

**Mercersburg Borough Council Meeting
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
August 3, 2015
MINUTES**

Attending: Council President Tom Suddeth, Vice-President Jeff Main, Treasurer Catalin Bonciu, Mayor Jim Zeger, Amy Burkot, Jonathan (Jon) Kittredge, Donald Stoner, Borough Manager Dawn Scheller, Assistant Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Solicitor Steve Coccorese, and Engineer Lance Kegerreis

Absent: Members Lisa McCoy

Guests/Press: See sign-in sheet

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with Mayor Zeger leading the Pledge of Allegiance. President Suddeth asked for Public Comment.

Mr. Tom Heefner, E. Fairview Street, Mercersburg, spoke about the millage rate paid to the Library and encouraged Council to match the same rate that other tax payers are paying the County a rate of 1.05 mills. He also spoke about previous plans created years ago regarding a proposed Public Works Department Building and suggested that the committee review those plans prior to resources spent creating new ones.

No other public comments were made at this time.

MOTION: to approve Meeting Minutes from July 6, 2015 as presented was made by Jeff Main, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to approve Meeting Minutes from July 20, 2015 as presented was made by Jeff Main, second by Jon Kittredge, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2015 was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to approve the Bills Payable and Invoices to be paid list for July 2015 was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Zeger presented his Mayor's Report. The report included information about a recent trip to Lexington and some interesting places he visited. He also asked the residents to take care of any weeds along the Borough roads and alleyways. Mayor also spoke about the Historical Walk for children in the community along with information about the Mercersburg Fair.

President Suddeth reviewed that the Council Members received a Police Report in the meeting packet.

Steve Coccorese reviewed that he had items for Borough Council to discuss further in Executive Session later in the meeting.

Lance Kegerreis spoke about the Streets Project and reported that he had Agreements to be signed. After reviewing the Agreements for both RECON and P&W the following motion was made.

MOTION: to authorize Council President and Borough Secretary Dawn Scheller to sign the Agreements as presented for both RECON and P&W Excavating was made by Jon Kittredge, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.

Lance Kegerreis reviewed that next week the Notice to Proceed would be issued since Columbia Gas and the curb work was close to completion. He reported that RECON Construction still has core samples to complete prior to them starting the work. Council Member Jeff Main asked about recent curbing installed on W. Seminary Ext. and if the Borough would be liable for Columbia Gas restorations where they have added curbing where there was none. Derek Stoy reviewed that the elevations were not changed during the restoration process. He reviewed that both the street and the height of the sidewalks did not change. Lance Kegerreis stated he would visit the site discussed.

Donald Stoner arrived at 7:30 pm.

Dawn Scheller presented her Manager's Report that included information on the closing date for the sale of the Tannery Property on August 12, 2015 where Council President would sign documents on behalf of the Borough. She also spoke about the Playground Program and the many businesses who contributed to the successful program. Dawn Scheller reported that Columbia Gas would begin to calculate the area disturbed and submit the information to the Borough so that the Borough can invoice for the restoration costs as they will occur with the Streets Project.

Derek Stoy presented his report and reviewed information about the curb work still needed to be completed and that 3 Land Use Permits were issued in July. He reported that the F-250 Public Works Vehicle required front end work that would cost approximately \$1250.

MOTION: to approve the vehicle repairs not to exceed \$1400 for the PWD F-250 was made by Jeff Main, second by Jon Kittredge, all ayes, motion carried.

President Suddeth noted that the PWD Report was included in the Council Packets for review and forward questions to Derek Stoy.

Council Members moved on to the Committee Reports.

Finance Committee presented the information from their meeting.

MOTION: to direct Finance Committee to increase the Library Tax Millage to 1.05 mills in the 2016 drafted budget was made by Jeff Main, second by Jonathan Kittredge, all ayes, motion carried.

It was decided that the Finance Committee would not be meeting on August 4, 2015.

Technology Committee report was presented with no recommendations at this time.

Jeff Main presented the Fire Board report, he reviewed the recent meeting held at the fire hall which reviewed the future plans for the department. He reported that M.M.P. & W were close to completing the merger where all entities would be under one 501 3 C status. Members of the Public were happy to hear the update. Jeff Main reported that the M.M.P. & W. did purchase the V.F.W. Property and an article was going to be written in the Journal. Members of Council congratulated the Fire Company on the recent purchase. Donald Stoner left the meeting at 8:03 pm. Jeff Main presented information on the possible future uses of the property along with other ideas for a possible memorial at the former Smith House location. Jeff reported that the Fire Company provides copies of meeting minutes and financials to the Borough on a monthly basis.

Council moved on to Old Business:

MOTION: to approve Ordinance 10-14 amending Ordinance 10-9, "the Mercersburg Borough Engine Break Ordinance" by modifying section 8 thereof was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Amy Burkot, all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor asked Council about hiring the PT Officer that the Personnel Committee had interviewed.

MOTION: to remove the previously policy set by Borough Council requesting certain police coverage in the Borough was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jeff Main, Jonathan Kittredge opposed, remaining ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to accept the resignation of Officer Jason Reed as presented to Council was made by Jeff Main, second by Catalin Bonciu, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to enter into executive session at 8:25 pm for Collective Bargaining Agreement Matters and potential litigation matters with possible action to be taken was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 9:02 pm.

MOTION: to authorize Council President to sign a letter / mutual agreement drafted by the Borough Solicitor between Mercersburg Borough and CCIS was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.

Borough Council President reviewed the meeting calendar where there were no committee meetings to be held until after the second council meeting. The second Council Meeting would be held if needed. The Open House Information scheduled by Senator Eichelberger was shared with all.

MOTION: to adjourn at 9:10 pm was made by Catalin Bonciu, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.

These meeting minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted for review and approval by Dawn L. Scheller, Borough Secretary, using her meeting notes and audio recording.

Date Approved: _____ Motion Made By: _____ Second By: _____

