

# Mercersburg Borough Council

Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA

January 23, 2012

Minutes

**Attending:** President McClintick, Mayor Jim Zeger, Vice-President John Freeland, Tom Suddeth, Jeff Main, Betty Stenger, Chris Frisby, Borough Manager Tammy Oberholzer, Assistant Borough Manager Dawn Scheller, Solicitor Sam Wiser, and Engineer Lance Kegerreis

**Absent:** Donald Stoner

**Press:** Gina Hall, Mercersburg Journal

**Guests:** Gary R Smith: 8092 Corner Rd, Josh Meyers: 19 W. Seminary, Clifford Meyers: 38 N. Main Street

President McClintick called the PUBLIC HEARING to order at 7:00 pm.

President McClintick asked for any public comment regarding the proposed Ordinances 6-12, 6-13, 6-14, and 6-15.

No Public Comment was presented.

Notice of the Public Hearing was published in accordance to the requirements in Municipalities Planning Code and the Hearing was opened up to members of the Public and no comments were received.

Sam Wiser explained that the Proposed Ordinances are to meet the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program and the FEMA Regulations required there under.

President McClintick called the Regular Scheduled Borough Council Meeting to Order at 7:02 pm.

President McClintick asked the Mayor to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

President McClintick asked for any Public Comment.

Guest Clifford Meyers spoke about his concerns and asked Council why he was not chosen as the representative for the Fire Board. Clifford Meyers provided Council with his previous terms served on the Board.

Tom Suddeth stated that there was discussion previously that Mr. Meyers had resigned three times.

Jeff Main stated that he did state that at the last meeting. He asked Mr. Meyers how many times he resigned.

Clifford Meyers stated that he was on the Board from 2003 until January of 2008 and only resigned once.

President McClintick added that at the last meeting there was also discussion that it was felt that both representatives should be from Council. She stated that it was discussed the importance of reporting back, also that the Board deals with tax payers money, which in recent past has been a challenge. President McClintick stated that the recent issues were not a reflection of Mr. Meyers.

Tom stated that some of the Council Members decision may have been made based on the information provided at that meeting and some members may have used it to make their decision.

Jeff Main apologized for the incorrect information and said he was mistaken and may have been misled.

John Freeland stated that he did use that to make the decision.

Betty asked why we would need two representative from Council and why couldn't we have one from Council and one from the community.

Chris Frisby entered the meeting at 7:05 pm.

President McClintick reviewed previous discussion from last meeting and asked Sam Wiser's opinion. Sam provided his opinion.

**MOTION: to reconsider the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Fire Board Appointment was made by Tom Suddeth, second by John Freeland, Jeff Main apologized for relaying incorrect information, Clifford Meyers accepted Jeff's apology and stated he was no longer interested in the appointment, the motion was then withdrawn.**

President McClintick asked that the information be noted that Mr. Meyers did not resign three times.

Garry Smith spoke about the Halloween Parade and asked Borough Council to financially support the Annual Appreciation Dinner. Garry stated that the Halloween Parade is one of the largest in the area.

**MOTION: to authorize payment of ½ the cost of dinner not to exceed \$300 and receipts be provided to the Borough was made by Tom Suddeth, second by Betty Stenger, all ayes, motion carried.**

President McClintick asked to review the Treasurer's Report.

**MOTION: to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by John Freeland, second by Tom Suddeth, all ayes, motion carried.**

Tammy Oberholzer reviewed the Treasurer's Report and complimented Amy Hershey on the budget that she prepares.

**MOTION: to authorize the transfer of \$50,000 from the General Fund Reserve to the General Operating Fund was made by Tom Suddeth, second by Betty Stenger, all ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: to pay bills was made by John Freeland, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.**

President McClintick asked for the Mayor's Report.

The Mayor complimented Tammy, Chief Zechman, and Amy for the Budget and stated that it was only \$15,000 different from the initial budget. He stated he appreciates that. Mayor stated one area he would like to monitor is the overtime for the Police Department. Mayor is recommending that the Department hire another Part-time Officer. He reminded everyone that they keep sidewalks shoveled.

President McClintick asked for the Solicitor's Report.

Sam Wiser explained that DCNR and the Water Authority would like to complete a Boundary Adjustment which includes the bridge that goes to the Water Plant. Sam explained that when the original Agreement was authorized and between DCNR and the Borough.

**MOTION: to authorize the Agreement where the Mercersburg Water Authority would be assigned all Rights, Titles, Interests, and Obligations for the Buck Run Well Bridge and the Ownership of the bridge would now be the ownership of the Water Authority was made by Chris Frisby, second by John Freeland, all ayes, motion carried.**

President McClintick asked if the Engineer had anything to discuss. She thanked him for coming.

Lance Kegerreis had nothing to report.

President McClintick asked for the Manager's Report.

Tammy reviewed the agenda item for the Franklin County Emergency Service Alliance. She stated that a representative and alternate were needed. Sam Wiser suggested that Council might want to find the representatives in house. Tammy reviewed that she attended a Rotary Meeting and was asked to consider joining. Tammy stated that she enjoyed the meeting and was still considering the offer. Tammy reviewed the Cumberland Valley Rental Agreement that the office has and stated that she has communicated that we will not be renewing with them as previously discussed.

President McClintick asked for the Secretary's Report.

Dawn Scheller stated that the Ordinances were advertised as required. Dawn asked that the State Ethics Forms be completed and returned by April 15, 2012. Dawn reviewed that she met with Mr. Nelson and reviewed the tax collected information. Due to the Rental Ordinance, additional per capita forms were ordered and a copy of the letter is under correspondence. Dawn Scheller provided a copy of updated Ordinance Table of Contents. She asked all council members to review their books and contact her if anything is needed.

President McClintick stated the Public Works Department Report was included in everyone's packet.

President McClintick asked for the Committee Reports.

John Freeland spoke about the Streets Meeting that had occurred prior to the Council Meeting. John stated that he was very pleased and it seems as though Columbia Gas will be good to work with. John stated that communication will play a key role as we move ahead. John stated that Derek from Dennis E. Black who will be completing the Survey will keep the Borough Office updated on the status of the project. It was agreed that he would contact the Office on a monthly basis on the status of the project.

Lance stated that one important item during the meeting was Columbia Gas will assist with repairing of the Roads if they schedule a project as required by our Ordinances, however if the Borough decides to dig up a road they will replace lines however they will not cover the cost of repairing the road if it is a Borough project.

John thanked everyone who participated. He stated it was a good start.

President McClintick moved to New Business.

**MOTION: to adopt Ordinance 6-12 was made by Tom Suddeth, second by John Freeland, all ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: to adopt Ordinance 6-13 was made by John Freeland, second by Tom Suddeth, all ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: to adopt Ordinance 6-14 was made by Betty Stenger, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION to adopt Ordinance 6-15 was made by John Freeland, second by Chris Frisby, all ayes, motion carried.**

Tammy Oberholzer reviewed the Annual PSAB Conference.

**MOTION: to authorize expenses for Tammy Oberholzer and Dawn Scheller to attend the Annual PSAB Conference was made by John Freeland, second by Chris Frisby, all ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: to approve \$15.61 paid to the Franklin County Emergency Service Alliance was made by Tom Suddeth, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: to approve the Boyer Ritter Auditor Agreement with recommended changes by Sam Wiser was made by Chris Frisby, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: to adjourn at 8:25 pm was made by Chris Frisby, second by John Freeland, all ayes, motion carried.**

These meeting minutes were transcribed by Borough Secretary, Dawn L. Scheller, from her notes and recording of the meeting. Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary, Dawn L. Scheller.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion Made by: \_\_\_\_\_ Second made by: \_\_\_\_\_