

**Mercersburg Borough Council Meeting  
Borough Hall, 113 S. Main St., Mercersburg, PA  
January 5, 2026  
MINUTES**

**Attending:** Council President Dusty Stoner, Council Vice-President Kelani Craig, Mayor Michael Pedersen, Member Tom Heefner, Member Jacob Morgan, Member Anthony Frisby, Member Don Palseky, Member Tobey Banks, Borough Manager Connie Creighton, and Administrative Professional Angela Alleman

**Absent:** None

**Guest(s)/Press:**

Lisa McCulloh	Andrea Frey
Devin Rotz	Chere Pedersen
Christina Palesky	Robert Cook
Representative Chad Reichard	Sahand Miraminy
Renee Kelly	Will LaFond

Mayor Michael Pedersen began the meeting at 7:00pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Honorable Judge Eyer swore in Mayor Michael Pedersen along with Tax Collector Angel Myers and Borough Councilmen Jacob Morgan, Donald Stoner Jr., Tobey Banks, and Don Palesky.

Mayor Michael Pedersen took the gavel and asked for nominations for council president.

Tom Heefner nominated Donald Stoner Jr.

Jacob Morgan nominated Kelani Craig.

Nominations were closed.

Kelani Craig was elected Council President.

Mayor Pedersen handed the gavel over to President Craig.

President Craig asked for nominations for vice president.

Tom Heefner nominated Jacob Morgan.

Nominations were closed.

Jacob Morgan was elected vice president.

President Craig asked for nominations for President Pro Tem.

Jacob Morgan nominated Tom Heefner.

Tom Heefner was elected President Pro Tem.

Kelani Craig, Jacob Morgan, Donald Stoner, Jr., and Tom Heefner were appointed as check signers per Resolution 04-26.

Jacob Morgan was appointed to the Water Authority per Resolution 05-26.

Ben Dugas was appointed to the Sewer Authority by Resolution 06-26.

Stephanie Brindle was appointed to the Sewer Authority by Resolution 07-26.

Donald Stoner, Jr. was appointed to the General Purpose Authority by Resolution 08-26.

Catalin Bonciu and Jeff Evans were appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board by Resolution 09-26.

Peter Briggs was appointed to the Planning Commission by Resolution 10-26.

Jennifer Greenlee was appointed to HARB by Resolution 11-26.

Donald Stoner, Jr., and Tom Heefner were appointed to the Fire Board by Resolution 12-26.

Tom Suddeth was appointed to the Vacancy Board by Resolution 13-26.

Constance Creighton was appointed as primary member and Angela Alleman was appointed as alternate member of the Franklin County Area Tax Board ("FCATB") by Resolution 14-26.

Constance Creighton was appointed as primary member and Angela Alleman was appointed as secondary member of the Franklin County Tax Collection Committee ("FCTCC") by Resolution 15-26.

Constance Creighton was appointed as a member of the Franklin County Council of Governments by Resolution 16-26.

**MOTION:** To table Committees of Council appointments as desired by Council President until the January 26, 2026 meeting was made by Tom Heefner, seconded by Jacob Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Representative Chad Reichard congratulated the newly elected and re-elected officials and expressed his interest in working collaboratively with Borough Council moving forward.

#### **MINUTES**

**MOTION:** To approve December 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes was made by Heefner, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

#### **TREASURER'S/BILLS PAYABLE REPORT**

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

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pedersen thanked Donald Stoner, Jr. for his service as Council President over the past six years and extended congratulations to Kelani Craig and Jacob Morgan on their new assignments.

### **POLICE REPORT**

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

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Present. No Report Given.

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

Present. No Report Given.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Act 537** - No meeting

**Finance** - No meeting

**Fire Board** - No updates

**HARB** - No meeting

**Nominating Committee** - No meeting

**Personnel** - No Updates

**Planning** - Agreed to move forward with the changes to the Zoning Ordinance relative to keeping of chickens as pets.

**Property/Technology** - No meeting

**Steering Committee** - No meeting

**Streets** - Discussed Oregon Street updates.

**Summer Playground** - No meeting

**Zoning Hearing Board** - No meeting

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A brief discussion was held regarding updates to the Zoning Ordinance related to the keeping of chickens as pets. The next step will be for the proposed ordinance amendment to be sent to the Franklin County Planning Commission for a 30-day review and comment period.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

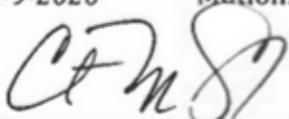
None

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

Date: 2-9-2026

Motion: *Frisby*

Seconded: *Stoner*



Borough Manager / Secretary / Treasurer

### **SEAL**

