

**Mercersburg Borough Council**  
**Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA**  
**November 24, 2014**  
**MINUTES**

**Attending:** Council President Tom Suddeth, Vice-President Jeff Main, Treasurer Catalin Bonciu, Jon Kittredge, Liza McCoy, Amy Burkot, Donald Stoner, Borough Manager Dawn Scheller, and Assistant Borough Manager Derek Stoy

**Absent:** Mayor Jim Zeger, Chief, Solicitor and Engineer

Press/Guests: see sign-in sheet

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm where Dawn Scheller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Tom Suddeth opened the floor for Public Comment.

Tom Heefner thanked the Finance Committee for the hard work in developing a budget with a zero percent increase. He also thanked Council for the hiring of Assistant Borough Manager Derek Stoy as he has heard good things in the community. Tom Heefner expressed concern regarding the Vacancy Board Meeting and his interest in serving on Council.

Mr. Rockwell spoke that Council should when appointing a member review the qualifications of the appointees as members in the Audience may not be familiar with who is being appointed. He recommended that they prepare a paragraph that could be read. He stated perception is everything.

Anna Lisa from the First National Bank of Mercersburg was present to review the Online Banking Resolution that is required in order to have direct deposit.

**MOTION: to authorize any and all Bank Documents to establish online banking for direct deposit and accountant to obtain view only status for all Borough Accounts was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jeff Main, Jon Kittredge opposed, remaining ayes, motion carried.**

President Suddeth opened the floor for comments about the Request for free parking from November 28<sup>th</sup> thru January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Renner spoke against free parking. He had concerns with residents parking in-front of his business and not moving the vehicle which would not allow customers the ability to park. He reviewed in other towns/communities this is a problem. Council asked that the Solicitor be asked besides chalk methods what other ways can 2 hour parking be monitored. They reviewed that they would want it to be complaint driven for vehicles that take advantage of the free holiday parking.

Council Member's reviewed that the Chamber had provided a request to Council for consideration and after discussion of the benefits to the community they made the following motion.

**MOTION: to authorize resolution 18-14 establishing Free Holiday Parking from November 28, 2014 through January 1, 2015 as requested by the Chamber of Commerce was made by Jon Kittredge, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.**

Derek Stoy reviewed an old chimney located on the rear of the Borough Building is falling away from the building and is a danger to property and public around it should be removed. He reported that this is not a working chimney and is of no value to the building and is located behind trees. He obtained a quote of \$1200 for the removal and asked for the authorization of Council to have the work done and verified that the contractor has the necessary insurances.

**MOTION: to authorize the removal of the non-working chimney for the amount of \$1200 was made by Jeff Main, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.**

Borough Council discussed the request of asking the Chamber to add Merry Christmas to the Holiday Display. Council discussed this matter at great length.

**MOTION: to authorize the office to write a letter of request that the Chamber to add Merry Christmas to the Happy Holiday Display was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jon Kittredge, a vote was taken after much discussion, Donald Stoner, Jeff Main, Amy Burkot, and Tom Suddeth opposed, remaining ayes, motion failed.**

The Borough Council asked that the Solicitor be asked for information about the Library and if they are obligated to share the budget.

**MOTION: to enter into executive session with possible action to be taken for Personnel Matters at 8:04 pm was made by Jon Kittredge, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.**

Regular session resumed at 8:45.

**MOTION: to adjourn at 8:46 pm was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.**

These meeting minutes have been completed and respectfully submitted by Dawn Scheller with the use of her meeting notes and audio recording.

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