

**Mercersburg Borough Council**  
**Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA**  
**August 12, 2019**  
**MINUTES**

**Attending:** President Donald (Dusty) Stoner Jr., Dr. Michael Pedersen, Jeff Main, Paul Sipes, Borough Manager Derek Stoy, Borough Secretary Stacey Golden and Solicitor Steve Coccorese

**Absent:** Mayor Roger Defibaugh, Amy Burkot, Sean Grove, Tom Heefner

**Guests/Press:** Preston Spahr, Rachel Nichols, Judy Boncui, Raymond & Lisa Minton, Kristyn Martin & Presbyterian Church of Upper West Conococheague Members

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

President Stoner opened the floor for public comments. Preston Spahr gave an update on the Mercersburg Vibrancy Planning Organization. Spahr commented that a mission statement has been approved which reads: "To support a vibrant community through sustainable growth, enhanced mobility and celebration of Mercersburg heritage and surrounding landscape where it is desirable to live, work and visit". Mr. Spahr also noted that a MMPW event was attended with "supportive response" and a public meeting was held with "good discussion". A meeting was held with Penn State Mont Alto on August 8th "to discuss training and development options as part of local business engagement and vibrancy" as well as a presentation with the Mercersburg Rotary. Spahr encouraged everyone to visit the Mercersburg Community Fair Booth on August 12th to show support.

A representative from the Presbyterian Church of Upper West Conococheague addressed the council regarding parking in front of the church. The police department asked for the vehicles to be moved due to the probationary period ending. Borough Manager Derek Stoy said that a machine will be rented to install signs for parking and explained the process. Vice-President Jeff Main suggested giving another extension until the end of the year to allow parking. Solicitor Steve Coccorese advised authorizing another extension of the current arrangement and communicating with the police department. Manager Stoy said changes would have to be made to the parking ordinances and suggested doing a review to see if other changes need made.

**MOTION: To approve the July 8, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable for the month ending July 31, 2019 was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

Mayor Defibaugh was not present.

Council moved into the Borough Manager's Report.

Borough Manager Derek Stoy reported on Johnston's Run Trail and expects the project to be completed in a month. Stoy plans to meet with a representative from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the State Forester and

Dr. Elizabeth George to look at what trees can be planted on the trail. The Summer Playground Program has ended with good feedback from parents. Manager Stoy spoke to council about the replacement of the 1997 Ford F 350 truck. Stoy gathered four quotes, Keystone Ford gave the best price on the chassis and US Municipal gave the best price for the bed/plow. The Mercersburg General Purpose Authority donated \$10,000 bringing the price down to \$67,086. Stoy presented two options to the council for funding the remaining balance of the vehicle; Option 1- Using \$10,000 of excess liquid fuels bringing the balance down to \$57,086 which would be paid out of the Joint Equipment Fund leaving that fund with a balance of \$16,484.05. Option 2- Paying the balance out of the Joint Equipment Fund (not using liquid fuels) leaving a balance in that fund of \$6,484.05. Keystone Ford is holding the vehicle until all three entities meet. The Sewer Authority approved option 1. Manager Stoy applied for a low volume road grant through the Franklin County Soil Conservation to install a drop box filter in an existing inlet structure on McConnell Alley. Total funds applied for was \$20,076. All the work would be done in house except paving. If only a percentage of the grant is approved, Stoy noted that it would need addressed in the 2020 budget.

President Stoner moved into the Committee Reports.

Vice-President Jeff Main reported on Fire Board. Main stated that a workshop was held and that it was successful and educational for the townships.

Vice-President Jeff Main also reported on the HARB meeting. Main went over details for applications COA 19-07-01 and COA 19-08-02.

**MOTION: To support HARB in their findings for COA 19-07-01 (amended application COA-19-08-02) was made by Paul Sipes, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To approve extension of the parking on South Park until December 31, 2019 for the Presbyterian Church of Upper West Conococheague only, on Sunday mornings from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM, from West Seminary to West California to take effect immediately was made by Paul Sipes, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To accept the resignation of Water and Sewer Plant Operator, Paul Sharrow, was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To approve purchasing the F 550 chassis from Keystone Ford with US Municipal doing the extra work for the bed/plow using \$10,000 out of the liquid fuels fund and approving the remaining purchase balance to be paid out of the Joint Equipment Fund with the General Purpose Authority's donation of 10k was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To approve Bricker's Electrical Service's proposal in the amount of \$3,250.00 for the police department was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To retroactively approve the Fire Police to be present at the Path Valley Parade on August 8, 2019 was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To approve Fannett-Metal and Franklin Fire Company's request for the Fire Police to be present for the yearly gun drawing at the picnic grounds at Hammonds Grove on September 21, 2019 was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To approve Shane Clark of 227 North Main Street as a Fire Policeman at the MMPW Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company with being sworn in by Judge Jody Eyer was made by Jeff Main, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.**

President Donald Stoner Jr. reviewed committee meeting dates.

**MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 7:47 PM was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

Regular session resumed at 8:36 PM.

**MOTION: To pay Michael Faith \$625 for sidewalk restoration was made by Jeff Main, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.**

**MOTION: To adjourn 8:37 PM was made by Jeff Main, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.**

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

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Second by: \_\_\_\_\_