

Mercersburg Borough Council
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
July 9, 2018
MINUTES

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

Absent: Mayor Roger Defibaugh

Guests/Press: Linda Hargrove, Chris Ardinger, Dr. Liz George, Preston Spahr, Darrie Spahr, Ken Bustin

President Stoner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked Chris Ardinger to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Stoner asked for any public comment. Dr. Liz George spoke to the Council about creating a walkability/bikeability Sub Committee. The Council suggested taking the idea to the Streets Committee.

MOTION: To approve June 11, 2018 minutes was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heffner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report ending June 30, 2018 and Bills Payable list ending the same date was made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

President Stoner moved onto the Mayor's report and read it out loud due to the Mayor not being present. Mayor Defibaugh reported that he conducted a marriage ceremony. He requested a meeting with the Police/Public Safety Committee in the later part of August. Defibaugh thanked the Mercersburg Academy for their gift of \$2000 to the Mercersburg Police Department. Mayor Defibaugh also noted that the new police car/suv was delivered and is being detailed.

President Stoner moved onto the Acting Borough Manager's report. Acting Borough Manager, Derek Stoy reported on the HVAC system and said it is almost completed and asked the Council to think about what needs done with the old window units. Stoy mentioned that the audit is completed and the Finance Committee will meet on July 12th to review/discuss. Acting Manager Stoy noted that two of the Public Works dump trucks were serviced and anticipates replacing one in the future. Stoy mentioned that Cumberland Valley Inc. is requesting to place ribbons on trees, poles and parking meters around town in October for Breast Cancer Awareness. Stoy is still awaiting approval from the Mayor and Police department for Ordinance 10-5. Acting Manager Stoy stated that he talked to the Solicitor about a resolution to name Stacey Golden as Borough Secretary.

President Stoner went on to Committee Reports.

Council Member Amy Burkot spoke to the Council about the Beautification Committee Meeting and her idea of placing some trees in concrete boxes in the square of Mercersburg with lights and asked about creating a committee.

MOTION: To form a Sub Committee under the Beautification Committee to enhance the Borough of Mercersburg was made by Amy Burkot, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

President Stoner moved on to New Business.

MOTION: To approve allowing Cumberland Valley Inc. to place ribbons on trees, poles and parking meters for Breast Cancer Awareness for two weeks in October was made by Jeff Main, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 17-18 naming Stacey M. Golden as Borough Secretary was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heffner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Borough's fee of \$109.27 (\$.07 per capita) to Franklin County Emergency Services Alliance for an Emergency Services Study was made by Tom Heffner, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve two people, up to \$100, to attend the FCADC, Franklin County Area Development Corporation's Thirty Second Annual Industry Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, September 6, 2018 was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heffner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session for Personnel reasons at 8:13 PM was made by Paul Sipes, second by Tom Heffner. All ayes, motion carried.

Acting Manager Derek Stoy explained to Council that Public Works employee Benjamin Barr gave a two weeks notice due to taking another job closer to home and that he kept all the candidate's applications on file.

MOTION: To accept Public Work's employee Benjamin Barr's resignation was made by Paul Sipes, second by Tom Heffner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To replace Benjamin Barr's position with an existing candidate as soon as possible was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heffner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To hire Derek Stoy as Borough Manager at a set annual salary rate of \$51,253.00 with a 90 day probationary period, waiving the college education requirement was made by Jeff Main, second by Paul Sipes. Jeff Main- Yay, Paul Sipes- Yay, Michael Pedersen-Yay, Dusty Stoner-Yay, Tom Heffner-Yay, Sean Grove-Yay, Amy Burkot-Nay. Motion carried on a 6 to 1 vote.

MOTION: To drop the college education requirement from the Borough Manager job description and advertise for a month and review after the Personnel Committee makes their recommendations was made by Amy Burkot, second by Paul Sipes. Jeff Main-Nay, Paul Sipes-Nay, Michael Pedersen-Nay, Dusty Stoner-Nay, Tom Heffner-Nay, Sean Grove-Nay, Amy Burkot-Yay. Motion died on a 6 to 1 vote.

MOTION: To adjourn was made by Tom Heffner, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 8:36 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: _____