

**Mercersburg Council Meeting
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
January 09, 2023
MINUTES**

Council President Dusty Stoner call the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Councilpersons present: Dusty Stoner, Tom Heefner, Raymond Minton, Joe Burkot, Jacob Morgan, Mayor Michael Pedersen, Melissa Price, Solicitor – Steve Coccorese

Absent: N/A Anthony Frisby, Paul Sipes

Guest/Press Presents - Lisa Minton, Andi Frey, Sahand Miraniny, Brad Kipe, Finnley Silver, Andy Abel

Public Comment – Andi Frey commented on the increase Truck Traffic on W. California Street causing damage to the street, in front of AME Church and another part of the street. Mayor Michael spoke on behalf of Preston Spahr – President MVSC

Public Comment - Preston Spahr... On December, the MVSC initiated an application with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) as a single municipality for a \$25,000 grant supporting comprehensive planning for the Borough of Mercersburg.

A formal application was not submitted, but after completing a draft of the application, Paul Sipes and Preston Spahr called DCED to discuss the grant submission process. In a phone conversation with the public policy contact at DCED, Tree Zuzzio, Paul and Preston invited Mr. Zuzzio to visit Mercersburg on January 18, to develop the best approach for planning. Mr. Zuzzio will also attend the MVSC meeting on January 18.

Initial comments by Mr. Zuzzio indicate that the best outcome for the Mercersburg area would be to include involvement by the adjacent municipalities of Peters Township, and Montgomery Township. A grant of funds for planning is significantly more likely if multiple municipalities are engaged. Mr. Zuzzio will support efforts to bring the contiguous municipalities into the process. Preston has also asked for the support of the Franklin County Planning Office, Steve Thomas.

The MVSC expects to engage Peters Township and Montgomery Township with the support of Mr. Zuzzio. The MVSC asks that Mercersburg Borough Council members support the effort to engage our neighboring Municipalities.

Prior to submission of any grant application, all draft document details will be submitted to the Mercersburg Borough Council for input and approval.

Minutes – MOTION: To accept the December 29, 2022, by Tom Heefner, 2nd by Raymond Minton, All Favored – Motion Carried.

Treasures Report/Bills Payable – N/A

Mayor’s Report: - The Mayor & Chief are working on the final job description for getting help part time and maybe Full Time – Mayor gave thank to Public Works for getting the Christmas Decorations down in a timely manner, big effort from the Chamber and Public Works.

Police Report – Attached

No Solicitor’s Report N/A

Public Works Report – Attached

Borough Manager Report – Spoke with Dan Deardorff from Fayetteville Contractors regarding the truck traffic and asked that he inform his drivers to slow down going through Mercersburg and down the side streets.

Committee Reports

Act 537 – No Meeting

Finance – TBA

Fire Board- they had a Budget this year, they have had in the past, a lot of administration duties.

HARB- NA

Personnel- NA

Planning-NA

Property- NA

Police/Safety- N/A

Streets – N/A

Zoning Hearing Board- NA

Council moved into Old Business –

Borough Secretary Position – waiting on some administrative documents before moving forward with the job, gave start date of March 6, 2023, but will officially put this on February’s Agenda.

Council moved to New Business:

Street Ordinance to be created for Truck Traffic on side streets, Mercer, W. California, W. Seminary,

Confirm Meetings

- A. COUNCIL: 02.27.23 & 03.13.23 @ 7pm
- B. FINANCE: TBA
- C. FIRE BOARD: TBA
- D. HARB: 03.07.23 @7pm
- E. NOMINATING: TBA
- F. PERSONNEL: 02.20.23 @7pm
- G. PLANNING: TBA
- H. PROPERTY: N/A
- I. SEWER: 03.09.23 @ 7pm
- J. WATER: 02.16.23 @ 7 pm
- K. STREETS: 02.22.23 @ 7pm
- L. ZHB – TBA

Motion for Adjournment made by Tom Heefner, 2nd by Raymond Minton, 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: 2-13-2023 Motion: Tom Heefner Second: Raymond Minton

Melissa Price

