

A Muncy Creek Township Supervisors Regular Meeting was held at the Muncy Area Volunteer Fire Company, 932 East Penn Street, Muncy, PA on Monday, January 20, 2025, at 7:00 the meeting was called to order by chairman, Eric Newcomer followed by the pledge of allegiance. The following were present:

Members: Gary Phillips, Eric Newcomer

Others: Mike Wiley, Donna Weimer, Cindy Newcomer, Alexis Newcomer, Larry Hoose, Monique Reinsel, Bill Reinsel, Michael Freeze, Brad Phillips, Harley Fry II, Scott Delany, Richard McCormick, Cathy McCormick, Cari Buck

Public Comment was called for. There were no comments.

A motion was made by G. Phillips, seconded by E. Newcomer to **waive the reading of the minutes** from the January 6, 2025 Supervisor's Organizational/Regular Meeting to **approve the minutes** from the January 6, 2025 Supervisor's Organizational/Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by G. Phillips, seconded by E. Newcomer to **receive the Auditor's minutes** from January 3, 2024. Motion carried.

A motion was made by G. Phillips, seconded by E. Newcomer to **receive the Planning Commission minutes** from the December 4, 2024 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by G. Phillips, seconded by E. Newcomer to **receive the WBRA minutes** from the December 11, 2024 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by G. Phillips, seconded by E. Newcomer to **review and approve the check detail report as presented and bills that were paid and authorize bills to be paid between this meeting and the next.** Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report – Director was not present.

A motion was made by G. Phillips, seconded by E. Newcomer to approve **the sale of the 2017 F350** to the highest bidder on Muncibid at \$21,700. Motion carried.

The Code Inspections Report for December 2024 has been received.

Fire Company Report – **The monthly report** for December 2024 has not been received. 3 registers ending 12/31/24 have been received. Supervisor Phillips asked about the alliance. Scott Delany noted that it is slow moving but there is another meeting to discuss on Wednesday night.

A motion was made by G. Phillips, seconded by E. Newcomer to **approve the purchase of a new Craftsman toolbox** as requested by the Public Works Crew. Motion carried.

A motion was made by E. Newcomer, seconded by G. Phillips to **approve the purchase of 5 refurbished laptops from KVS to cover the boards** at a cost of \$550 each. Motion carried.

A letter was received from the **Muncy Heritage Park and Nature Trail** letting the board know they are now its own not-for-profit organization. The letter does not request a donation and Supervisor Newcomer takes it as informational.

Monique Reinsel, Muncy Creek Township Real Estate Tax Collector requested to be added to the agenda and was present to ask the board to re-consider their vote to decrease the pay of the local tax collector. She stated that the local tax collector's office has had the same pay rate of 2.5% of bills collected since 1997. She said this equals out to roughly \$3.00 per bill received and the board has now voted to decrease that to \$1.50 per bill received. She said this is not fair, and it is discouraging people from wanting to do the job. She asked why the municipality wouldn't want to increase the wages, if county does? It's discording to cut it in half. There were several residents present in the audience on Monique's behalf and the board asked if they would like to say anything:

R. McCormick: To cut a salary in half when everything goes up, it makes no sense.

B. Phillips: This is a dis-service to the elected office, it is irresponsible. Thinks Monique does a good job and supports here keeping the rate she had, maybe a small increase.

M. Freeze: What is the basis for the reduction, it does not make sense.

B. Reinsel: Monique provides a personal service with a smile. Why cut her rate? It's not about fairness or the township, if it were, then you wouldn't treat any elected official any differently than you would treat yourself. He thinks it's because the county treasurer wants it in her office, and a supervisor has a personal relationship and that the board lowered it so no one runs and then it would go to county.

D. Weimer: Please consider what you are reducing the pay to.

Supervisor Newcomer stated this will go into effect for next years term, starting in 2026. It goes to the elected person first, if they refuse or no-one runs, then it goes to county. It is cheaper for county to collect; it is less of a headache at the county level for our secretary. A complaint was made after the last meeting regarding the amount of time it took to cash a check.

D. Weimer: How much does the county charge? \$1.50 per bill received and they pay for postage.

C. Newcomer: Became the county treasurer in 2020. When she was secretary at the township prior to that, there was a vacancy in the position for tax collector, and she/the township was lucky to have the county to collect the real estate taxes for almost 20 years. The school district reduced their pay for tax collection so far that the elected collector no longer wanted to do it, so they could do it themselves. County has a checks and balances in place to offer if the position of tax collector for the township would ever become vacant again.

M. Reinsel: Stated that there are 1821 tax bills for the township, she sent back 155 that were not collected.

R. McCormick: How many complaints have there been? Supervisor Newcomer stated that there were enough for it to be a concern for him when he was running for the supervisor's position.

M. Freeze: If the township is trying to eliminate the tax collector position, why don't they just do it? Supervisor Newcomer stated that they township is not trying to eliminate the position.

B. Reinsel: Do the supervisors have the ability to reset the pay? Supervisor Newcomer stated that yes, they do.

M. Reinsel: Asked if the board was going to consider her request? Supervisor Newcomer stated that there was no motion to reconsider the wages.

A motion was made by G. Phillips, seconded by E. Newcomer to **approve sending the proposed Solar Ordinance** to Lycoming County Planning Commission for review. Motion carried. They have 30 days to review and respond. The board is contemplating a public hearing in March.

Muncy Creek Township Sewer Authority – ACT 537 Review/Comment: Supervisor Newcomer would like to request that WBRA provide quarterly reports to Muncy Creek Township regarding assets in relation to the system that was transferred. This comment along with the comments/review from Dan Vassallo will be sent to Larson Design Group.

Three quotes were received for new furniture for the township office and breakroom. Crestwood Kitchen Supply, Inc. \$7,167.00, A+ Office Supply \$5,845.24 and Closets Plus \$7,462.96. The board had a discussion regarding the quotes and what would work best for the spaces.

A motion was made by G. Phillips, seconded by E. Newcomer to **approve Crestwood Kitchen Supply, Inc.** providing the furniture at \$7,167.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by E. Newcomer, seconded by G. Phillips to **approve Resolution 25-222 grant application to First Community Foundation Partnership (FCFP) Little League Partnership for Youth Sports.** Motion carried.

Regarding agenda item, Vassallo Report – Tyler Rd. – This item is in the Board of Supervisors hands for next steps. Solicitor M. Wiley is working through the information provided to him by the board. Supervisor Philips had a question regarding the trailer sitting on Tyler Road.

Public comments:

B. Reinsel: Is dis-heartened for two reasons: First, for the lack of common courtesy from the board for not feeling the need to let the tax collector know her position was going to be discussed on 1/6/25. Second, for the total lack of respect for people's time. Why add tax collector to the agenda if you had no plan of reconsidering?

H. Fry: Regarding the Code Inspection reports, those reports suck. Planning Commission receives a copy of them so they can review if stormwater or something is needed and they do not provide enough information on those reports. Can you get more information? The secretary mentioned that those reports are just a summary for the month and the township does receive a copy of every item on that report from Codes.

A motion was made by G. Phillips seconded by E. Newcomer to **adjourn** the meeting at approximately 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cari Buck, Secretary