

**MACUNGIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Organization & General Business Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2026 ~ 7:30 P.M.

Council Members:

Ron Karboski
Greg Hutchison
Todd Ritter
Carl Sell, Jr.
Megan Sell
Greg Reinbold
Bob Sell, Jr.
David Keightly
Kalman Sostarecz, Jr.

Mayor:

Solicitor:

Borough Manager:

I. Elected Officials Oath of Office

The Honorable Thomas A. Capehart issued the Oath of Office to Mayor Robert Sell, Jr., and Council Persons Ronald Karboski, Gregory Hutchison, Megan Sell, and Gregory Reinbold.

II. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sell called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and asked all present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

III. Organization

A. Council President

Mayor Bob Sell asked for nominations for President of Council. Mr. Hutchison nominated Mr. Karboski who declined the nomination. Mr. Karboski nominated Mr. Sell who accepted the nomination. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Council Vice-President

Mr. Ritter nominated Mr. Karboski for Vice-President of Council. Mr. Karboski accepted the nomination. Motion passed 4-0 (M. Sell & Reinbold – Abstain)

C. Council Pro Tempore

Vice-President Karboski nominated Mr. Hutchison for Pro Tempore. Mr. Hutchison accepted the nomination. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Committees of Council

President Sell made a motion to dissolve all previous committees, seconded by Vice-President Karboski. Motion passed unanimously.

President Sell asked for volunteers to serve on a committee for the police negotiations. Vice-President Karboski, Ms. Sell, and Mr. Hutchison volunteered. **Vice-President Karboski made a motion to approve the committee members, seconded by Mr. Ritter. Motion passed unanimously.**

IV. Announcement of Executive Sessions

Mr. Sostarecz announced two executive sessions: December 15, 2025 at 8:24 p.m. and January 2, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. The topic for both was personnel

V. Appointments

- A. Borough Manager**
- B. Borough Secretary**
- C. Borough Treasurer**
- D. Open Records Officer**

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to appoint Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr. as the Borough Manager, Borough Secretary, Borough Treasurer, and Open Records Officer, seconded by Ms. Sell. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Zoning Officer**

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to appoint Becky Rabenold of Barry Isett & Associates as the Zoning Officer, seconded by Ms. Sell. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Engineer's Report

Mr. Fry reported that at the Fields of Brookside development there are only four lots remaining. Regarding the Hickory Bridge replacement, all the documents are in PennDOT's hands, and will hopefully be approved by late spring. He also discussed future studies for additional speed limit signs.

VII. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

VIII. Complaints, Petitions, & Appeals

None

IX. Approval of Minutes

- A. December 15, 2025**

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Vice President Karboski. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Approval of Paid Bills Detail

- A. December 2025**

Ms. Sell made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$279,982.95, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Correspondence

- A. PSAB-MRT Monthly Report**
- B. Lynette Sell Letter of Interest for Council Vacancy**
- C. Stanley Landis Letter of Interest for Council Vacancy**

XII. Reports

- A. Council – None**

B. Mayor

Mayor Sell thanked the residents who voted for him and will earn the trust of those who didn't. His goal is to advocate for the residents. He will be posting information regarding the Internal Affairs investigation that is publicly accessible. He stated he understands that the Borough has spent \$55,000 on the police CBA and the internal affairs investigation. He announced the Roasties grand opening.

Mr. Hutchison asked how he was aware of the amount of money that was spent.

Mayor Sell stated a Right to Know.

C. Solicitor – None

D. Borough Manager

Mr. Sostarecz announced that Lehigh County's CDBG grant reimbursement has been received in the amount of \$75,000 and that the Q4 2025 utility bills will be mailed out by January 16th, with a due date of February 17th.

Mr. Hutchison asked the status of the shelf installation at the Macungie Institute. Mr. Sostarecz stated he will research it and have the project completed.

XIII. Unfinished Business

None

XIV. New Business

A. Ratification of Termination of John Brown Effective 12/31/2025

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to ratify the termination of John Brown effective December 31, 2025, seconded by Mr. Ritter. Motion passed 4-2. (M. Sell & Reinbold – No)

B. Filling of Vacant Council Seat

Mr. Ritter made a motion to appoint Lynette Sell to the open council seat, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Mr. Ritter left the meeting at 8:18 p.m. No vote was taken on the motion. The motion died.

Ms. Sell asked why the seat is being filled the same night it was vacated. Mr. Sostarecz explained that after consultation with the PA State Association of Boroughs, it was determined that when Vice President Karboski was sworn into his new four-year term, he automatically vacated his previous term which has two years remaining, since one person cannot hold two seats. There is no requirement to wait to fill the vacancy, but it is Council's discretion on how they would like to handle it.

Resident Brenda Eisenhard asked for the letters of interest to be read. Solicitor Keightley did read the letters.

Resident Karen Bilger stated residents were not aware the openings were not advertised.

Resident Barry Bloch asked that an additional two weeks be given for other residents to submit letters of interest.

Resident Ron Conrad stated that in the past vacancies have always been advertised.

Solicitor Keightley stated that Council has thirty days to fill the position.

Resident Janet Sell stated that there was an election in November and everyone had a chance to run. Ms. Megan Sell responded that there was someone else who had received votes during the election.

Resident Stan Landis stated that even though he is interested in being appointed, he believes the Council should give an additional two weeks to accept letters.

Business owner Tim Romig stated that he feels Vice President Karboski is circumventing the system.

Vice President Karboski stated his reasons for deciding to run for the four-year seat.

Vice President Karboski made a motion to give it two more weeks, seconded by President Sell. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Karboski made a motion to direct the Borough Manager to post the vacancy on the Borough website, seconded by President Sell. Motion passed unanimously.

XV. Executive Session

Council recessed at 8:25 p.m. for an executive session.

XVI. Action from Executive Session

Council reconvened at 8:34 p.m.

Solicitor Keightley stated that council discussed forwarding a citizen complaint to Attorney Patrick Harvey.

President Sell made a motion to send the citizen complaint to Attorney Harvey, seconded by Vice President Karboski. Motion passed 4-0. (Reinbold – Abstain; Ritter – Absent)

XVII. Adjournment

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m., seconded by President Sell. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted



Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr.
Borough Secretary