

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

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

Absent: Member Joe Burkot, Member Anthony Frisby

Guest(s)/Press:

Lisa McCulloh	Kelly Howell
Don Palesky	Race Howell

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve November 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes was made by Heefner, seconded by Craig, all ayes, motion carried.

TREASURER'S/BILLS PAYABLE REPORT

MOTION: To approve November 2025 Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable Report was made by Morgan, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pedersen reported that the Tree Lighting Ceremony was successful. He expressed his appreciation to MMP&W for arranging the volunteer Santa Claus, and to the Public Works Department for their efforts in preparing for the event.

Mayor Pedersen noted his attendance at a breakfast meeting with fellow mayors from Franklin County.

Mayor Pedersen reported that several lights on the square are not functioning properly.

POLICE REPORT

Not scheduled to be present. Member copy available upon request.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Not scheduled to be present.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Creighton thanked everyone for helping get checks signed, especially with the rush of invoices needed to wrap up the year. She also let everyone know that there will be some staff shortages over the next few weeks.

Angela Alleman reported that Borough Christmas Tree Pick-Up has been scheduled for January 5th, 9th, and 12th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Act 537 - No meeting

Finance - No meeting

Fire Board - No updates

HARB - No meeting

Nominating Committee - No meeting

Personnel - No Meeting

Planning - No meeting

Property/Technology - No meeting

Steering Committee - No meeting

Streets - No Meeting

Summer Playground - No meeting

Zoning Hearing Board - No meeting

OLD BUSINESS

After discussion, Council members agreed to request changes to the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed changes include:

Modify title of Term - Livestock Raising of, to Commercial Farm Animals, Raising of. (page 2-20)

Modify title of Term - Pets, Keeping of, to Pets (Non-commercial Domestic Animals), Keeping of.

Adding chickens to the list of allowable pets, and establishing rules for their housing and care. Up to eight chickens would be permitted, with roosters prohibited. (Page 2-25) Staff will prepare a draft of the proposed modifications and provide them to Council members for review before submitting the proposal to the Planning Commission on December 10, 2025, for further action.

MOTION: To approve Borough staff to draft proposed revisions, as discussed by Council, to the section Keeping of Pets in the Zoning Ordinance (Page 2-25). The proposed revisions will be presented to the Planning Commission at their December 10, 2025 meeting for consideration was made by Heefner, seconded by Craig, all ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To approve Resolution 30-25 appointing Angela Alleman as the Assistant Zoning Officer and the Assistant Open Records Officer was made by Heefner, seconded by Craig, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 31-25 setting the tax rate for 2026 was made by Heefner, seconded by Craig, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the 2026 Borough Municipal Budget as presented was made by Heefner, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

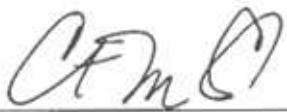
None

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm made by Heefner, seconded by Craig, all ayes, motion carried.

Date: 1-5-2026

Motion: *Heefner*

Seconded: *Morgan*



Borough Manager / Secretary / Treasurer

