

**Mercersburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**113 South Main Street, Mercersburg, PA 17236**  
**Monday, December 11, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

Call To Order President Dusty Stoner

Public Comment/Guests Rick Frisby Jr, Jason T. Frey, Lisa Miton, Kevin Schenberger, Rachel Hepp, John Zechman and Andy Abel.

Mrs. Minton, 49 S. Main Street. Inquired about the streetlights for in the crosswalks. Mellisa Price stated it was going to be a project in 2024.

Mr. Rick Frisby 127 S. Fayette Street hiring for additional help for the Chief of Police? Response from Major Micheal Pederson that he would like to hit the ground running the first of the year to add additional help for the Chief of Police.

Mr. Frisby commented on the paving of the allies and was inquiring about will there being more allies being repaired. Ms. Mellisa Price response was possible for more repairs to additional areas in 2024.

Mr. Frisby inquired about taxes and additional assets from the academy to help offset taxes for the Borough. The academy is part of the Borough and is in Montgomery township was the response from President Dusty Stoner.

Mr. Frisby would like to know if there was any way the Borough would partner with the surrounding townships (Peters and Montgomery) to bring in more revenue if we would use the township's ground. To place a Walmart. Kmart or Lowes to bring in more people to the area. President Dusty Stoner stated that would be a township decision and a lot of the stores are not building any new stores at this time.

Motion: Conditional Approval of the KLS Land Development Plan – Landis & Oregon – seeking Borough Council to approve the Land Development Plan, conditional on completion of all outstanding action items as identified by the Borough Engineer.

**MOTION: Recommendation - approval to council Subject to satisfactory resolution of any outstanding items in Mr. Kegerries' letter which covers all the procedural recommendations with conditions or suggestions.**

Motion: Approval for Borough Council to sign Sewerage Exemption Form conditional on receiving the "Will Serve" letter from The Sewer Authority.

On a Frisby/Minton motion, Council unanimously voted to approve the land development project.

Minutes: N/A

Treasurer Report/Bills Payable:

- A. On a Heefner/Minton motion, Council unanimously voted to approve Treasurer Report Ending November 30, 2023
- B. On a Heefner/Minton motion, Council unanimously voted to approve Bills Payable Report Ending November 30, 2023

Mayor's Report: Pedersen complimented on how great the town looks for the Holiday season. Hiring help for the Chief and thanking him for a job well done. Wishing everyone Happy Holidays.

Solicitor: Update on the Sunshine Act, requirements to amend agendas.

Stated that the courts have ruled that if the agenda needs to be added at the meeting it still can for certain things like non-finances, non-economic and anything that involves official actions will have to be advertised 24 hours in advance to update. Emergencies can still be added at the meeting if there is an emergency and needs to be fixed immediately.

Engineer Report: Not present at the meeting: no report submitted.

Borough Manager's Report: No meeting minutes. Working on getting caught up.

Introduced the new Borough Secretary Matilda Gorman and Kami Lininger new Billing Clerk.

Update on Seminary Street they are in the process of putting in water and sewer meters and this will be closed for the next 2 weeks.

New front doors on the Bourgh building as well as a ramp for handicaps and strollers have been installed. Drains on East California Street, Fayette Street and Constitution Avenue were fixed.

The new alert messaging system has had a lot of responses. Need to reschedule the training.

Have public works do another leaf pick up.

Committee Reports:

Act 537: N/A

Finance: N/A

Fire Board: Looking at rules and regulations. Staffing and hiring have improved.

HARB: On a Heefner/Minton motion, Council unanimously voted to approve.

Nominating: N/A

Personnel: Personnel Committee met in executive session for various personnel matter on November 08, 2023

Planning: meeting 11.08.23 @5pm -minutes attached

Property/Technology: N/A

Streets: N/A

Zoning Hearing Board: N/A

Old Business:

Ongoing: solicit area banks regarding sidewalk loan program.

New Business:

Motion to Approve HARB Application COA 2023/12/01 – 109 S. Main Street, Mercersburg

**Motion: Recommendation flexible for the chimney to come down – roof to match the shingles, approval of replacement of all gutters & downspout with half round profile, 5 feet panel for the porch roof (metal), Approval for Breaker box to be removed, Windows (clad wood windows) subject to approval (sample) being forward to the Borough for approval.**

Motion to Approve Tax Levy Resolution No. 2023-09 On a Heefner/Minton motion, Council unanimously voted to approve.

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Motion to Approve 2024 Budget (previously advertised November 15, 2023)

To approve hiring Matilda Gorman, Borough Secretary, with a retroactive start date of 11/20/2023 at an hourly rate of \$20.00. On a Heefner/Minton motion, Council unanimously voted to approve.

To approve to hire Kami Lininger, Billing Clerk, with a retroactive start date of 12/06/2023 at an hourly rate of \$18.50. On a Heefner/Minton motion, Council unanimously voted to approve.

To approval to advertise the proposed 2024 Meeting Calendar

On a Heefner/Minton motion, Council unanimously voted to accept with changes.

Correspondence: N/A

**Confirm Meetings:**

Council: 01/02/2024 - 01/22/2024 @ 7 p.m.  
Finance: TBA  
HARB: Cancelled  
Nominating: TBA  
Personnel: 12/18/23, @ 7 p.m.  
Planning: TBA  
Property: 01/03/2024, @ 7 p.m.  
Sewer: 12/14/23, @ 7 p.m.  
Water: 12/21/23, @ 7 p.m.  
Streets: 01/24/24, @ 7 p.m.  
ZHB - TBA

On a Minton/Morgan motion, Council unanimously voted to accept with changes.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Matilda Gorman  
Borough Secretary*

*\*ALL GUEST/CORRESPONDENCE IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER PER REQUEST/RECEIPT*

*Date Approved: 1/02/2024 Motion By: Heefner Seconded By: Not Recorded*

  
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