

**Mercersburg Borough Council Meeting
Borough Hall, 113 S. Main St., Mercersburg, PA
August 11, 2025
MINUTES**

Attendance:

Attending	Absent
Council President Dusty Stoner	Mayor Michael Pedersen
Vice President Kelani Craig	Member Anthony Frisby
Member Tom Heefner	Member Joe Burkot
Member Paul Sipes	
Member Jacob Morgan	
Solicitor Rachel Hepp	
Borough Manager Jared Schumacher	
Administrative Professional Connie Creighton	
Chief John Zechman	

Guest(s)/Press:

Attending	Address
Timothy Middleton	
Cat & Judy Bonciu	62 Linden Ave
Tauna Cole	California St.
Lisa McCullough	The Mercersburg Journal
Don Palesky	Oregon Street
Tim Suddeth	Linden Ave
John Cole	43 W California St.
T. McLou	

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cat Bonciu expressed concern about the current state of the Borough, particularly regarding staffing levels and financial stability.

Judy Bonciu expressed concerns regarding the Council's decision on the appointment of the Borough Manager.

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve June 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes was made by Heefner, seconded by Sipes, all ayes, motion carried.

Minutes for June 30, July 14, and July 28, 2025, will be presented for approval at a future meeting.

TREASURER'S/BILLS PAYABLE REPORT

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable Reports for the month ending July 31, 2025, was made by Sipes, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Council President Stoner reported on behalf of Mayor Pedersen that the Halloween Parade will be held on October 27, 2025 and Trick or Treat will be held on October 31, 2025 from 6-8pm.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report presented.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Zechman presented a detailed summary of the report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Jared inquired about removing Dawn Scheller's name from the Borough credit card. It was recommended to have Council make a motion to remove her name from the card.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Act 537- No meeting
- B. Finance – No meeting
- C. Fire Board – Update provided at meeting
- D. HARB – No meeting
- E. Nominating Committee – No meeting
- F. Personnel – No meeting
- G. Planning – No meeting
- H. Property/Technology – 8/6/2025 Meeting - Recommendations in New Business
- I. Steering Committee – No updates
- J. Streets – No meeting
- K. Summer Playground – No meeting
- L. Zoning Hearing Board – No meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Oregon Street Project Update –
The list of non-compliant addresses is still in progress.

Band Building Demo Project Update -

The fencing company has been contacted to remove their fence. Once removal is complete, the Public Works Department will proceed with filling and seeding the area.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To approve the transfer of \$50,000 from General Fund to July-August Payroll was made by Heefner, seconded by Craig, all ayes, motion carried.

Administrative Professional, Angela Alleman is scheduled to start Monday, August 18, 2025.

MOTION: To approve participation of Fire Police for a non-emergency event in St. Thomas Township on August 16, 2025 from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Event supports Make-a-Wish-Franklin County Truck Convoy was made by Heefner, seconded by Craig, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the purchase of a Mercersburg Police Department Server (\$8,550) was made by Heefner, seconded by Craig, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the purchase of a Mercersburg Police Department Workstation (\$1,800) was made by Heefner, seconded by Craig, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the purchase of a Borough Office Computer not to exceed \$2,500 was made by Morgan, seconded by Sipes, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To retroactively approve the sale of 2 seats from discarded Street Sweeper to Ed Twine (\$100) was made by Craig, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution No. 2025-16 was made by Heefner, seconded by Craig, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 17-25 - Waiving Police Pension Contributions by personnel for 2022-2025 as drafted by the Solicitors was made by Heefner, seconded by Sipes, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To enter Executive Session to address Personnel Matters with possible action to be taken was made by Heefner, seconded by Sipes, all ayes, motion carried.

Executive Session was entered at 8:22 pm. and ended at 9:01pm.

MOTION: To accept the resignation of Borough Manager Jared Schumacher effective August 11, 2025 was made by Heefner, seconded by Sipes, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To appoint Constance Creighton as Interim Borough Manager until a permanent replacement is found was made by Sipes, seconded by Craig, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve staff to readvertise the Borough Manager position at a rate of \$75,000 - \$85,000 was made by Morgan, seconded by Sipes, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence

None

It was decided that the following meetings would be cancelled:

Personnel Committee 8/18/2025

Streets Committee 8/27/2025

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm made by Heefner, seconded by Sipes, all ayes, motion carried.

Date: October 13, 2025

Motion: Heefner

Seconded: Frisby



Borough Manager / Secretary / Treasurer

