

**Mercersburg Borough Council  
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA  
September 24, 2012  
MINUTES**

Attending: President Elizabeth McClintick, Mayor Zeger, John Freeland, Donald Stoner, Chris Frisby, Betty Stenger, Jeff Main, Tom Suddeth, Borough Manager Tammy Oberholzer, Assistant Borough Manager Dawn Scheller, and Borough Engineer Lance Kegerreis

Absent: Sam Wiser

Press / Guests: Josh Meyers -19 W. Seminary, Gina Hall- Mercersburg Journal

President McClintick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mayor Zeger led the pledge of Allegiance.

President McClintick asked for the Mayor's Report.

Mayor Zeger spoke about Townfest and showed Council Members the available Hats and T-shirts that are for sale. He asked that everyone welcome the guests who attend. He is expecting that they will have a large turnout especially with the Raid, Horses and Trolley. He said this is a great way to showcase the Town. Mayor spoke fondly about Jay Quinn and all he had done for the Community. Mayor stated that he was a good friend, good teacher, and active member of the community. He said that Jay will be missed. Mayor stated that the family will hold a Memorial Service for Jay Quinn on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

President McClintick asked if there was a Solicitor Report. Tammy stated that there was a memo from Sam Wiser is at everyone's seat to review.

President McClintick asked for the Engineer's Report.

Lance Kegerreis reviewed that there was an issue with the downstream property owner from Food Lion. Photo documentation was provided to the Council Members for review. Lance stated that he would send out a letter to Food Lion addressing this concern. He would keep Council updated with the information.

President McClintick asked if there was anything from the Manager or Assistant Manager to review.

There was nothing at this time.

President McClintick stated that the Public Works Department Report was included in the packets for review.

President McClintick asked for an update on Bennett Avenue.

Tammy reviewed that there were a few curbs which did not meet spec. Tammy reviewed that the curbs would need to be address before the street could be paved. Tammy reviewed that Mr. McCulloh has a contractor who would be available to complete the work so that the project is not delayed. Tammy reviewed that Sam stated the Borough could have the contractor complete the project and forward the appropriate costs to the home owners for payment. Tammy Oberholzer reviewed that the Borough still had the Low Rate Loan Program available for the home owners to utilize if needed.

**MOTION: to authorize the curbing to be completed by Mr. McCulloh's sub-contractor, notifying the homeowners and invoice the homeowners for the appropriate costs was made by Tom Suddeth, second by John Freeland, all ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: to approve the M.M.P. & W Fire Police Assistance for a motorcycle ride to benefit Breast Cancer Awareness of Cumberland Valley for Sunday, September 30, 2012 was made by John Freeland, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: to approve the 2013 contribution for the Franklin County Drug Task Force in the amount of \$753.62 was made by Betty Stenger, second by Chris Frisby, all ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: to approve Fire Police to assist at the Fulton Fall Folk Festival on 10/20/12 was made by Jeff Main, second by Betty Stenger, all ayes, motion carried.**

President McClintick asked John Freeland to speak about the Streets Committee Plan.

John Freeland thanked Donald Stoner for his point of view and request in August of 2011 about developing a plan. John reviewed the history of the Streets and the efforts made over the last year. He reviewed the multiple meetings with the Engineer and Utility Partners. He reviewed Council's commitment and there approval of the Street Inventory. John Freeland reviewed that Packet of information included contained information on the 10 worst streets, cost involved in fixing them, and possible funding options. John reviewed that the streets will only get worse if nothing is done and the Streets Committee is asking for Council's support in an effort to move ahead with correcting the issues.

Lance Kegerreis reviewed the information he supplied on the street conditions and costs involved. He reviewed the order that they are in the packet is the worst is first. He also reviewed Linden Avenue would be the most costly.

Council discussed the importance of working with the Utility Partners and the importance of involving the community and sharing of information. Council reviewed financing options, low rate loans vs. issuing bonds. They discussed the possibility of a tax increase of 1 mill for this project along with reallocating funds. Council reviewed that budget information would be in the October Packet and this if supported by council will need the financial support to allow this effort to continue. Council discussed that to complete all 10 streets taxes would have to be raised by 8 mills.

Council Members were in support of moving forward and getting additional information to consider. Everyone was pleased with the Committee's Efforts.

President McClintick reviewed the calendar.

**MOTION: to adjourn at 9:05 pm was made by Donald Stoner, second by John Freeland, all ayes, motion carried.**

These meeting minutes were transcribed by Assistant Borough Manager, Dawn Scheller, by using her meeting notes and recording of the meeting. Respectfully submitted by Dawn Scheller.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion Made: \_\_\_\_\_ Second By: \_\_\_\_\_