

**Mercersburg Borough Council  
Lions Club Pavilion (Lower Pavilion)  
331 South Park Ave, Mercersburg, PA  
July 13, 2020  
MINUTES**

**Attending at Lion's Club Pavillion:** President Donald (Dusty) Stoner Jr., Vice-President Jeff Main, Dr. Michael Pedersen, Sean Grove, Anthony Frisby, Paul Sipes, Tom Heefner, Mayor Roger Defibaugh, Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Borough Secretary Stacey Golden and Solicitor Steve Coccorese

**Absent:** None

**Guests/Press:** N/A

President Donald Stoner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Stoner opened up the floor for public comments. Discussion was made by several citizens regarding parking meters, speed control, relocation of Borough Hall, crosswalk safety and Herbrucks truck route. One business owner requested to be notified when protests are happening in town. Council advised having a Streets Committee meeting to address some of the topics.

**MOTION: To accept the June 8, 2020 minutes was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To approve the Bills Payable and Treasurer's Report A & B for month ending June 30, 2020 was made by Tom Heefner, second by Jeff Main. All ayes, motion carried.**

Council moved onto the Mayor's Report.

Mayor Defibaugh announced that August 3, 2020 the meters would go back into effect. Defibaugh asked council to review a quote for Claylick for a bench in the holding cell at the police station. The bench would have holes to handcuff people.

**MOTION: To approve the Claylick quote was made by Anthony Frisby, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.**

Mayor Defibaugh also asked council for direction on the crossing guards. Defibaugh said "the school is not charging us but we charge them". Defibaugh also said there is no contract. Borough Manager Derek Stoy said he would put it under New Business for the next meeting.

Council moved onto the Borough Manager's Report.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy gave a report on COVID 19 saying that all personnel are working normal hours and the office is open to the public with a sneeze screen installed. An engineer proposal for floor plans and elevations for the renovation and second floor addition to Borough Hall was provided for council to review. Three quotes to pave McConnell Alley were presented, the quotes reflect labor and hauling. Stoy noted that the current cost of paving along with the lowest submittal provided will basically be the total of the grant, \$9,236.63. Stoy said that he budgeted for an out of pocket expense of \$6,000 last year and with engineering, stone, restoration cots, inlet filtration system purchase and in-house labor and equipment costs, it is right on track. Manager Stoy gave a vehicle update saying since Franklin County went green a few weeks ago, the borough was able to settle up with the winning bidders of the 2008 Police Cruiser and the 1997 F-350. Both vehicles have been transferred and the insurance has been cancelled on both. The

final grant submittal for Johnston's Run Trail has been completed. DCNR will be issuing a final payment of \$28,461 to fulfill the grant obligation. Stoy reported that \$4,829.91 of the final payment will be placed into the UDAG fund to complete final payment back to this particular fund. The remaining balance will be paid to MACWELL with any interest earned on the grant funds being sent back to the Commonwealth. At the current time the interest is roughly \$275 according to Stoy. Manager Stoy continued commending Tyler Semder who was a great help. The only outstanding item is the bench installation which are currently at the Mercersburg Academy and James Buchanan High School to be painted, once completed Manager Derek Stoy will send completed pictures to DCNR which will close out the project. The total cost was \$220,148.96 which included professional services (engineering and solicitor) and construction. Total value was \$220,095.58. Stoy reminded that the grant only covered 20% of professional services. Manager Stoy asked council to approve the RFP advertisement of the next 3-year contract for trash services. Stoy asked council for CLG grant program approval saying that signing and submitting assists with the CLG grants when the borough applies, the program lasts until December 2024. Manager Stoy concluded his report with providing Right to Know request monthly numbers. 23 requests have been submitted to the borough for 2020.

Paul Sipes asked about getting pricing for getting rid of junk, Solicitor Steve Coccorese said it can be included in RFP as an add on for bulk pick up.

Council moved into Committee Reports.

Vice President Jeff Main reported on the Fire Board thanking the borough for donations made to MMP&W. Main also reported on HARB application COA 2020-07-01.

**MOTION: To approve HARB application COA 2020-07-01 for a roof replacement submitted by John and Anne Flannery at 3 South Main Street, Mercersburg, PA was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.**

No Old Business.

Council moved into New Business.

Council discussed requesting a time change on Main Street for the RFP for the new trash contract.

**MOTION: To approve the RFP advertisement for the next 3 year contract for trash service asking that trash not be picked up between 7:15 AM and 8:30 AM on Main Street, to have all borough trash picked up by 12 Noon, to have a local contact person assigned to the contract and also include a bulky item day was made by Jeff Main, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.**

Vice-President Jeff Main asked solicitor Steve Coccorese for his recommendation on the CLG Program. Coccorese said everything seemed okay to proceed.

**MOTION: To move forward with the CLG grant program contract was made by Jeff Main, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To accept Ganoë Paving's proposal for paving McConnell Alley in the amount of \$5,095 was made by Jeff Main, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To not accept Dennis E. Black's proposal in the amount of \$17,000 for office addition/renovations to Borough Hall was made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To not explore any renovations to Borough Hall until 2021 was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. Motion carried on a 4 to 3 vote. Anthony Frisby- Yay, Jeff Main- Yay, Michael Pedersen- Yay, Sean Grove- Yay, Tom Heefner-Nay, Paul Sipes-Nay, Donald Stoner- Nay.**

President Donald Stoner Jr. announced that Monday, July 20, 2020 there would be an executive session for personnel matters and collective bargaining.

**MOTION: To adjourn at 9:06 PM was made by Michael Pedersen, second by Jeff Main. All ayes, motion carried.**

*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: \_\_\_\_\_