

**Mercersburg Borough Council  
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA  
August 17, 2015  
MINUTES**

**Attending:** President Tom Suddeth, Vice-President Jeff Main, Treasurer Catalin Bonciu, Mayor Jim Zeger, Amy Burkot, Lisa McCoy, Donald Stoner, Jonathan Kittredge (Jon), Borough Manager Dawn Scheller, Assistant Borough Manager Derek Stoy, and Solicitor Steve Coccorese

**Absent:** NONE

**Guests:** Ed Twine: BTW Mercersburg, Dan Chayes: Heisey Road Mercersburg, Tom Rhodes: BTW Mercersburg

**Press:** NONE

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, Mayor Zeger led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Suddeth asked for Public Comments.

Mr. Rhodes spoke about recent conversations that he has had with Fire Chief Dale Carbaugh and Derek Stoy about parked cars along Park Ave. Derek Stoy explained that a recent letter was sent to his tenant regarding vehicles parked that do not have current registration stickers requesting the vehicles be moved. Council Members discussed an alternative that they move the spaces north approximately five to ten feet. After discussion, it was agreed upon that Dale Carbaugh and Derek Stoy would work together to decide on a course of action.

Mayor Zeger reported that the Fair went well. He reported that many people attended and thanked everyone for their support and assistance with the planning and operation of the fair.

Dawn Scheller presented a Manager's Report which included a CCIS Update, a Resolution drafted by the Solicitor regarding Beautification Committee borrowing funds from UDAG, the Zoning Ordinance Request, and the tree stump in front of Borough Hall.

**MOTION:** to approve Resolution 18-15: relieving the Beautification Committee of the obligation imposed by a prior Borough Council to repay money to the Borough's UDAG Fund was made by Jonathan Kittredge, second by Jeff Main, Catalin Bonciu opposed, remaining ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** to approve the work on the police vehicle for a cost of \$914.60 by Keystone Ford was made by Jeff Main, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** to approve the deposit of checks from CCIS for Inspection Fees Paid and then issue those funds to PMCA for Inspection Costs was made by Jonathan Kittredge, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** to proceed to advertise the Zoning Ordinance Text Changes, submit them to the County Planning, and the Mercersburg Planning Commission with action to be taken at the September 21, 2015 Borough Council Meeting, the text change would include increasing the allowed square footage for a convenience store from 4,000 to 8,000 square feet, to increase the signage square footage to 50 square feet, and to include the sale of gasoline and diesel fuel per the description provided by the Solicitor, was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** to authorize the check for the tree removed in-front of Borough Hall \$110.00 and trees removed on Linden Ave. \$1170.00 to be made payable to Jacob D. Keller rather than Busy Beaver Tree Company due to Busy Beaver Tree Company dissolving was made by Jeff Main, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.

Derek Stoy reviewed his report that included an update on Columbia Gas, Curb Work, and two Ordinance Violation letters. Council discussed the HARB Concern and asked that HARB review the letter received concerning the replaced window and door.

**MOTION: to authorize the Zoning Officer to send the letter regarding Nuisance Ordinance was made by Jeff Main, second by Lisa McCoy, all ayes, motion carried.**

Council Members brought forward with concerns regarding recent curb and sidewalk complaints where the finished product looked ruff. Derek Stoy reported that he was working on having those areas addressed. Other areas of monolithic pours were noted, Derek stated that he would look into it. Another concern of junk cars was brought forward. Derek Stoy stated that he would look into it further and see what ordinance it could be enforced by.

**MOTION: to enter into executive session at 8:04 pm for Personnel Matters with possible action to be taken along with inviting Ed Twine and Dan Chayes to remain for the discussion was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.**

Regular session resumed at 8:48 pm where Dawn Scheller was directed to proceed forward with the personnel matter as discussed.

**MOTION: to enter into executive session for collective bargaining discussion with action to be taken at 8: 50 pm was made by Jeff Main, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.**

Regular Session resumed at 8:57 pm.

**MOTION: to accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented was made by Jeff Main, second by Amy Burkot, Jonathan Kittredge opposed, Catalin Bonciu abstained, remaining ayes, motion carried with a 5-1-1 vote.**

President Suddeth reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule with Finance Committee to meet on 9/1 & 9/15, Amy spoke about Beautification Committee applying for grant money to plant trees, Personnel Committee to meet on August 24, 2015, and the correspondence included in the packet. No other business was brought before Council.

**MOTION: to adjourn at 9:00 pm was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Lisa McCoy, all ayes, motion carried.**

*These meeting minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Dawn Scheller with the use of her meeting notes for approval.*

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion Made By: \_\_\_\_\_ Second By: \_\_\_\_\_