

**Mercersburg Council Meeting
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
September 26, 2022
MINUTES**

Council President Dusty Stoner call the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Councilpersons present: Dusty Stoner, Tom Heefner, Paul Sipes, Joe Burkot, Anthony Frisby, Raymond Minton, Jacob Morgan, Mayor – Michael Pedersen, Borough Manager– Dennis Tobin, Borough Secretary Melissa Price, Solicitor – Steve Coccorese

Absent: N/A

Guest/Press Presents - Andy Able, Tom Suddeth, Barry & Linda Best, Jan Neilling, Jody Eyer

MOTION: to take the council meeting out of order temporarily, motion was made by Raymond Minton, 2nd by Tom Heefner, all Ayes – Motion Carried

Resolution 22-9-2 whereas, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mercersburg wishes to fill the vacancy on the Mercersburg Borough Council (Tom Stanton's seat) beginning September 26, 2022, ending January 2, 2024 – whereas the Vacancy Committee at its September 21, 2022, meeting appointed Jacob Morgan as Borough Council Member. Now therefore be it resolved, by the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Mercersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, that the Borough Council does hereby acknowledge the Vacancy Committee appointment of Jacob Morgan to fill the vacancy on the Mercersburg Borough Council. Passed by the Council of the Borough of Mercersburg, Monday, the 26th day of September 2022.

MOTION: to approve Resolution 22-9-2 appoint Jacob Morgan to fill the seat on Borough Council. Motion was made by Tom Heffner, 2nd by Paul Sipes, ally Ayes – Motion Carried

Judge Jody Eyer swore in Jacob Morgan to sit on the Mercersburg Borough Council.

To continue with Out of Order Business – Leidy Holdings, LLC 11427 Church Hill Road – minor subdivision of land – Barry Best to explain the subdivision of land at Leidy Holding

MOTION: To accept the minor Subdivision of the plans presented by Leidy Holding, LLC, motion made by Tom Heffner, 2nd by Paul Sipes, all Ayes Motion Carried

Public Comment – Jan Neilling discussed concerns regarding construction and parking on East Seminary Street and how it may affect her business – Borough Council informed Jan, that the Borough would make sure that the construction will not affect her business., and we will work closely with Rockwell's Construction for the duration of the construction.

Authority moved to New Business.

MOTION: to Approve Mercersburg Library Associations remitted Library Tax of \$13,553.70, motion made by Tom Heffner, 2nd by Paul Sipes, all Ayes Motion Carried

Discussion: Tom Heffner stated it's been our policy to pay the same amount of money in the mills that the county does and the county in 2020 raised the millage rate 1.30 mil so we are behind 2 years on paying what the county rate is, the Borough does not pay the county library tax, but we've agreed to tax the same amount for the Borough to go the library, so in 2020 the county raise the Library tax to 1.3 mils and we haven't brought the local library up, so we have to add this to the upcoming Budget. Need to improve the millage rate or make up the difference in the General Account? Next year's Budget would be 1.3 mils – make a note in Finance.

MOTION: Discussion not to continue with the Cloud Access for Radar for \$500.00 moving forward, motion was made by Jacob Morgan, 2nd by Tom Heefner, all Ayes – Motion Carried

MOTION: to follow the recommendation to accept the MMO Non-Uniform & Uniform Pension for the year 2023, motion made by Paul Sipes, 2nd by Tom Heefner, all Ayes – Motion Carried

MOTION: to follow the recommendation to send two checks for the MMO's for the following retirement plans – Police \$ 7,793.00 & Non-Uniform Plan \$ 58,537.00 with the understanding that we will recoup \$44,011.51 from the state of PA in course in 2022, motion made by Paul Sipes, 2nd by Jacob Morgan, all Ayes – Motion Carried

Correspondence: Borough Council President Dusty Stoner mentioned the Mercersburg Street Fair was an amazing even.

MOTION: to go into Executive Session @7:58pm for Personnel Matter for possible actions to be taken, motion made by Raymond Minton, 2nd by Paul Sipes

Meeting is reconvened

MOTION: to amend the agenda to include the acceptance of the resignation of Dennis Tobin effective close of business Friday, October 7, 2022, motion made by Paul Sipes, 2nd by Tom Heefner, all Ayes, Motion Carried.

MOTION: to accept the resignation letter as submitted by Dennis Tobin effective the close of Business, Friday, October 7, 2022, with regret, motion made by Paul Sipes, 2nd by Tom Heefner, all Ayes, Motion Carried

MOTION: to amend the agenda to include the appointment of Melissa Price as acting Borough Manager effective Close of business Friday, October 7, 2022, until a date to be determined at a rate increase of \$2.40 an hour, motion made by Paul Sipes, 2nd by Raymond Minton, all Ayes, Motion Carried

Motion: to appoint Melissa Price as acting Borough Manager effective Friday, October 7, 2022, close of business at an increase pay of \$2.40 an hour, motion made by Paul Sipes, 2nd by Raymond Minton, all Ayes. Motion Carried

Mercersburg Borough to advertise the Borough Manager position for 30 days

MOTION: amend the agenda to include a proposal to extend an offer to the former Borough Manager Derek Stoy to contractual present a draft budget to the Finance Committee to the fee of \$1K due by October 10, 2022, motion made by Paul Sipes, 2nd Tom Heefner, all Ayes Motion Carried

MOTION: To approve Derek Stoy to present a draft budget for the Finance Committee, motion made by Tom Heefner, 2nd by Paul Sipes, all Ayes, Motion Carried

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM, motion made by Raymond Minton, 2nd by Paul Sipes, all Ayes, Motion Carried

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

Date approved: 10-16 22 Motion: Raymond Minton Second: Tom Heefner

Melissa Price