

Mercersburg Borough Council Meeting
Borough Hall, 113 S. Main St., Mercersburg, PA
November 10, 2025
MINUTES

Attending: Council Vice-President Kelani Craig, Mayor Michael Pedersen, Member Tom Heefner, Member Jacob Morgan, Member Joe Burkot, Borough Manager Connie Creighton, and Administrative Professional Angela Alleman

Absent: Council President Dusty Stoner, Member Paul Sipes, Member Anthony Frisby

Guest(s)/Press:

Joshua and Sheena Mills	Nancy Robinson
Lisa McCulloh	Mary Frisby
Mandy Mills	Don Palesky

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joshua and Sheena Mills - Expressed concerns regarding the existing Borough Ordinance regulating the ownership of chickens. They reported having received a notice of non-compliance following an anonymous complaint. They stated that their chickens are properly contained and maintained in a manner that does not create a nuisance and further noted that the eggs produced are shared with neighbors as a means of community support. They indicated that they are not the only residents affected by the ordinance and respectfully requested that the Borough review and consider amending the current ordinance to permit the keeping of chickens within Borough limits under defined conditions. Following discussion, it was decided that Borough staff will add the ordinance to the agenda for the next Planning Meeting for further review and consideration.

Mary Frisby - Inquired about the status of branch cleanup on Zion Lane. Borough staff reported that the Public Works Department has previously inspected the area; however, staff will be sent out again to assess the situation and take photographs for documentation.

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve October 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes was made by Heefner, seconded by Burkot, all ayes, motion carried.

TREASURER'S/BILLS PAYABLE REPORT

The October Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable are pending completion due to awaiting bank access.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Halloween Parade and Borough Trick-or-Treat events were successful and well attended. Christmas decorations will be installed in the coming weeks, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony, sponsored by the Vibrancy and Beautification Committee, is scheduled to be held on November 29, 2025.

POLICE REPORT

Not scheduled to be present.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Not scheduled to be present.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Items covered in New Business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Act 537 - No meeting

Finance - Update provided during New Business.

Fire Board - Heefner reported on funding challenges.

HARB - No meeting

Nominating Committee - No meeting

Personnel - No meeting

Planning - No meeting

Property/Technology - No meeting

Steering Committee - No meeting

Streets - Updates provided in New Business.

Summer Playground - No meeting

Zoning Hearing Board - No meeting

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Member Morgan presented the Proposed 2026 Borough Budget, which includes no tax increase.

MOTION: To approve the Proposed 2026 Borough Budget was made by Burkot, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To return the quote from Signal Service to repair under road wires for the street light at Fry/Main/Johnstons Lane to the Streets Committee for further review at their next meeting was made by Burkot, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the updated Disabled Parking Program was made by Burkot, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Proposed 2026 Meeting Calendar was made by Heefner, seconded by Burkot, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Proposed Penny Procedure was made by Heefner, seconded by Burkot, all ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session with possible action to be taken was made by Burkot, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

MOTION: To eliminate the Administrative Police Position was made by Heefner, seconded by Burkot, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm made by Burkot, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

Date: 11/24/2025

Motion: *Craig*

Seconded: *Heefner*

CFM SJ

Borough Manager / Secretary / Treasurer

