

Mercersburg Borough Council
113 South Main Street
Mercersburg, PA 17236
July 11, 2022
Minutes

Attending: Donald Stoner Jr., Tom Heefner, Paul Sipes, Raymond Minton, Mayor Michael Pedersen Anthony Frisby & Solicitor Steve Coccorese Secretary/Melissa Price

Absent: Joe Burkot, Tim Stanton

Guests/Press: Lisa Minton, Ivy Hatfield, Albert Minton, John Zechman, Preston Spahr, Andy Able, Tom Suddeth, Bryan Musselman, Sergeant Aaron Martin

President Stoner called the meeting to order at 7PM (Guest) Albert Minton led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest Comments: Preston Spahr commented on the Town Festival – 3 topics to discuss.

- Music festival – 3 performances in the Mansion House and two movies to be shown at the Starr Theatre – no events will be happening on the street – invited Gear house and Cold Spring Hollow to set up in the M&T Parking lot.
- Planning Committee – Preston would submit his name to the serve on Borough Council Planning Committee, inquiring on the Charter requirements for planning.
- FCI Grant – Franklin County Commission Impact Grant Program – using Funds from the America Rescue Plan Act – Preston submitted a proposal from the Mercersburg Vibrancy Steering Committee – to match up to 30K for planning functions for the services for Mercersburg “outline” creative plans for our services, documents projects that should be done to keep services current, and to kick off project for modernizations.

MINUTES: From the June 27, 2022, meeting, Tom Heefner states there needs to be a correction, from “correct to corrected” for the minutes.

MOTION: To Amend the Borough Council Meeting Minutes for Monday, June 27, 2022 –Paul Sipes made the motion to accept the minutes as correct from June 27, 2022, seconded by Tom Heefner, All Ayes, motion carried.

Tim Stanton – Abstain from the Motion, he did not attend the last meeting.

Treasure’s Report/Bills – Tim Stanton has some concerns regarding the Budget and Funding.

MOTION: To accept the Treasure’s Report/Bill was made by Tom Heefner, seconded by Paul Sipes, All Ayes, motion carried.

Mayors' Report – ask for the support of the 1st Food Truck Festival in Mercersburg, also commented he is thankful for the chief's support with the Downtown Beautification.

Police Report – no added comments on the police report – Chief added he is going to prepare a new report for the Mercersburg Journal, using a new tool – Police Blotter.

Solicitor – To be Present

Engineer Report - NA

Borough Manager's Report - NA

Council moved to Department of Public Works - Available upon Request

Committee Report:

- A. Act 537- N/A
- B. Finance – Dates to be set for a Finance Meeting
- C. Fire Board – Mayor Michael states nothing is new at the charter, looking at a new roof around 60K.
- D. HARB-N/A
- E. Nominating - N/A
- F. Personnel – N/A
- G. Planning - N/A
- H. Property -N/A
- I. Police/Safety Committee- N/A
- J. Streets N/A
- K. Zoning Hearing Board - N/A

Council to move to Old Business:

Background checks were completed for the playground program, the Mercersburg Alleys being abandoned by the Borough were discussed and looking to find more document of such evidence. Property Committee to meet to discuss cameras, New Borough Manager and Employee Handbook to be discussed in Executive Session.

Council to move to New Business: No new Business

Motion: Dusty Stoner (Council President) entertained the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters to reconvene with action to be taken later. So moved by Paul Sipes, Raymond Minton 2nd motion – All Ayes, motion carried.

Executive Session – Started at 7:52pm

Motion: Dusty Stoner (Council President) entertained the motion to hire Mr. Dennis Tobin as the Borough Manager at 65K a year, so moved by Paul Sipes, 2nd by Tom Heefner, All Ayes, Motion carried.

Confirm Meetings

- A. COUNCIL: 07/25/22 @ 7pm – 08/11/22 @ 7pm
- B. HARB: TBA
- C. SEWER: 07/14/22 @ 7pm
- D. WATER: 07/21/22 @ 7pm Mr.
- E. PERSONNEL: TBA
- F. STREETS: 07/27/22 @ 7pm – No Meeting
- G. G. FINANCE: TBD

MOTION: To adjourn Borough Council Meeting at 8:30 PM was made by Tom Heefner, seconded by Raymond Minton, All Ayes, Motion Carried.

These meeting minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted for approval by Melissa Price with the use of her meeting notes and audio recording,