

Mercersburg Borough Council
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
January 14, 2019
MINUTES

Attending: President Donald (Dusty) Stoner Jr., Vice-President Jeff Main, Amy Burkot, Dr. Michael Pedersen, Tom Heefner, Sean Grove, Paul Sipes, Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Borough Secretary Stacey Golden and Solicitor Justin George

Absent: Mayor Roger Defibaugh

Guests/Press: Preston Spahr, Andy Abel, Dr. Elizabeth George, Chris Ardinger, Linda Hargrove, Senator Judy Ward

President Donald Stoner Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Stoner asked for public comments. Preston Spahr updated council on planning for Mercersburg and discussed the idea of hiring a planner for Mercersburg.

MOTION: To approve December 10, 2018 minutes was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen with the correction that Amy Burkot was not in attendance. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Bills Payable ending December 31, 2018 was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

President Donald Stoner Jr. moved into the Mayor's Report. Mayor Defibaugh provided a written report that included asking Council about hiring a part time police officer. Mayor Defibaugh inquired about himself, Chief Zechmann and Sgt. Wertz to assist with the Civil Service Commission. Request was made to visit the parking ordinance 1-35 and 1-37 to update and present to Council for possible recommendations. Also, Mayor Defibaugh asked to advertise for a crossing guard position. Mayor Defibaugh concluded his report with inquiring about installing a police door with a window.

MOTION: To allow Borough Manager, Derek Stoy, to secure bid quotes to rewire police camera/tv monitor for security was made by Jeff main, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To proceed with getting quotes to have a window installed in the new police door was made by Tom Heefner, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.

Jeff Main commented that the police door window should be replaced with safety glass.

Council President moved into the Borough Manager's Report. Vice-President Jeff Main asked what direction the Borough takes for a snow emergency plan. Borough Manager commented that the Police Department takes care of it and normally takes effect for 6 inches of snow or more with two days of notice for residents. Stoy continued with giving an update for Johnston's Run Trail. Manager Stoy reminded the Council about the Volunteer Luncheon on January 16, 2019 and noted that there would not be a Personnel Committee meeting due to the date falling on Martin Luther King Day. Borough Manager Stoy said there were Several Resolutions to reinstate members whose terms will expire December 31, 2018. Stoy requested reimbursement to the General Fund from the UDAG Fund for invoices dating January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018 relating to the MACWell Trail and said he had a separate request that moving forward any solicitor or engineer invoice would be paid from the UDAG Fund. Stoy explained Senator Judy Ward's

request to have satellite office hours at the Borough with hours and days to be determined. A request was made for Mrs. Rhodes to display black balloons for Addiction Awareness. Borough Manager Derek Stoy finished his report with thanking everyone who donated their time and money to help with the Christmas tree on the square.

MOTION: To transfer money from UDAG fund to General Fund was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. Motion was carried on a six to one vote. Donald Stoner Jr.- Yay, Jeff Main- Yay, Dr. Michael Pedersen- Yay, Tom Heefner- Yay, Sean Grove- Yay, Paul Sipes- Yay, Amy Burkot- Nay.

MOTION: To use funds from UDAG fund for any engineering or solicitor type invoice for the MACWell Trail was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. Motion carried on a six to one vote. Donald Stoner Jr.- Yay, Jeff Main- Yay, Dr. Michael Pedersen- Yay, Tom Heefner- Yay, Sean Grove- Yay, Paul Sipes- Yay, Amy Burkot- Nay.

Jeff Main gave an update on Fire Board stating that it was a good year ending in the positive financially.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy and Vice-President Jeff Main reported topics from the Personnel Committee Meeting.

MOTION: To have Dunbar Bender & Zapf review the proposed Borough of Mercersburg Police Retirement Plan was made by Tom Heefner, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To hire Matthew Hudson for the part time Police Officer position at a starting salary of \$16.80 per hour and pending receiving his certification through MPOETC (Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission) was made by Tom Heefner, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To advertise for the Crossing Guard position was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To appoint Borough Manager Derek Stoy as the Representative for the Franklin County Emergency Service Alliance was made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To appoint Vice-President Jeff Main as the Alternate for the Franklin County Emergency Service Alliance was made by Tom Heefner, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To appoint Borough Manager, Derek Stoy and Secretary Stacey Golden as COG (Council of Governments) Representatives was made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept Resolution 01-19 reappointing Sewer Authority Member Catilin Bonciu was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept Resolution 02-19 reappointing General Purpose Authority Member William Keefer was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept Resolution 03-19 reappointing HARB Chair Judi Kelsey was made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To nominate Michael Pedersen to the Fire Board was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept Resolution 04-19 reappointing Jeff Main and appointing Michael Pedersen to the Fire Board was made by Paul Sipes, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Borough Manager Derek Stoy to sign Senator Judy Ward’s letter requesting use of the Mercersburg Borough Office for satellite hours was made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Victoria Rhodes letter requesting display of Addiction Awareness balloons was made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

Paul Sipes spoke to the Council about the Borough seeking a “Regional Planning Person”. Sipes noted that the person/position would not be exclusive to Mercersburg. Sipes also stated that the position could be contracted out over a period of time. Vice-President Jeff Main recommended presenting the idea to the Personnel Committee and doing more research on the position.

President Donald Stoner Jr. asked Manager Derek Stoy if there was going to be a Streets Committee Meeting soon and expressed his concern about traffic traveling the wrong way on Mercer Avenue and noted that maybe signage would help. Manager Derek Stoy said the topic could be addressed at the next meeting.

MOTION: To adjourn was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

These meeting minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted for approval by Stacey Golden with the use of her meeting notes and audio recording.

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