Mercersburg Borough Council Meeting Borough Hall, 113 S. Main St., Mercersburg, PA October 13, 2025

MINUTES

Attending: Council President Dusty Stoner, Mayor Michael Pedersen, Member Tom Heefner, Member Anthony Frisby, Member Paul Sipes, Member Jacob Morgan, Member Joe Burkot, Borough Manager Connie Creighton, and Administrative Professional Angela Alleman

Absent: Council Vice-President Kelani Craig

Guest(s)/Press:

Lisa McCulloh, The Mercersburg Journal Rick Frisby

Mary Frisby Don Palesky

Nancy Robinson Vincent McCullough

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Frisby - Requested that fallen branches be cleaned up on Zion Lane.

Rick Frisby – Requested an update on alley repairs and speeding concerns on S. Fayette Street. Council President Stoner reported that both the street repairs and the speeding issues are currently being addressed by the Streets Committee.

Vincent McCullough - Shared concerns regarding the RAVE Alert system and requested that staff conduct biannual testing. Manager Creighton reported that there have been some system issues; however, it is believed that these issues have now been resolved. Staff will look into advertising and scheduling future tests.

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve August 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes was made by Heefner, seconded by Frisby, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve September 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes was made by Morgan, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

TREASURER'S/BILLS PAYABLE REPORT

MOTION: To approve September 2025 Bill's Payable Report was made by Heefner, seconded by Sipes, all ayes, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pedersen reported that the Mercersburg 275th Anniversary Celebration was a great success. Borough Trick-or-Treat will take place on Friday, October 31, 2025.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Zechman provided an overview of police activity as outlined in his September Report. He also shared that Officer Matthews is working on submitting a Local Share Grant application. The Chief requested that Council and Borough staff provide a letter of support necessary to continue the application process.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Not scheduled to be present.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Creighton presented summary letters from the 2024 Financial Audit reports.

The Borough Manager position has been posted on Indeed.com. To date, 38 applicants have been identified for screening. Applications will be accepted only through Indeed to ensure consistency and fairness in the hiring process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Act 537 - No meeting

Finance - Ongoing 2026 budget preparations are being made.

Fire Board - Fire Board donation request letter was presented.

HARB - No meeting

Nominating Committee - No meeting

Personnel - No meeting

Planning - No meeting

Property/Technology - No meeting

Steering Committee - No meeting

Streets - Updates were provided on the Route 75/16 Project, Oregon Street projects, Main

Street/Fry Street signal repair, and parking ordinance reviews.

Summer Playground - No meeting

Zoning Hearing Board - No meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Everything is set for the Halloween Parade on Monday, October 27, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

The Borough Office will be closed October 24, and October 30, 2025.

The Mercersburg Police Department server and workstation are in the process of being relocated to a more secure location.

Approximately 30 individuals have been added to the RAVE Alert Messaging System in the last few weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm made by Heefner, seconded by Sipes, all ayes, motion carried.

Date: November 10, 2025

Motion: Heefner

Seconded: Burkot

Borough Manager / Secretary / Treasurer

