

Mercersburg Borough Council
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
February 11, 2019
MINUTES

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

Absent: Mayor Roger Defibaugh, Amy Burkot and Borough Secretary Stacey Golden

Guests/Press: Preston Spahr, Dr. Elizabeth George, Linda Hargrove, Sgt Robert Wertz

President Donald Stoner Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked Michael Pedersen to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Stoner asked for public comments. Preston Spahr updated council on planning for Mercersburg and showed a rough draft of a pamphlet entitled "Mercersburg Vibrancy Planning." The pamphlet shows a vision for planning for the future. Linda Hargrove spoke in reference to the Relay For Life scheduled for February 17 at the Mercersburg Academy and invited all to participate.

MOTION: To approve January 14, 2019 minutes was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To approve the Bills Payable ending December 31, 2018 and January 31, 2019 was made by Tom Heefner, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

President Donald Stoner Jr. moved into the Mayor's Report. Mayor Defibaugh was absent and Sgt. Wertz spoke on his behalf. Sgt. Wertz requested approval for a training invoice of \$600. This training will certify the officers in the newly acquired ENRADD system. He also stated under the police report that it may have been the busiest January he has experienced in his career at Mercersburg.

MOTION: To approve an invoice from YCG for \$600 for ENRADD training and certification was made by Tom Heefner, second by Michael Pedersen. All ayes, motion carried.

The solicitor stated he will have information for executive session to discuss.

Council President moved into the Borough Manager's Report. Borough Manager Derek Stoy discussed the Johnstons Run Trail and stated DCNR approved it to go out for bid. He gave a timeline for the bidding process and stated the public bid opening will be March 20th at 1:00 pm at Borough Hall. He asked for approval to put the project out for bid under new business. He thanked everyone for the support of the volunteer luncheon and stated it was well attended. He presented a new Schedule of Fees resolution to be reviewed under new business. Mr. Stoy went on to say that the auditors were currently performing the audit and it appeared the current 2018 surplus will be much more than originally thought. The Police Dept. door will be getting a new window soon. The James Buchanan and Harriet Lane award nominations are currently being sought. He updated council on the ACT 537 plan. A planning module will need to be completed and approved by DEP prior to ACT 537 approval. He will send this to the Sewer Authority for review. The Police pension revision request was brought up. He stated that he had a conference call with the actuarial and a few

things were discussed. The current proposal will need to be reviewed by both the actuarial and the solicitor to see how it affects the current uniformed pension plan moving forward. It is under old business for review.

MOTION: To authorize the solicitor and actuarial to review the proposed revision to the uniformed pension plan with the costs of the review to be taken from the uniformed pension funds was made by Jeff Main, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

President Stoner moved on to committee reports. The only report was for the Fire Board. Jeff Main presented a box card revision to the 9-01 box. He stated the only two changes were replacing Fulton County Truck 56 with Truck 2. Also, they added Tanker 21 to the box once it is in service. He also stated the department received a state grant for \$20,317 that will go to debt reduction.

MOTION: To approve the changes to the 9-01 box card was made by Tom Heefner, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

President Stoner went on to new business on the agenda.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 05-19 Schedule of Fees was made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To proceed with placing the Johnstons Run Trail out for public bid with a public opening date of March 20 at 1:00 at Borough Hall was made by Paul Sipes, second by Tom Heefner. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To go into executive session for personnel reasons with possible action to be taken at 7:47 was made by Tom Heefner, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 8:30.

MOTION: To reimburse newly hired crossing guards for numerous back ground check expenses at the rate of \$5 per pay. If the crossing guard's employment ceases prior to the reimbursement being completed, said employee forfeits the remaining balance, was made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: To adjourn was made by Jeff Main, second by Sean Grove. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

These meeting minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted for approval by Derek J Stoy with the use of his meeting notes and audio recording.

Date approved: _____ Motion by: _____ Second by: _____