

Mercersburg Borough Council Meeting
Borough Hall, 113 S. Main St., Mercersburg, PA
July 13, 2026
MINUTES

Attending: Council President Kelani Craig, Council Vice-President Jacob Morgan, Mayor Michael Pedersen, Member Dusty Stoner, Member Tom Heefner, Member Tobey Banks, Member Don Palesky, Borough Manager Matthew Moxley, Administrative Professional Angela Alleman

Absent: Member Anthony Frisby

Guest(s)/Press:

See sign in sheets.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - ORDINANCE 10-15

Rick Frisby - Expressed support for the ordinance, citing concerns about overgrown properties, weeds, and nuisance wildlife. It was noted that improved property maintenance would enhance the appearance of the community, encourage economic development, and help attract new businesses and residents.

Tiffany Black - Stated that she generally supports the proposed ordinance but expressed concerns with the wording of the purpose section. Specifically, the inclusion of the term's "health" and "morals," suggesting they were overly broad and could be subject to varying interpretations. She recommended revising the language to focus more specifically on property maintenance and upkeep.

MOTION: To approve adoption of Ordinance 10-15 with modifications removing "morals" from the first paragraph was made by Morgan, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve June 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes was made by Stoner, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

TREASURER'S/BILLS PAYABLE REPORT

MOTION: To approve June 2026 Treasure's Report was made by Heefner, seconded by Banks, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve June 2026 Bills Payable Report was made by Heefner, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pedersen reported attending a meeting with Franklin County Commissioners, Senator Doug Mastriano, and several Mercersburg business owners to discuss initiatives aimed at improving tourism in the Mercersburg area.

Mayor Pedersen also inquired about the status of roadway line painting needed to support police enforcement of speeding violations, as well as the removal of two dead trees located in the town square.

He concluded by expressing his appreciation to everyone involved in organizing the 250th Birthday celebration held over the weekend.

POLICE REPORT

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

Member Morgan requested that a condensed summary of the police report be provided with the monthly meeting materials going forward.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Steve Coccorese introduced Lydia, the summer law clerk with Salzmann Hughes.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Moxley reported that the Borough's new website has been completed and is ready to be hosted. The Communications Committee will discuss website hosting and ownership of the domain name before presenting the website to Council for review.

Manager Moxley also reported receiving numerous complaints regarding ordinance violations and parking concerns. Several issues have already been resolved following notification. Thank-you letters are being sent to property owners who have corrected violations. With the new property maintenance ordinance now in effect, the Borough will begin addressing condemned and deteriorated properties that remain in violation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Act 537 - No meeting

Communications – Facebook posts and Non-Social Media announcements were the focus of the meeting.

Finance – No meeting

Fire Board – MMP&W reported being extremely busy responding to numerous emergency service calls. Shout out was given to an anonymous entity that helped with parking lot repairs.

HARB - Items listed in New Business

Personnel – No meeting

Planning – No meeting.

Property/Technology – Items listed in New Business

Steering Committee - No meeting

Streets – Items listed in New Business

Zoning Hearing Board - No meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Kelly O'Connor of GMS Funding Solutions presented the DCED Strategic Management Planning Program, which provides up to a 50% matching grant (maximum \$200,000) to fund a comprehensive review of a municipality's finances, operations, and management practices. She explained that the

program results in a three- to five-year strategic financial plan and may qualify the Borough for future implementation grants.

O'Connor recommended pursuing the program as a joint effort involving the Borough, Water Authority, and Sewer Authority. She explained that the first step is issuing a request for proposals (RFP) to determine consultant costs before submitting the grant application. GMS Funding Solutions will assist with preparing both the RFP and grant application at no additional cost under its existing contract with the Water Authority. The next application deadline is October 1, with awards expected in December.

She noted that the program reimburses up to 50% of eligible planning and implementation costs, with the required local match shared among participating entities. O'Connor also advised that DCED representative Troy Kaiser was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict but is available to attend a future meeting to answer Council's questions.

MOTION: To approve the purchase of four shirts for each Public Works Department staff member, option #3 from the supplied examples was made by Stoner, seconded by Palesky, all ayes, motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To approve Ganoe Alley Paving Quote for Feather, Ice House, and Varden Alleys was made by Stoner, seconded by Palesky, all ayes, motion carried.

Manager Moxley will verify whether Ganoe Paving is COSTARS-approved. If not, he will contact another COSTARS-approved paving contractor. If necessary, a request for proposals (RFP) will be prepared.

MOTION: To approve Sewer Authority Appointment by Resolution 30-26 - Josiah Guyer was made by Stoner, seconded by Banks, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the purchase of a Code Enforcement Ticket Book not exceeding \$500 was made by Stoner, seconded by Banks, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve TelePlus Quote for Server Hardware and Backup was made by Stoner, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve St. Thomas Special Event Request Letter was made by Stoner, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To authorize staff to scrap the street sweeper was made by Stoner, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Cumberland Valley Breast Care Alliance Pink Ribbon Request was made by Heefner, seconded by Stoner, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To authorize the purchase of speed signs not to exceed \$15,000 utilizing UDAG funds was made by Stoner, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To authorize the purchase of four dog waste stations was made by Stoner, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve HARB Application No. 2026-07-02 Roof Replacement at 125 South Main Street as recommended by HARB at their July 7, 2026 meeting was made by Stoner, seconded by Palesky, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve HARB Application 2026-07-04 Roof Replacement at 106 East Seminary Street. as recommended by HARB at their July 7, 2026 meeting was made by Stoner, seconded by Palesky, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To retroactively approve SERVPRO estimate for sewer leak damage cleanup in Borough Hall basement was made by Heefner, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 27-26 Establishing A Policy and Internal Control Procedures for Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT), Automated Clearing House (ACH) Transactions, and Check-Signing Authority was made by Stoner, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 28-26 Establishing an Operational Policy, Data Retention Standards, and Oversight Protocol for Automated License Plate Reader Systems, Including Flock Safety Cameras was made by Heefner, seconded by Stoner, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 29-26 Establishing Official Rules of Order and Procedure for Meetings of the Borough Council in Accordance with the Current Edition of Robert's Rules of Order Parliamentary Procedure was made by Banks, seconded by Palesky, all ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

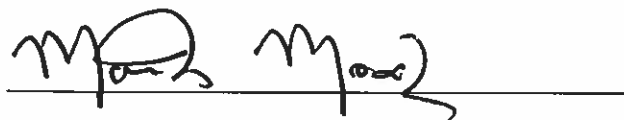
Members reviewed an email from SynergyEV regarding EV Charging needs in the Borough.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM was made by Heefner, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

Date: 8/24/2026

Motion: Heefner

Seconded: Banks



Borough Manager

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