

**Mercersburg Borough Council**  
**Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA**  
**September 10, 2012**  
**MINUTES**

**Attending:** President Elizabeth McClintick, Mayor Jim Zeger, Vice-President John Freeland, Tom Suddeth, Jeff Main, Betty Stenger, Chris Frisby, Assistant Borough Manager Dawn Scheller, Solicitor Brad Betack, and Police Chief John Zechman

**Absent:** Council Member Donald Stoner, Borough Manager Tammy Oberholzer, Engineer Lance Kegerreis

**Press:** None

**Guest(s):** Dennis Shockey- 811 Fairview, Waynesboro; Elizabeth Cook- 5603 Peaceful Oak Drive-Waynesboro; Brian Stum- 244 Walnut Street, Waynesboro; Jeff Shank-856 McDowell Rd, Greencastle; Joel Bradnick- 211 South Main Street, Mercersburg; Douglas E. Bitner- 174 E. Waltor Ave, Greencastle; Susan McCracken- 120 Faust Street, Mercersburg

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President McClintick. Mayor Zeger led the Pledge of Allegiance. President McClintick asked for Public Comments not related to the Ambulance Emergency Service listed under old business. There were no public comments at this time. The guests present were interested in the Old Business item listed on the Agenda. President McClintick asked that the guests wait till that time for comments/discussion.

President McClintick asked for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2012.

**MOTION: to approve the Minutes with the addition of Brad's last name was made by John Freeland, second by Betty Stenger, all ayes, motion carried.**

President McClintick asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**MOTION: to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2012 was made by Tom Suddeth, second by John Freeland, all ayes, motion carried.**

President McClintick asked for a motion to approve the Bills Payable.

**MOTION: to approve the Bills Payable List for the Month of August 31, 2012 was made by John Freeland, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.**

President McClintick asked for the Mayor's Report.

Mayor Zeger spoke about 911 and what it means to him and the personal experiences that he had with his family in the Twin Towers over the years. He spoke about the money that was raised and that the community must not forget that day or the men and women who have lost their lives. Mayor Zeger spoke about Townfest and the activities scheduled for that day. Mayor encouraged the audience to attend the festivities.

Chris Frisby arrived at 7:07 pm.

President McClintick asked for the Chief's Report.

Chief John Zechman reported that during the month of August there were 125 Complaints and Service Calls, 15 Criminal Investigations, 7 Criminal Arrests, 5 Accident Investigations, 61 Citations Issued, and 45 Parking Tickets. Chief reviewed that the Police Radio was installed on the Police Car and the computer system is scheduled to be installed the week of

September 17, 2012. Chief reviewed that the Department is working with the Chamber of Commerce and Borough Manager concerning Townfest. Chief stated that there would be a table for a drug take back day at Townfest. Chief reviewed when they had done this in the past they received a lot of unused prescriptions and the time spent was valuable to the community. Chief reported that the Department would need to purchase certain equipment for a total of \$150.00. Chief reported the monies that have been turned over to the Borough for August 2012.

President McClintick asked for the Solicitor's Report.

Brad Betack, Esq. stated that Sam Wiser sends his regrets and was unable to attend the meeting, so Brad was there in Sam Wiser's Place. Brad Betack stated that he does not have anything additional at this time and that Sam Wiser will be present at the next Council Meeting.

President McClintick asked for the Engineer's Report.

Dawn Scheller stated that he had nothing to report, but would be present at the September 24, 2012 Borough Council Meeting for the Streets Committee discussion.

President McClintick asked for the Manager's Report.

Tammy Oberholzer was absent, but she provided a written report to Council for review. Tammy's report included the following; Pension Plan Information for Council's records, Bennett Avenue Paving Information including Borough's portion estimated at \$2,156.88 which is listed under New Business. The Mayor asked if the current curbs met specs and if the Engineer had reviewed them. Dawn stated that she would contact the Engineer and have the curbs reviewed and forward the information as needed.

**MOTION: to approve Mr. McCulloh's estimate for the Borough's portion to repave Bennett Avenue not to exceed \$3,000 was made by Tom Suddeth, second by John Freeland, all ayes, motion carried.**

Tammy reported that she was working of the Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract and RFPs for this service. Tammy Oberholzer reviewed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for the month would allow time for the Streets Committee to review the plan for street restoration. Tammy reported that the Elementary School has invited Mayor and Borough Council to attend a tour of the renovated school building. Borough Council Members were asked to contact the Borough Office if they were able to attend and which date would be better for them.

President McClintick stated that the Finance Committee would be meeting with Amy and a tentative date for that meeting would be during the week of the 15<sup>th</sup>. President McClintick stated that she was expecting to have budget information in the October's meeting packet.

President McClintick asked for the Assistant Manager's Report.

Dawn Scheller reviewed that there were 3 Land Use Permits in August and the October meeting would be held on October 22, 2012 due to Columbus Day falling on October 8, 2012.

President McClintick moved on to Old Business; to review and discuss the motion made on June 25, 2012 regarding the Mercersburg Box Card. President McClintick asked the audience members to introduce themselves to Council.

President McClintick stated that the New Box Card was approved by Borough Council and to have additional discussion about the card the first order of business would be a motion to rescind the motion made on June 25, 2012.

Brad Betack stated that he believed that Council could have discussion before making that motion so Council is well informed when deciding.

President McClintick reviewed that Council had received a copy of the comments that Sue had made at the August 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. She also reviewed that there were additional questions and answers from Medic 2 for consideration. President McClintick asked if there was anyone else from Medic 2 that would like to comment.

A comment was made that besides the small distance difference another reason to choose Medic 2 the paramedics are experienced with Emergency Room Settings and are experienced in working Doctors and Nurses to make sure the patient is getting the best care possible. It was stated that Medic 2 would continue to provide Top Grade Care to the community.

President McClintick reviewed the history about the motion in question. President McClintick reviewed that Mr. Stoner; former Fire Chief had brought the change in the Box Card to Borough Council for consideration. Mr. Stoner had presented information about the distance of the two Medic Units. At that time a motion was made and passed that changed the Box Card. At the August 27, 2012 meeting additional information was presented to Council from Medic 2 for review.

It was asked if the June 25, 2012 meeting was recorded. Dawn Scheller stated that she did not have a copy of the recording. It was then addressed that the Meeting Minutes approved were incorrect due to the statement "These minutes were transcribed by Dawn L. Scheller, Assistant Borough Manager, by using her meeting notes and a recording of the meeting".

**MOTION: to change the meeting minutes from June 25, 2012 by deleting "and a recording of the meeting" was made by Tom Suddeth, second by Chris Frisby, all ayes, motion carried.**

Mayor spoke about raising funds for Medic 2 and that he has been satisfied with them. Mayor was concerned with the Membership fees involved for the community by not rescinding the motion.

Other discussion items were discussed such as distance, medics covering other areas such as Chambersburg, equipment, current experiences, and the history of Medic 100 and Medic 203 with the Borough.

Council discussed concerns that some Council Members felt as though they had been misled and lied to and that more information should have been provided. Other Council Members were satisfied with the Fire Chief's Recommendation.

Brad Betack reviewed that there was no law stating that Council needed to choose a Medic based on distance and that Council could make a motion to rescind the previous motion changing Medic Companies.

**MOTION: to rescind the Motion made on June 25, 2012 to approve the Mercersburg Box Card as amended by Donald Stoner was made by Tom Suddeth, second by John Freeland, Elizabeth McClintick and Chris Frisby opposed, remaining ayes, motion carried.**

It was determined that Council would like to revisit this issue in January and February of 2013 and have members from both Medic Units present to provide Council with information along with a recommendation from the Current Fire Chief. President McClintick stated that she would like the Medic Companies to prepare the information and forward it to the Borough Office for distribution in advance of that meeting.

Guests left the meeting at 8:38 pm.

President McClintick provided an update on the status of MACWELL and their efforts. She reviewed that Dr. George has held meetings and is in the process of meeting with the land owners along Johnston's Run to obtain permission and right-of-ways for the paths. President McClintick stated that Council may be approached and would need to review liability questions, security questions for the sewer plant operations and current plans for the Borough Property owned.

President McClintick reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule and the enclosed correspondence.

No other business was discussed.

**MOTION: to adjourn at 8:50 pm was made by Chis Frisby, second by John Freeland, all ayes, motion carried.**

*These meeting minutes were transcribed by Dawn Scheller, using her meeting notes and recording of the meeting. Respectfully submitted by Dawn L. Scheller.*

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