

Mercersburg Borough Council
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
September 10, 2018
MINUTES

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

Absent: Vice President Jeff Main, Sean Groves

Guests/Press: Chris Ardinger, Dr. Liz George, Linda Hargrove, Creola Raleigh, Andrew Abel, Preston Spahr

President Donald Stoner Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Stoner asked for any public comments. Dr. Liz George briefed the Council on the walkability, bikeability project. A borough resident from the Findlay Development asked the Council to fix the potholes on the road. Borough Manager Derek Stoy commented that he would look at it and see what could be done.

MOTION: To approve August 31, 2018 minutes was made by Tom Heefner, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report ending August 31, 2018 and Bills Payable list ending the same date was made by Tom Heefner, second by Amy Burkot. All ayes, motion carried.

President Donald Stoner Jr. proceeded with the Mayor's Report. Mayor Roger Defibaugh said a \$400 donation was given to the Mercersburg Police Department by the Lions Club to be used for "technology". The Enradd system was purchased for \$1300 and was picked up from the Milville Borough, Mayor Defibaugh reported the next step is to get certified and offered for the Police Department to demonstrate at the next Council meeting. Mayor continued with stating that Trick or Treat night in Mercersburg would be Saturday, October 27th from 6-8 PM and reminded everyone that the parade would be the following Monday and Town Fest will be held on September 29th.

President Stoner Jr. moved into the Borough Manager's report. Borough Manager Derek Stoy started his report with explaining that the new server in the office has been installed as well as a new computer for Stacey Golden, Borough Secretary/Treasurer. Manager Stoy reported that a study is being done for the Summer Playground Program to see what could be improved/changed for the future and stated he would have results for the next Council meeting. Stoy said Representative Jesse Topper's office requested extended hours to use the Borough Council Room; the hours would be from 9-3 PM every Thursday. Manager Stoy continued his report by adding that a ledger sheet showing what has been paid to the Franklin County Drug Task Force was included in the Council Packet. Stoy finished his report with saying that Water Authority member Gregg Davis submitted a resignation letter to the Borough and that a Personnel and Finance Committee meeting would need to be scheduled.

President Donald Stoner Jr. continued into the Committee Reports. Dr. Michael Pedersen said there was a meeting with borough residents in regards to the Beautification Committee and it's operations. Pedersen suggested instead of having a Beautification Committee, to have a committee that included residents. Pedersen said this would give residents a chance to be heard and included. Amy Burkot commented that funds that were raised would be lost and felt the Committee should still operate under the Council rather than an outside group. Solicitor Steve Coccorese advised the Council of ways the Committee could operate. President Donald Stoner Jr. asked that a recommendation be made and

brought back to the Council at the next meeting. Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce Chris Ardingler spoke to the Council about working with the Borough to have one big Christmas event in Mercersburg.

President Donald Stoner Jr. continued into New Business.

Mayor Roger Defibaugh asked the Council to accept Officer Chris Buterbaugh's resignation from the Police Department. Buterbaugh accepted a position with McConnellsburg and was unable to work part time for Mercersburg. Mayor Defibaugh suggested that a plaque be given to Water Authority Member Gregg Davis for his years of service. Mayor Defibaugh also talked about the school crossing guards being the Borough's employees and said a motion would be needed to pay/backpay them.

MOTION: To pay/backpay the crossing guards and also invoice the Tuscarora School District through December 31, 2018 was made by Paul Sipes, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept Chris Buterbaugh's resignation regrettfully as a part time officer from the Mercersburg Police Department was made by Tom Heefner, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To accept Gregg Davis's resignation from the Water Authority and to take to the Personnel Committee was made by Amy Burkot, second by Paul Sipes. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To advertise for Gregg Davis's replacement on the Water Authority was made by Tom Heefner, second by Dr. Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Representative Jesse Topper's request for extended hours at the Mercersburg Borough building was made by Paul Sipes, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

Council President Donald Stoner Jr. moved into Old Business. Chief Zechman included a report on the Franklin County Drug Task Force with his opinion.

MOTION: To postpone paying the Franklin County Drug Task Force fee until someone talks to Council or does a presentation was made by Paul Sipes, second by Amy Burkot. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To adjourn was made by Paul Sipes, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 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: _____