

MACUNGIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday November 3, 2025
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:30 P.M.

Council Members:

Ron Karboski
Greg Hutchison
Todd Ritter
Robert Rozak
Carl Sell
John Yerman
Megan Sell
Ronald Conrad
Pat Armstrong
John Brown

Mayor:

Solicitor:

Borough Manager:

President Karboski called tonight's meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

1. Barry Isett Report

- a. See 11(a), 11(b) and 11 (c).
- b. Update provided on Church Street and Hickory Bridge projects in follow up to Barry Bloch inquiry from October 20th.

2. Announcements

- a. President Karboski opened the meeting with an announcement requesting everyone be kind and respectful.

3. Public Comment

a. Public

- i. Utility Billing.
- ii. Several questions were raised by the audience regarding the billing timing and format.
- iii. President Karboski asked the Borough Manager to address. Basic information:
 - 1. Bills released October 27, 2025, with new format based on switch to new software.
 - 2. Tiers appeared as part of billing; requested clarification
 - 3. Discounts were present on previous bills, not on current
 - 4. There was no late fee listed as on prior bills.
 - 5. Borough Manager Brown will review and follow up.
 - 6. Amendment to the agenda was considered to waive late fees. Solicitor cautioned that the Borough Authority would also need to approve; they do not meet until the 13th of November.
- iv. Carla Karboski
 - 1. Spoke in support of her husband, Ron Karboski and against lies being told about him. MVFD failure is their own, not council's. Their own member Keller turned MVFD into the code office.
- v. Lynette Sell
 - a. Spoke out regarding comments about Ron Karboski and council on Facebook.
- vi. Dennis Fritz
 - 1. Raised questions regarding the details of draft zoning ordinance 2025-02/rezoning R7.8 to R-10. Asked Why? Splitting Church St half R-10 half R 7.8.
 - 2. Could not pass last time, now just being vindictive of MVFD.
- vii. Tim Romig

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1. Spoke regarding Ron Karboski not acting regarding the seating of councilman Rozak after presented with report of Rozak's criminal background; should have disqualified Rozak from office.
 2. Spoke regarding the decimation of the employees at borough hall.
 3. Called for Ron Karboski resignation.
 - viii. Paul Lacotta
 1. Thank DPW department and MPD for keeping borough safe.
 - ix. Lisa Donahue
 1. Spoke in frustration of the public comment and when can questions be asked and answered directly by council members.
 - x. Greg Rhinebold
 1. Spoke about election day and (4) seats up for election on borough council
 - xi. Corporal Michale Mullen
 1. Representing union workforce of the Borough, police, and public works. Never seen the issues with the Borough this bad in his 24 years. Workers are casting a vote of no confidence in President Karboski. Called for his resignation.
 - xii. Jeff Hartman
 1. Spoke regarding the upcoming election of borough council. Question why President Karboski doing a write in for a (4) year seat when (2) years left in current seat.
 - b. Council Member
4. Presentations/Guest Speakers
 - a. None.
 5. Complaints, Petitions, and Appeals
 - a. None
 6. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October 20, 2025
 - i. Councilman Yerman made motion to approve with amendment. Councilman Hutchison seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (11032025-A).
 - b. Workshop Minutes October 27 2025
 - i. Councilman Greg Hutchison made motion to approve as presented; Councilman Yermans seconded. Motion passed unanimously (11022025-B).
 7. Financial Agenda
 - a. Treasurer's Report (2nd meeting of the month)
 - i. Councilman C. Sell made a motion to approve the bills report as presented \$56,910.69. Councilwoman M Sell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (11032025-C)
 - b. Approval of Paid Bills Detail report
 - i. Councilman Yerman made motion to approve bills for \$ 207,355.60. Councilman Hutchison seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (11032025-D).
 8. Correspondence
 - a. Angela Faidley Town Beautification
 - b. PSAB-MRT Monthly Pension Report
 9. Reports
 - a. Macungie Institute Manager Quarterly Report
 - i. April 15, July 15, Oct 21

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1. Report presented by V Kocher
- b. Zoning Monthly Update Report (2nd meeting of the month)
 - i. Report provided
- c. Solicitor
 - i. Nothing to report that is not already on agenda.
- d. Macungie Police Department (2nd meeting of the month)
- e. Mayor
 - i. Christmas Tree Lighting December 2nd starting at 5:30 PM.
- f. Borough Manager

10. Unfinished Business

- a. None

11. New Business

- a. Resolution 2025-09 South Walnut Street Sewer Planning Module approval
 - i. Vice President Carl Sell made motion to approve. Greg Hutchison seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (11032025-E)
- b. Security Estimate #5 for Kay Builders, reducing their escrow by \$117,407.64.
 - i. Greg Hutchison made motion to approved. Robert Rozak second. Motion passed unanimously. (11032025-F)
- c. 125 Sonoma Way Subsidence Assessment remediation.
 - i. BIA provided scope of the investigation to date and the need to further excavate.
 - ii. John Yerman made motion to authorize BIA to explore issue/repair not to exceed \$ 40,000. Greg Hutchison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (11032025-G)
- d. Authorize John Yerman to contact Kelly and identify an admin for group approval.
 - i. Greg Hutchison made motion to approve as temporary hire only. Councilman Ritter seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (11032025-H)
- e. Consideration of approval of a conditional offer of employment to an applicant for the positions of Assistant Borough Manager and Borough Manager.
 - i. Councilman Rozak made motion to approve conditional offer of employment at \$ 105,000 annually; (2) years. Greg Hutchison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (11032025-I)
- f. Consideration of approval of the engagement letter of Patrick Harvey, Esquire and the law firm of Campbell Durrant, PC to serve the Borough as special labor counsel.
 - i. Councilman Hutchison made motion to approve. Councilman Yerman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (11032025-J)
- g. Consider approval of an amendment to the contract with Management Recruiters of Lancaster for the purpose of conducting an employment background check.
 - i. Councilman Hutchison made motion to approve not to exceed \$ 500.00. Councilman Yerman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (11032025-K).

12. Executive Session

- a. Legal, Personnel, Real Estate
- b. Entered executive session at 9:15 with right to re-open regular meeting. Exited at 9:50 PM

13. Adjournment

- i. Councilman Hutchison made motion to adjourn. Councilman Yerman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (11032025-L)

Respectfully Submitted

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