

Mercersburg Borough Council
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
October 8, 2018
MINUTES

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

Absent: None

Guests/Press: Franklin County District Attorney Matt Fogal, Pastor Ron Martin-Minnich, Chris Ardinger, Linda Hargrove, Preston Spahr, Dr. Liz George, Nancy Robinson, Terry Bishop, Dian Bishop, Deedre Atkisson, Channcey Webster, Tim Witter, Chris Svoboda, Bill Bassin, James Taylor, Debra Taylor, Linda Hargrove, Andy Abel

President Donald Stoner Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Defibaugh asked for a moment of silence for former Borough Police Officer Jack McLaughlin.

President Stoner asked for any public comments. Franklin County District Attorney Matt Fogal gave a presentation on the opioid crisis in the county.

Pastor Ron Martin-Minnich with the Presbyterian Church of the Upper West Conoccocheague requested parking on the East side of South Park Avenue between West California Street and West Seminary Street. The curb was recently painted yellow to prohibit parking.

MOTION: To allow temporary parking for 90 days, on Sunday only from 8 AM to 1 PM on the East Side of South Park Avenue between West California Street and West Seminary Street with the Borough Police Department not issuing citations in that timeframe was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. Motion passed on a 6 to 1 vote. Donald Stoner Jr.- Yay, Jeff Main- Yay, Dr. Michael Pedersen- Yay, Tom Heefner- Yay, Paul Sipes- Yay, Sean Grove- Yay, Amy Burkot- Nay.

Andy Abel spoke to Council about a "Master Plan" to enhance Mercersburg that would involve key projects. Mr. Able stated he spoke with leaders in the community to get opinions. Mr. Able reported that Patrick Starr with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council walked through town and discussion was made about a roundabout at Fort Loudon Road and Landis Drive intersection. Mr. Abel mentioned updating playground equipment and adding a dog park at the Lion's Park. Mr. Abel said he would like to come back in a month. Council members said Penn Dot would need a projected plan. Mr. Abel noted that Linda Hargrove would be attending a webinar on how to apply for grants. Dr. Liz George commented saying this is just "really early thinking". Council President Donald Stoner Jr. asked if there would be any financial obligation from the Borough, Liz George said no.

MOTION: To approve September 10, 2018 minutes was made by Jeff Main, second by Donald Stoner Jr. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report ending September 31, 2018 and Bills Payable list ending the same date was made by Tom Heefner, second by Jeff Main. All ayes, motion carried.

President Donald Stoner Jr. proceeded with the Mayor's Report. Mayor Defibaugh noted that the report was being done in a different format and asked that the Council look over it and give him feedback at the next meeting. Amy Burkot

asked when the Enradd System would be up and running. Mayor Defibaugh said it would be early next year because the police officers need to be trained and the company that trains won't be in the area until then.

Tim Witter with Fox and Associates went over blueprints of Findlay Park 2 LLC Subdivision Application with the Council.

MOTION: To approve the subdivision as presented by Fox & Associates contingent upon Findlay Park 2 LLC purchasing the said Yoder property was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

President Stoner Jr. moved into the Borough Manager's report. Borough Manager Derek Stoy gave an update on the Johnstons Run Trail. Stoy gave different options as to how the Council could proceed with ARRO Consulting Inc. The project has not been submitted to DCNR for review yet. Stoy noted that a report was conducted for the Summer Playground Program by Secretary, Stacey Golden. Stoy included Findlay Park 2 LLC Subdivision in his report as well as the Franklin County Drug Task Force. Stoy commented that the town is pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and that the office staff and Public Works Department will be supporting the cause as well. Borough Manager Stoy said that the Town Fest & Beer and Wine Festival was the best attended he ever saw, bringing thousands of people to Mercersburg and publicly thanked the Tuscarora Chamber of Commerce. Stoy gave meeting times for Finance, Personnel and Streets Committee. Stoy concluded his report with the Liquid Fuel Tax Audit reporting that monies from the Borough General Fund will have to refund the Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of \$8,282.46 due to retroactive expenditures.

MOTION: To utilize option 1 to hire ARRO to finish out the project and change the direction of "in kind" donation away from stone purchases and provide funding for engineering was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. Motion passed on 6 favored and 1 abstained vote. Donald Stoner Jr.-Yay, Jeff Main- Yay, Dr. Michael Pedersen- Yay, Tom Heefner-Yay, Paul Sipes-Yay, Sean Grove-Yay, Amy Burkot-Abstained.

MOTION: To move \$8282.46 from the General Fund into the Liquid Fuels Fund was made by Tom Heefner, second by Jeff Main. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To pay the Franklin County Drug Task Force 2018 fee, not to exceed \$753.62, was made by Tom Heefner, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

President Dusty Stoner Jr. moved into Committee Reports. Stoner reported that there will be a Finance Meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2018. Jeff Main commented that discussion was made about health insurance for the Personnel meeting and he is following up with Borough Manager Derek Stoy. Jeff Main also noted that request for parking was denied at the Streets Committee meeting for the Presbyterian Church of the Upper West.

Council President Donald Stoner Jr. moved into Old Business. Paul Sipes recommended to disband the Beautification Committee.

MOTION: To disband the Beautification Committee and replace it's purpose through the Chamber of Commerce was made by Paul Sipes, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Fire Police to assist with the Fulton Fall Folk Festival Parade on October 20, 2018 was made by Jeff Main, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To reimburse Corelogic LLC out of the General Fund for overpayment on parcels 121 South Main & 33 Oregon Street made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To donate \$600 out of the Summer Playground Program towards the Fendrick Library event on December 15, 2018 and to signify the end of the program was made by Paul Sipes, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To continue to fund the Franklin County Public Safety Training Center in the amount of \$312.20 was made by Tom Heefner, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 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: _____