

# **Mercersburg Borough Public Hearing and Council Meeting**

**Borough Hall, 113 S. Main St., Mercersburg, PA**

**March 9, 2026**

## **MINUTES**

**Attending:** Council President Kelani Craig, Council Vice-President Jacob Morgan, Mayor Michael Pedersen, Member Dusty Stoner, Member Don Palesky, Solicitor Steve Coccorese, Borough Manager Matthew Moxley, Administrative Professional Angela Alleman

**Absent:** Member Tom Heefner, Member Anthony Frisby, Member Tobey Banks

### **Guest(s)/Press:**

See sign in sheets.

Council President Craig called to order the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Hearing at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

None

Solicitor Steve Coccorese reported that the amendment's primary revision involves updating the definition of "pets." The previous term, "*pets, keeping of,*" as defined in the zoning ordinance, is being replaced with "*pets, non-commercial domestic animals.*"

This change allows for the keeping of up to eight female chickens, with no roosters permitted, in accordance with all applicable state laws. The chickens must be kept in a secure enclosure or fenced area at all times, and they must be secured in a henhouse during non-daylight hours.

**MOTION:** To accept Ordinance 289 amending the zoning ordinance of the Borough of Mercersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, by amending the text set forth in section 202 to permit the keeping of certain non-commercial domestic animals was made by Morgan, seconded by Stoner, all ayes, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING**

None

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**MOTION:** To approve February 23, 2026 Meeting Minutes was made by Stoner, seconded by Palesky, all ayes, motion carried.

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

**MOTION:** To approve February 2026 Bills Payable Report was made by Palesky, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The mayor reported meeting with the school district, along with Connie Creighton to discuss the crossing guard position. In the interim, the mayor has been covering the crossing guard duty at the square, with assistance from other officers when needed. It was noted that a replacement for the position is needed.

The mayor also noted that payment in the amount of \$60 is due for membership in the Pennsylvania Mayors Association.

### **POLICE REPORT**

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

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report was presented; however, Steve Coccoresse assisted in addressing items under New Business.

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

Manager Moxley reported that the Borough will undergo a Liquid Fuels audit on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. This audit will be conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General. All required documentation has been completed; however, two forms related to elected officials may still need to be completed by council members. The financial portion of the Liquid Fuels submission has already been approved by Franklin County. The Borough expects to receive approximately \$43,000 in Liquid Fuels funding for the year once the audit process is finalized. The audit will review records for the years 2022 through 2024.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Act 537** - No meeting

**Finance** - No meeting

**Fire Board** - Member Stoner reported that he has forms regarding alarm assignments that need to be signed by President Craig and Vice President Morgan at the end of the meeting.

**HARB** - No meeting

**Personnel** - No Update

**Planning** - No Update

**Property/Technology** - Manager Moxley reported that the Borough will be seeking bids for an IT Service Agreement and that plans for a new Salt Shed are being reviewed.

**Steering Committee** - No meeting

**Streets** - Manager Moxley reported that borough alleys are currently being evaluated to determine necessary repairs.

**Summer Playground** - No meeting

**Zoning Hearing Board** - No meeting

**Communications** - The first meeting was held on March 9, 2026.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** To approve the Resolution of the Borough of Mercersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, Establishing Rules and Regulations for the Conduct of Borough Meetings and the Maintenance of Order using the next available resolution number, was made by Stoner, seconded by Palesky, all ayes, motion carried

**MOTION:** To no longer participate in the Summer Playground Program beginning this year, efforts will be made to try to find a different entity to take over the program beginning next year, and to discuss distribution of the funds at a later time was made by Stoner, seconded by Morgan, two ayes, one nay (Palesky), motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM made by Stoner, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

Date: 3/23/26

Motion: *Frisby*

Seconded: *Palesky*

  
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Borough Manager / Secretary / Treasurer

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