

Mercersburg Borough Council
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
April 20, 2015
MINUTES

Attendance: Council President Tom Suddeth, Mayor Jim Zeger, Treasurer Catalin Bonciu, Lisa McCoy, Jonathan (Jon) Kittredge, Borough Manager Dawn Scheller, Assistant Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Solicitor Steve Coccoresse, Borough Engineer Lance Kegerreis, and Police Chief John Zechman

Absent: Vice-President Jeff Main, Amy Burkot, and Donald Stoner

Guest/Press: See sign-in sheet

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the Mayor leading the Pledge of Allegiance. President Suddeth opened the floor for Public Comments.

Mr. Heefner spoke with disappointment that no one was present for the James Buchanan Award presentation. He reviewed that it is the Borough's Award.

President Suddeth then moved on to the agenda item of curb appeals. Council members received copies of the appeals in their meeting packets

Mr. Matt Kipe, 117 E. Seminary Street, reviewed that his property deed stops in the middle of the sidewalk. He questioned Council if it was his responsibility to replace the curbing or to remove the two trees along the curb line if needed as neither is on his deeded property. Council members received a copy of the letter from the office indicating that according to Borough Code it provides the Borough the authorization to require him to complete the curbing work. It was noted that Council would discuss the appeals in executive session and take action on them in regular session.

No other property owners were present to discuss the appeals.

Mayor Zeger provided the Mayor's report and noted that it was spring time and encouraged property owners and business owners alike to sweep up the sidewalks.

President Suddeth asked if there was anything from the Solicitor, Steve had nothing to discuss at this time.

President Suddeth asked if there was anything from the Engineer, Lance had nothing to report at this time.

Council moved on to the other Agenda items.

MOTION: to approve the MOU between the Borough and Franklin County Law Enforcement Agency and the Franklin County Districts Attorney's Office was made by Jon Kittredge, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to authorize Council President to sign the Agreement authorizing the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Borough of Chambersburg and authorize the notice from Salzmann Hughes was made by Jon Kittredge, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to approve Resolution 13-15 Naming PMCA as the Code Official for Mercersburg, authorize Council President to sign the Agreement with PMCA, and sign the 90-day termination letter to CCIS was made by Jon Kittredge, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.

President Suddeth asked if there was anything else for Old Business.

Police Chief John Zechman noted that the Office had received a check for damage to the 2005 Police Vehicle. Chief Zechman looked to Council to approve the insurance check to be deposited in the replacement cruiser fund. Borough Council Members discussed the matter and agreed that the check be deposited in that account.

President Suddeth moved on to New Business.

MOTION: to authorize and approve President Suddeth to sign the GIS Agreement with the County was made by Jon Kittredge, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to approve HARB's Recommendation to approve COA: 15-04-01 was made by Jon Kittredge, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.

The next item was regarding the purchase of a vehicle for PWD. Derek Stoy presented descriptive detail on the need to replace the 1997 Public Works Truck as it will not pass inspection the end of April. It was noted that the purchase of the backhoe decreased the balance in the Joint Equipment Fund leaving the balance of approximately \$8700. Dawn Scheller reported that the Authorities were willing to complete the agreed upon annual transfer in the amount of \$6,000 per the MOU Council authorized now as opposed to waiting till December 31, 2015. After more discussion, Borough Council requested that Derek Stoy be present at the General Purpose Authority Meeting to make a presentation asking that they provide financial assistance for this purchase. Derek Stoy stated that he would be at the meeting to be held on April 29, 2015. Dawn Scheller recommended that the Authority Chairman be invited to the Property Committee Meeting where they could discuss the purchase and review how much funding they have to make the purchase. They would then bring that information and recommendations to their boards for final approval.

MOTION: to authorize the transfer of \$6,000 to the Joint Equipment Fund was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jon Kittredge, all ayes, motion carried.

Council reviewed the correspondence included in the meeting packets along with the meeting calendar.

President Suddeth asked if there was any addition New Business Items to be discussed.

Council Members reviewed that the Borough has not received any plan or drawing information regarding the Academy's counter offer for McConnell Alley and Constitution Ave. Dawn Scheller was asked to draft and send correspondence asking for the status of their request or if no longer interested to restore McConnell Alley and have it reopened to the public.

MOTION: to enter into executive session at 7:48 pm for Quasi-Judicial Deliberation, personnel and finance matters with possible action to be taken was made by Jon Kittredge, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.

Regular Session resumed at 9:20 pm.

MOTION: to deny all four curb appeals and authorize the Solicitor to draft correspondence notifying each of the appeal applicants of the decisions was made by Jon Kittredge, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to adjourn at 9:23 pm was made by Jon Kittredge, second by Lisa McCoy, all ayes, motion carried.

These meeting minutes were transcribed with the use of meeting notes and audio recording and have been respectfully been submitted for approval by Dawn L. Scheller.

Date approved: _____ Motion made by: _____ Second by: _____