

Mercersburg Borough Council Meeting
Borough Hall, 113 S. Main St., Mercersburg, PA
February 23, 2026
MINUTES

Attending: Council President Kelani Craig, Council Vice-President Jacob Morgan, Dusty Stoner, Member Tobey Banks, Member Don Palesky, Borough Manager Connie Creighton

Absent: Mayor Michael Pedersen, Member Tom Heefner, Member Anothny Frisby

Guest(s)/Press:

See sign in sheets.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tiffany Black - Asked when the Communications Committee meetings will be held. Council President Craig confirmed March 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM will be the first meeting.

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve February 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes with noted correction to include the names of nay votes was made by Banks, seconded by Palesky, all ayes, motion carried.

TREASURER'S/BILLS PAYABLE REPORT

No action. These documents were reviewed and approved at the February 9, 2026 meeting

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pederson, not present, asked that the James Buchanan Award nominations be advertised.

MOTION: To approve the advertising for James Buchanan Award and Harriet Lane Award nominations was made by Morgan, seconded by Banks, all ayes, motion carried.

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 addressed topics during Old and New Business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Act 537 - No meeting

Finance - No meeting

Fire Board - Tom Heefner shared that a proposal has been made between MMP&W and MWA to work out a solution for the existing situation.

HARB - No meeting

Personnel - No Update

Planning - No Update

Property/Technology - No Update

Steering Committee - No meeting

Streets - No Update

Summer Playground - No meeting

Zoning Hearing Board - No meeting

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: To authorize staff to advance the acceptance of the agreement with Franklin County Conservation District (FCCD) Johnstons Run Bank Stabilization Project was made by Morgan, seconded by Palesky, all ayes, motion carried.

Manager Creighton confirmed the public hearing for the Zoning Ordinance Amendment - "Keeping of Chickens as Pets" is advertised and scheduled for March 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM prior to the regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To approve the hire of Matthew C. Moxley as Borough Manager as recommended by Personnel Committee was made by Stoner, seconded by Palesky, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the transition of Constance M. Creighton to Assistant Borough Manager for an , as yet, undetermined transition period made by Stoner, seconded by Banks, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Appointment of Matthew C. Moxley as Borough Manager, Secretary and Treasurer (Resolution 18-26) made by Stoner, seconded by Banks, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Appointment of Matthew C. Moxley as Chief Administrative Officer of Non-Uniform Pension Plan (Resolution 19-26) made by Stoner, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Appointment of Matthew C. Moxley as Chief Administrative Officer of Police Pension Plan (Resolution 20-26) made by Stoner, seconded by Banks, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Appointment of Matthew C. Moxley as Franklin County Area Tax Board (Resolution 21-26) made by Stoner, seconded by Palesky, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Appointment of Matthew C. Moxley as Franklin County Tax Coll Committee (Resolution 22-26) made by Morgan, seconded by Stoner, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Appointment of Matthew C. Moxley as Borough's Representative to the Franklin County Council of Government (Resolution 23-26) made by Morgan, seconded by Stoner, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve sourcing and hiring an Administrative Professional to fill current opening made by Stoner, seconded by Banks, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve sourcing and hiring a Public Works Laborer made by Stoner, seconded by Banks, all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Mercersburg Water Authority not reorganizing per request of Council's motion at their February 9, 2026. It was confirmed MWA acted on this request during their February 19, 2026, meeting. It was confirmed the request was on the meeting agenda, the request was considered by the authority during the meeting. The chair asked for a motion to reorganize. No motion was raised by MWA members to reorganize; therefore no action was taken.

Concern was expressed that a meeting had not yet taken place between MMP&W and MWA. It was confirmed that both MMP&W and the MWA were working on a mutually agreeable time and date. Further it was confirmed that the MMP&W and MWA had agreed at their February 19 meeting to sharing of information that would be beneficial to both organizations. Commencing Friday, February 20, 2026, the MWA began sharing daily water system reports with MMP&W Chief.

Motion: To request a joint public meeting between Council, Water Authority and Sewer Authority was made by Palesky, seconded by Banks, all ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM made by Stoner, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

Date: 3/9/26

Motion: Stoner

Seconded: Palesky




Borough Manager / Secretary / Treasurer

