

**Mercersburg Borough Council**  
**Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA**  
**June 10, 2019**  
**MINUTES**

**Attending:** President Donald (Dusty) Stoner Jr., Vice-President Jeff Main, Dr. Michael Pedersen, Paul Sipes, Sean Grove, Amy Burkot, Tom Heefner, Mayor Roger Defibaugh, Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Borough Secretary Stacey Golden and Solicitor Steve Coccorese

**Absent:** None

**Guests/Press:** Rachel Nichols, Raymond Minton, Lisa Minton, Preston Spahr, Liz George, Chris Ardinger

President Donald Stoner Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked Mayor Defibaugh to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Stoner opened the floor for public comments. Preston Spahr handed out a flyer titled "Mercersburg Vibrancy Planning Organization" that included the idea of creating a Steering Committee and outlined how the group would function. The plan included hiring a Municipal Planner who would work with the Borough Manager and one Borough Council Member. The salary for the planner would be funded from organizations.

**MOTION: To proceed with the Steering Committee and in so doing commit the Borough Manager & one council member to the committee was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. Donald Stoner Jr., Yay; Jeff Main, Yay; Michael Pedersen, Yay; Sean Grove, Yay; Amy Burkot, Nay; Paul Sipes, Yay; Tom Heefner, Yay. Motion carried on a six to one vote.**

**MOTION: To approve the May 13, 2019 meeting minutes with voting corrections to a motion on page 4 to read:**

*"MOTION: To continue the use of the Borough Hall garage by the police officers on duty at the Mayor's approval and if need be require a written log stating who uses it and what it is being used for was made by Sean Grove, second by Tom Heefner. Donald Stoner Jr., Nay; Jeff Main, Nay; Michael Pedersen, Yay; Sean Grove, Yay; Paul Sipes, Yay; Amy Burkot, Yay; Tom Heefner, Yay, was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. Motion carried on a five to two vote."* **was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable for the month ending May 31, 2019 was made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.**

President Stoner moved into the Mayor's Report. Mayor Roger Defibaugh said that the town looks so beautiful with the flowers and flags displayed and thanked Michael Pedersen. Mayor Defibaugh reported that there are 400 more incidents documented for the police department than last year noting that the department is busy. The black unmarked police vehicle experienced an incident causing minor damage, Mayor Defibaugh said the repair cost is estimated at \$772.00. Paul Sipes asked for a "translation key" for the police department reports.

Council moved into the Borough Manager's Report.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy began his report with the Johnston's Run Trail update saying that 50% of the grant has been received and the next step is asking for the 40%. Moving onto the police station rehabilitation project report, Stoy provided pricing for the upgrades noting that the property committee could not meet due to not having full attendance resulting in the council reviewing the costs and making a decision. Stoy reported that so far there are 21 children enrolled in the Summer Playground Program with two people who have applied for the Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator positions. Manager Stoy stated that 3 bids were received for the repaving project at the Beech Lane and Locust Drive intersection. Stoy said there would be a need for an executive session to discuss multiple ordinance violations that need addressed. The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM to discuss the police pension plan. Manager Derek Stoy asked council to put the street sweeper out to bid explaining that the equipment is 30 years old. Manager Stoy asked the council to review a motion that was made at the HARB meeting. Stoy concluded his report with stating that 306 North Main Street was sold with the lien of \$14,162.50 being satisfied, Stoy said he was preparing the paperwork to file at the courthouse for release. The lien was due to noncompliance of the curb and sidewalk restoration several years ago.

President Donald Stoner Jr. moved into Committee Reports.

Vice-President Jeff Main reported on Fire Board saying everyone would be getting an invitation for the yearly review and for the three, five and ten year plan. The event will be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM with light refreshments.

**MOTION: To approve HARB application COA-2019-06-01 at 12 square foot per the zoning ordinance was made by Paul Sipes, second by Michael Pedersen. Dusty Stoner Jr., Yay; Jeff Main, Nay; Michael Pedersen, Yay; Amy Burkot, Yay; Paul Sipes, Yay; Tom Heefner, Yay; Sean Grove, Yay. Motion carried on a six to one vote.**

President Donald Stoner Jr. moved into New Business.

**MOTION: To accept the Ganoë proposal for the Beech Lane/Locust Drive Intersection Project in the amount of \$10,174.00 was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

Borough Manager gave an update on the police station rehabilitation work for the asbestos that was found. Stoy provided proposals from Rockwell Construction, CS Stoneworks and Acoustical Solutions. Stoy said the police department would need to move their office to the upstairs town hall building. Manager Stoy noted that the only thing he didn't have was a separate price for the electrical work. CS Stonework and Acoustical Solutions did not include electrical work in their proposals. Rockwell's proposal included flooring, ceiling and electrical work. Manager Stoy said he expects the work to be started in three weeks to a month. Mayor Defibaugh mentioned that Franklin County had inmates that could be trusted to help with moving.

**MOTION: To approve CS Stoneworks form Chambersburg, PA to do the flooring work in the police department in the amount of \$2940.00 and for Acoustical Solutions from Bedford, PA to do the ceiling work in the amount of \$1900.00 using Capital Funds to pay for all the repairs was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. Donald Stoner Jr., Yay; Jeff Main, Nay; Michael Pedersen, Yay; Amy Burkot, Nay; Paul Sipes, Yay; Tom Heefner, Yay; Sean Grove, Yay. Motion carried on a six to one vote.**

**MOTION: To hire Colby Sites as the Summer Playground Coordinator and McKenzie Layton as the Assistant Coordinator was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To sell the street sweeper “as is” was made by Paul Sipes, second by Tom Heefner. Donald Stoner Jr., Yay; Jeff Main, Yay; Michael Pedersen, Yay; Sean Grove, Yay; Amy Burkot, Nay; Paul Sipes, Yay; Tom Heefner, Yay. Motion carried on a six to one vote.**

President Donald Stoner Jr. went over committee meeting dates.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy noted that there will be a need for a streets meeting and that there was a vacancy for a new member.

Council entered into Executive Session at 8:16 PM.

Council resumed regular session at 9:12 PM.

**MOTION: To send 19 South Fayette Street resident a second and final letter to remove their rubble in concordance with the borough was made by Jeff Main, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To allow the public works employees to remove the two red boxes at 100 Keefer Drive from the borough’s property at the end of the right of way was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To hold a special executive session meeting on June 17, 2019 at 7 PM was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To adjourn 9:17 PM was made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.**

*These meeting minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted for approval by Stacey M. Golden with the use of her meeting notes and audio recording.*

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Second by: \_\_\_\_\_