

Mercersburg Borough Council
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
December 10, 2018
MINUTES

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

Absent: Borough Manager Derek Stoy

Guests/Press: Boy Scouts Pack 28, Ken Bustin, Linda Hargrove, Robert Wertz, Dr. Elizabeth George

President Donald Stoner Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Mayor asked the Boy Scout Pack to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Stoner asked for public comments. Dr. Elizabeth George spoke to Council about the Franklin County Watershed Plan. Chris Ardinger thanked Borough Manager Derek Stoy and everyone who had a part in the Christmas tree lighting. Linda Hargrove spoke to Council about "Mercersburg Relay for Life", a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society on February 17th at the Academy Field House.

MOTION: To approve November 11, 2018 minutes was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable ending November 30, 2018 was made by Tom Heefner, second by Jeff Main. All ayes, motion carried.

President Donald Stoner Jr. moved into the Mayor's Report. Mayor Defibaugh thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the Christmas Tree Lighting and commented that it was "a fantastic time" and the timing was perfect since the rain stopped right before the lighting. Defibaugh reported that he walked with Dr. Liz George down Myers Alley to check out some concerns from Mr. Frisby at the previous council meeting and was in contact with Borough Manager, Derek Stoy. Mayor Defibaugh said he is hoping to have something at the Committee Personnel in regards to changes to the Police Pension Plan. Mayor Defibaugh noted that there would be a candidate at the Personnel meeting to interview for the part time police position. Defibaugh spoke to Council about a quote from Watch Guard to purchase another camera for the unmarked black police vehicle and said that the funding could come from leftover wages and fuel from the budget line. Officer Wertz said the camera system is consistent with what they are currently using and would be compatible with body cameras and is what the Pennsylvania State Police are also using.

MOTION: To approve the use of funds from the leftover salary budget for the Police Department to purchase the Watch Guard camera system was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Defibaugh recognized part time Officer McCorriston for his work in the Snyder's robbery a few years back and said there would be a plaque presented to him at Judge Eyer's Office on Thursday, December 13th at noon.

Solicitor Steve Coccorese stated that he had a report and would discuss in further detail in Executive Session.

Council President read over the Borough Manager's Report to include: Johnstons Run Trail Update, 2019 Budget and Tax Levy Ordinance Approval, Christmas Tree Lighting, Volunteer Luncheon, Snow Plowing Incident, Personnel Meeting, Meeting Dates, Christmas Ornaments and Chamber Breakfast Attendance.

MOTION: To approve Borough Manager Derek Stoy as the Representative/Contact Person and Stacey Golden as the Alternate Contact for the Franklin County Area Tax Board was made by Tom Heefner, second by Jeff Main. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve \$250 to partially fund the Volunteer Luncheon scheduled for January 16, 2019 was made by Paul Sipes, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve keeping the Council meeting dates the second and if needed fourth Mondays of each month for 2019 was made by Jeff Main, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the 2019 Borough Budget presented to Borough Council was made by Jeff Main, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To adopt the Tax Levy Ordinance 3-21 was made by Jeff Main, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To move into Executive Session at 7:30 PM was made by Jeff Main, second by Paul Sipes. All Ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve that in the event of a weather emergency that Law Enforcement has the authority to put someone up in a paid shelter, if need be, and the Borough will reimburse Law Enforcement was made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 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: _____