

Mercersburg Borough Council
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
January 6, 2020
MINUTES

Attending: President Donald (Dusty) Stoner Jr., Vice-President Jeff Main, Dr. Michael Pedersen, Tom Heefner, Sean Grove, Anthony Frisby, Paul Sipes, Sgt. Wertz, Mayor Roger Defibaugh, Judge Jody Eyer, Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Borough Secretary Stacey Golden and Solicitor Steve Coccorese

Absent: None

Guests/Press: Raymond & Lisa Minton, Preston Spahr, Chris Ardinger

Judge Jody Eyer swore in newly elected council members, Anthony Frisby, Jeff Main & Tom Heefner. New elected officials gave the oath of office, signed their certificates and took their seats.

Mayor Roger Defibaugh called the reorganizational meeting to order and opened the floor for nominations for Council President. Dr. Michael Pedersen nominated Dusty Stoner.

MOTION: To close nominations for Council President by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried. Dusty Stoner was elected Council President.

Mayor Defibaugh handed the gavel over to President Donald Stoner.

President Stoner opened the floor for nominations for Council Vice-President. Dr. Michael Pedersen nominated Jeff Main.

MOTION: To close nominations for Council Vice-President by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried. Jeff Main was elected Council Vice-President.

President Stoner opened the floor for nominations for President Pro Tem. Dr. Michael Pedersen nominated Tom Heefner.

MOTION: To close nominations for President Pro Tem by Jeff Main. All ayes, motion carried. Tom Heefner was elected President Pro Tem.

President Stoner opened the floor for nominations for Council Treasurer. Tom Heefner nominated Stacey Golden.

MOTION: To close nominations for Council Treasurer by Jeff Main. All ayes, motion carried. Stacey Golden was elected Council Treasurer.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 02-20 appointing Dusty Stoner, Jeff Main, Paul Sipes and Michael Pedersen as check signers was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 03-20 appointing Ed Twine to the Water Authority with the term ending December 31, 2024, was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 04-20 appointing Gene Headley to the Sewer Authority with the term ending December 31, 2024 was made by Tom Heefner, second by Jeff Main. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 06-20 appointing Jeff Main to the General Purpose Authority with the term ending December 31, 2024 was made by Tom Heefner, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 07-20 appointing Thomas Riford to the Zoning Hearing Board with the term ending December 31, 2022 was made by Tom Heefner, second by Jeff Main. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 08-20 appointing Lena Eckstine to the Zoning Hearing Board with the term ending December 31, 2022 was made by Tom Heefner, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 09-20 appointing Tom Heefner to the HARB Committee with the term ending December 31, 2024 was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 10-20 appointing Raymond Minton to the HARB Committee with the term ending December 31, 2024 was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 05-20 appointing Dr. Michael Pedersen and Jeff Main to the Fire Board with the term ending December 31, 2020 was made by Tom Heefner, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

President Donald Stoner opened up the floor for public comments. Preston Spahr gave an update on the Mercersburg Vibrancy Steering Committee. Spahr said the committee joined "Pennsylvania Downtown" for a fee of \$200 for six months. Spahr said the committee is looking for recommendations for branding of Mercersburg. Tom Steiger is working on 501 3c and expects designation for the month of January. Chris Ardinger from the Chamber of Commerce thanked Borough Manager Derek Stoy and the Public Works Department for putting up holiday decorations. Ardinger commented that the borough Christmas tree came down, President Stoner said everything looked nice this year.

MOTION: To approve December 12, 2019 minutes was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

Council moved onto the Mayor's Report.

Mayor Defibaugh welcomed new council member, Anthony Frisby. Mayor Defibaugh said he is hoping to have an officer at the council meetings for the first half hour in case there are any questions on the police reports. The annual reports reflected 2200 police incidents, approximately 25 arrests and 450 traffic citations. The Mayor asked council if a rumor was true about the police department dissolving. Vice-President Jeff Main commented that he didn't foresee that in the future. Sgt. Wertz talked to council about the police report. Mayor Defibaugh and Sgt. Wertz spoke to council about creating a facebook page, Vice-president Main asked who would manage it. Solicitor Steve Coccorese advised not to have a facebook page without someone managing it through a consulting firm.

Nothing to report from the Solicitor.

Council moved onto the Borough Manager's Report.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy welcomed new council member Anthony Frisby. Manager Stoy provided a final DCNR inspection report for the Johnston's Run Trail and said he asked for a six month extension. Stoy asked council to look over Parking Ordinance 1-35 for approval to advertise. The ordinance would revise the parking along South Park Avenue for the church and enable the police department to boot vehicles. Personnel Committee will meet January 21, 2020 at 7 PM. Manager Derek Stoy updated council on the status of the new truck purchase. Stoy noted there is a meeting for January 9, 2020 to put the final touches on the truck. Stoy included the Tuscarora Area Chamber of Commerce Annual

Breakfast invitation in his report. Stoy concluded his report with a request from Liz George asking for additional parking on Saturday mornings for the Couch to 5 Miler Training Program MACWELL is hosting. The request would require for someone to unlock the gate and then secure every Saturday from February 8th to May 2nd. Manager Stoy said he didn't have an employee who would be available to provide this service.

No Committee Reports.

MOTION: To approve advertisement for Parking Ordinance 1-35 was made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve advertisement for the James Buchanan and Harriet Lane awards was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve keeping Derek Stoy as the COG Representative was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To not approve the request from Liz George for the additional parking was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Jeff Main. All ayes, motion carried.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy asked to revisit Resolution 11-20 for appointing President Pro Tem.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 11-20 appointing Tom Heefner as President Pro Tem for the period of two years was made by Sean Grove, second by Jeff Main. All ayes, motion carried.

President Donald Stoner confirmed committee meeting dates.

MOTION: To adjourn was made by Jeff Main second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

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

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