

Mercersburg Borough Council
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
September 9, 2019
MINUTES

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

Absent:

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 Mayor Defibaugh to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Stoner opened the floor for public comments. Preston Spahr gave an update on the Mercersburg Vibrancy/Steering Committee. Spahr noted that GMS visited to give a presentation and talked about how to get grants. GMS suggested that the committee get a prioritized updated plan in place. The capital campaign process and contacts have been established. The community fair went well. A meeting with Franklin county Planning Director, Steve Thomas, was held to discuss a comprehensive plan for Franklin County to be completed in two years. An appreciation dinner for the first responders is being organized by Maria Kimsey from the Mercersburg Academy.

MOTION: To approve the August 12, 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 August 31, 2019 was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

Council moved into the Mayor's Report.

Mayor Defibaugh reported that the Lion's Club fair was very successful noting that a donation of \$400 was made to the Police Department. Mayor Defibaugh said he would like to use the donation in combination with a donation from the Academy to put towards a speed limit sign. Mayor Defibaugh publically thanked the Lion's Club for their donation. Mayor Defibaugh stated that Wertz had a non duty injury, a broken ankle, and was put off work for 6 weeks. Also, Officer Culbertson was injured during a call and has had surgery. Defibaugh said he is expecting Culbertson to return at the earliest February or March of 2020. Chief Zechmann has been working 10-12 per day to make up the difference to staffing. An application was submitted for a crossing guard, Mayor Defibaugh asked if council would want to send to the Personnel Committee with a recommendation. Vice-President Jeff Main said to have the individual come to the Personnel meeting. Borough Manager Derek Stoy suggested having the second council meeting in October if Personnel Committee approves. Mayor Defibaugh moved on to discuss damages to the police vehicles and quotes for repairs. Vice-President said to check with the insurance company to see if coverage is available.

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: _____