Councilman Bloch made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for December 19, 2022. Councilwoman Yeager seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (010323-A)
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Approval of invoices as listed
 - i. Councilman Rutledge made a motion to approve invoices in the amount of \$23,388.41. Councilwoman Yeager seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (010323-B)
6. Correspondence
 - a. Macungie Ambulance Monthly report November 2022
 - b. Municipal Retirement Trust
 - c. BIA Grant Services – Mary Himmelberger
 - d. Macungie Institute Manager Report (2nd meeting of the month)
 - e. Macungie Police Department Monthly update (2nd meeting of the month)
 - f. Zoning Monthly Update Report (2nd meeting of the month)
7. Reports
 - a. Solicitor – Not in attendance
 - b. Mayor – Not in attendance
 - c. Manager – Not in attendance
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
 - a. Reorganization of Council
 - i. Due to the Mayor being absent Councilman Rutledge made a motion to move the reorganization meeting to the next scheduled meeting on January 16, 2023. President Yerman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (010323-C)
10. Executive Session – Not held
11. Action as a result of executive session
12. Adjournment
 - a. Councilman Rutledge made a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:45 pm. Councilman Sell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (010323-D)