

**Mercersburg Borough Council
Special Meeting
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA 17236
May 28, 2014
MINUTES**

Attending: President Tom Suddeth, Mayor Jim Zeger, Vice-President Jeff Main, Donald Stoner, Chris Frisby, Jon Kittredge, Catalin Bonciu, Jeremy Jones, Assistant Borough Manager Dawn Scheller, Solicitor Sam Wisner, and Police Chief John Zechman

Absent: Borough Manager Tammy Oberholzer

Guests: per sign in sheet

Press: Jim Hook, Public Opinion and Gina Hall, Mercersburg Journal

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with Mayor Zeger leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Public Comment was opened.

Mr. Heefner asked Council what their plan was for the Borough. He asked for a show of hands as to what the New Direction of Council was moving toward.

Jeff Main spoke that the Borough needs to have better communication and have a TEAM Concept.

Mr. Heefner asked what the New Direction was. He stated that the Borough Manager was told that Council was moving in a New Directions when she was placed on administrative leave and who got together to formulate a plan. He stated that Council is wasting tax payers money and it is time for Council President to tell the citizens of the Borough what the New Direction is. Mr. Heefner also asked why the Mayor was moved from his seat and why the Borough Manager wasn't made aware of the new direction. He asked when was that decision made.

Mayor Zeger spoke about his concerns with Tammy Oberholzer being placed on administrative leave when Council never went into Public Session to vote.

Sam Wisner reviewed that there were no adverse employment actions taken and that the Borough Manager is receiving the full scale of benefits.

President Suddeth asked for the Mayor's Report.

Mayor Zeger spoke about the Harriet Lane Award Recipient. He spoke about the Memorial Day Parade and encouraged everyone to attend in future events.

MOTION: to enter into executive session for Management Personnel matters with possible action to be taken at 7:10 pm was made by Jeff Main, second by Jon Kittredge, all ayes, motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 8:36 pm.

MOTION: to authorize Council President to execute a Separation Agreement with Tammy Oberholzer with a form satisfactory to Council President and Borough Solicitor was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jon Kittredge, all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Zeger thanked Tammy Oberholzer for her work in the Borough. He said that she did a great job.

MOTION: to authorize two invoices to be paid: 1)Mr. Dofflemeyer for brickwork, and 2) Ryan’s Computers in the amount of \$80.00 was made by Jon Kittredge, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to authorize a resolution to be prepared and signed to reflect the change in the Personnel Committee make up to read the following: on page 5, B. Borough Definitions: 8. Personnel Committee – a committee composed of (3) Council Members appointed by the Council President and (2) members from each Authority, appointed by the Authority was made by Jeff Main, second by Jon Kittredge, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to enter into executive session at 8:40 pm regarding a management employee with possible action to be taken, Water and Sewer Authority Chairman were included to attend, was made by Jeff Main, second by Jon Kittredge, all ayes, motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 9:40 pm.

Borough Council reviewed information about a backhoe and the options of financing the purchase or using joint equipment funds.

MOTION: to authorize the purchase of a 310K Extend a hoe backhoe using Joint Equipment Funds for the purchase was made by Jeff Main, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to adjourn at 9:45 pm was made by Jeff Main, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.

These meeting minutes have been transcribed with the use of Dawn Scheller’s meeting notes and audio recording and have been respectfully submitted for approval.

Date approved: _____ Motion made by: _____ Second by: _____

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DATE: Wednesday, May 28, 2014

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