

**Mercersburg Borough Council Meeting**  
**Borough Hall, 113 S. Main St., Mercersburg, PA**  
**September 8, 2025**  
**MINUTES**

**Attending:** Council President Dusty Stoner, Council Vice-President Kelani Craig, Member Anthony Frisby, Member Joe Burkot, Member Tom Heefner, Solicitor Rachel Hepp, Borough Manager Connie Creighton, and Administrative Professional Angela Alleman

**Absent:** Member Jacob Morgan and Member Paul Sipes

**Guest(s)/Press:**

Lisa McCulloh, The Mercersburg Journal

Catalin and Judy Bonciu, 62 Linden Avenue

John Cole, 43 West California Street

Don Palesky, 200 Oregon Street

Dave Holzwarth, 130 Linden Avenue

Council President started the meeting at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dave Holzwarth expressed concern about speeding on Oregon Street and suggested conducting a traffic study to evaluate the possibility of lowering the speed limit. Council President Stoner noted that Oregon Street is a state-maintained road and recommended that residents draft a petition and reach out to PennDOT for further action.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION:** To approve July 28, 2025 Minutes with attendance edits was made by Heefner, seconded by Craig, all ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION:** To approve August 25, 2025 Minutes was made by Heefner, seconded by Craig, all ayes, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S/BILLS PAYABLE REPORT**

August 2025 Treasurer's Report

August 2025 Bill's Payable Report

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pedersen announced that the Mercersburg Townfest, in conjunction with the 275th Year Celebration, will take place on September 27th. He encouraged everyone to attend and enjoy the wide variety of activities planned for the events.

Mercersburg Trick or Treat will be held on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Zechman reported that the department received 100 calls during the month of August, along with additional details outlined in the August 2025 Police Report.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Rachel Hepp was present, had no formal report to present; however, she provided advice on matters discussed during New Business.

### **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Items will be covered in Old and New Business.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Act 537** - No meeting

**Finance** - Member Burkot shared details on items discussed during the 8/27/2025 meeting.

**Fire Board** - Update provided at meeting

**HARB** - No meeting

**Nominating Committee** - No meeting

**Personnel** - No meeting

**Planning** - No meeting

**Property/Technology** - See Old and New Business

**Steering Committee** - No updates

**Streets** - No meeting

**Summer Playground** - No meeting

**Zoning Hearing Board** - No meeting

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Review of the new quote for the 4th Borough staff computer as recommended by the Property Committee at the 9-3-25 meeting.

**MOTION:** To approve the new quote for the 4th Borough staff computer as recommended by the Property Committee at the 9-3-25 meeting was made by Craig, seconded by Burkot, all ayes, motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Status of Refuse and Recycling Hauling from RFP Responses/Bids

No bids were received for the Refuse and Recycling Hauling RFP. Following discussion, it was decided to extend the current contract with Parks for an additional year.

**MOTION:** To extend the current contract with Park's Garbage Service for an additional year was made by Burkot, seconded by Craig, all ayes, motion carried.

Approve Ordinance 3-17 amending 3-15 – Powers and Duties of the position of Borough Manager (Borough Manager responsibility to hire budgeted non-supervisory, non-uniformed employees as vacancies occur).

**MOTION: To approve Ordinance 3-17 amending 3-15 – Powers and Duties of the position of Borough Manager (Borough Manager responsibility to hire budgeted non-supervisory, non-uniformed employees as vacancies occur) was made by Heefner, seconded by Craig, all ayes, motion carried.**

Review Section 7-2 Weed Ordinance (Amended 11-14-2005) – included in packet.

Craig requested that Section 3 be updated to replace "United States Mail" with "USPS Certified Mail" to allow for tracking of mailings.

It was determined that the Borough Manager will be responsible for enforcing the Ordinance and for developing a protocol to ensure consistency in its application.

**MOTION: To continue with Ordinance No. 7-2 Weed Ordinance (Amended 11-14-2005) was made by Craig, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.**

To approve the Rave System annual renewal for 1 year at \$2,140 as recommended by the Property Committee at their September 3, 2025 meeting.

**MOTION: To approve the Rave System annual renewal for 1 year at \$2,140 was made by Frisby, seconded by Burkot, all ayes, motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm made by Heefner, seconded by Burkot, all ayes, motion carried.**

Date: 9-22-25 Motion: Heefner Seconded: Craig

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Borough Manager / Secretary / Treasurer

