

Mercersburg Borough Council
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
April 9, 2018
MINUTES

Attending: Donald (Dusty) Stoner Jr., Jeff Main, Sean Grove, Amy Burkot, Dr. Michael Pedersen, Tom Heefner, Paul Sipes, Acting Borough Manager Derek Stoy, and Solicitor Steve Coccorese

Absent: Engineer Lance Kegerreis, Mayor Roger Defibaugh

Guests/Press: Rachel Nichols, Mercersburg Journal, Nancy Robinson South Main Street.

President Stoner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked Tom Heefner to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Stoner asked for any public comment. None was provided.

MOTION: To approve March 12 2018 minutes was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the treasurer's report ending March 31, 2018 and bills payable list ending the same date was made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

President Stoner moved onto the Borough manager's report. Acting borough manager Derek Stoy stated the ACT 537 plan resolutions were submitted to both Montgomery Township and Peters Township for review and hopeful action to be taken. He also stated that the 2010 International dump truck may have either a blown head gasket or a cracked head. The repairs could cost upwards of \$14,000 depending on the severity and a cost estimate to B&M Diesel was provided to the council. Shade tree planting is scheduled for May 5th, 2018 in conjunction with the cleanup day. He also requested a full day closure of the office on May 4th 2018 as both employees have prior commitments that day and can't be at work.

Prior to moving on to committee reports, President Stoner stated that he may appoint alternates to committees or if a committee meeting is canceled due to lack of attendance, the agenda for said meeting will be handled at the next council meeting.

Amy Burkot presented the Beautification committee report. She stated the Spring Cleanup day will be Saturday May 5th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. She is still pulling together addresses but wanted to paint a porch as part of the day. A long discussion ensued as it pertained to liability and Solicitor Coccorese was worried that if the borough painted a porch, what would be requested later, a possible roof repair? His concern was also who is picking which house to perform the work on? Was it a council decision or a committee decision? Ms. Burkot stated she made the final call on which properties were chosen to be addressed the day of the cleanup. Vice President Jeff Main stated that he felt moving forward that there should be certain protocols and standards when choosing a property to address. He is in full support of the cleanup day but wants something in writing to be followed moving forward. President Stoner agreed and stated that for next year's event, he wants the beautification committee to present something to council for approval with standards on how properties are chosen for the cleanup. The majority of council agreed that painting the porch is not something they want to be done at this time.

MOTION: To approve \$500 expenditure for the May 5th 2018 cleanup day with no painting of the porch to be done was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

Jeff Main gave the HARB committee report.

MOTION: To approve COA-2018-04-02 was made by Jeff Main, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.

President Stoner moved onto new business.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 13-18 appointing Gene Headley to the Sewer Authority was made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 14-18 appointing Melissa Stuff to HARB was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 15-18 appointing Tom Suddeth to the Vacancy Board was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To award Gail Fritz the 2018 Harriet Lane award was made by Tom Heefner, second by Jeff Main. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve expenditure not to exceed \$14,000 to repair the 2010 International dump truck at B & M Diesel was made by Tom Heefner, second by Jeff Main. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve tree planting at 26 and 32 North Main St. along with 35 and 43 South Main St. as per the Shade tree Ordinance.

MOTION: To grant a 90 day extension for the Findlay Park 2 LLC subdivision starting May 14, 2018, upon receipt of a letter was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To advertise a Request for Proposals to provide air conditioning to the borough office, police department and former Judge's office was made by Paul Sipes, second by Amy Burkot. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To close the borough office on May 4th, 2018 due to lack of personnel was made by Paul Sipes, second by Sean Grove. Donald Stoner Jr. aye, Jeff Main aye, Paul Sipes aye, Sean Grove aye, Tom Heefner aye, Michael Pedersen aye. Amy Burkot no. Motion passes on a 6-1 vote.

MOTION: To approve Elite Cleaning to clean the borough office and council meeting room once a month at the cost of \$95 per cleaning with no contract to be signed was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To adjourn was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

These meeting minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted for approval by Derek Stoy with the use of his meeting notes and audio recording.

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