

Minutes – November 13, 2019

McSherrystown, Pennsylvania

Council of the Borough of McSherrystown met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday November 13th, 2019 in the Municipal Building at 338 Main St. McSherrystown, Pennsylvania with Patricia McKim-Bortner presiding.

President McKim-Bortner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Invocation for Divine Guidance.

Present on roll call were the following members of council constituting a quorum: Patricia D. McKim-Bortner, James A. Forbes, Lisa B. Koontz, Robert D. Niedererr, and Stephen J. Pascoe. Other Borough Officials in attendance included Scott J. Cook (Borough Manager,) Robert Campbell, Esq. (Solicitor,) Gerald C. Walmer (Secretary/Treasurer,) and Anthony J. Weaver (Mayor.) Councilmember Michael J. Calderone and Michael F. Woods (Chief of Police) were absent from the meeting.

Minutes of the regular meeting held October 9, 2019 were approved on a motion moved by Councilmember Pascoe, seconded by Councilmember Niedererr. Motion carries.

The Financial Review and Budget Analysis reports were given to all council members by the Secretary/Treasurer. Secretary/Treasurer Walmer reported the expenses incurred since the meeting prior were as follows:

General Fund: \$230,495.96

Highway Fund: \$12,463.28

Payroll Fund: \$55,150.94

Total: \$298,110.18

COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary/Treasurer Walmer announced that the Adams County Borough Association would be holding their next meeting on Monday, November 18th at 6:15 at the Pike Restaurant in Gettysburg. Senator Doug Mastriano will be the guest speaker. Manager Cook will be attending the meeting with Councilmember Calderone if he is available.

Manager Cook announced that leaf collection had begun in the Borough and will continue through November and December.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Donna Scott with Life Discovery Church at 414 Main St. stated that she had a discussion with Manager Cook regarding changes they wanted to make at their property. Specifically, she questioned the yellow curb markings in front of the church along Main Street. Mayor Weaver let her know that the curb was painted yellow to reserve the parking spots for medical emergencies. After a discussion regarding the parking situation at the church and related ordinances pertaining to the matter, Councilmember Pascoe made a motion to remove

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the yellow curb markings and adjust the pertinent Ordinance(s) should it be necessary. Councilmember Vonsas seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Councilmember VonSas arrives at 7:05 p.m.

Council President McKim-Bortner formally welcomed Mark from Community Media who was recording the meeting.

REPORTS

Mayor Weaver thanked SAVES, the McSherrystown Police Department, and Conewago Township for their assistance during Trick-or-Treat night on October, 29th. He reported that there were “wall-to-wall” kids out that night.

Mayor Weaver also mentioned that Chief Woods and Chief Perry of the Bonneauville Police Department had discussed splitting the cost to have their speed control devices calibrated by YCG Calibration. He noted that prices would be increasing in the upcoming year and that by having their devices calibrated at the same time, a cost savings would be realized.

According to Mayor Weaver, oral interviews had been set-up for the first week of December to fill the open, officer position in the police department.

Councilmember Pascoe questioned Mayor Weaver regarding the whereabouts of Chief Woods. Mayor Weaver said that Chief Woods told him that he had personal matters to attend to that night.

Mayor Weaver, replying to an inquiry from Council President McKim-Bortner, said that the drug take-back event held in October was a major success with over 110 pounds of drugs turned in.

Police Chief Woods, who was not in attendance, sent his report to the Borough Council and Mayor. His report for the month of October included 117 calls for service. There were 4 criminal arrests and 35 summary arrests. Patrols traveled 3,023 miles using 337.8 gallons of fuel averaging 8.9 mpg.

Manager Cook requested a motion for him to attend a pesticide applicator’s class on December 9th in Grantville for additional credits at a cost of \$95. A motion was moved by Councilmember Niedererr and was seconded by Councilmember Forbes. Motion carries.

Manager Cook also requested a motion for him to attend residential plumbing classes for additional credits in Camp Hill from January 13th-16th at a cost of \$395. A motion was moved by Councilmember Pasco and was seconded by Councilmember Vonsas. Motion carries.

In responding to Donna Scott’s prior inquiry regarding the yellow, no parking paint in front of Life Discovery Church, Manager Cook noted that there was an ordinance (§205-23) prohibiting parking in front of the church for a distance of 100ft. Solicitor Campbell will act to remove that ordinance from the Borough Code.

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Manager Cook's report for the month of October included the following:

- 1) Replaced 30' of damaged blacktop in Maple Alley between 1st St. and B St. Alley.
- 2) Patched miscellaneous areas with new blacktop in D St. Alley, Ridge Alley, and Maple St. Alley as needed.
- 3) Dug out temporary blacktop and replaced as required by PennDOT at 111 N. Second St.
- 4) Tar sealed all new blacktop patched areas.
- 5) Oversaw E-cycling drop-off at Public Works Complex and transportation of recyclables to Penn Township.
- 6) All streets were swept.
- 7) Chipped brush on-site, weekly throughout town.

Note: Trash containers at all parks and the borough office were emptied. Daily maintenance and repairs of police and borough vehicles and equipment was performed. All recreational areas were mowed and maintained as needed. Gasoline usage totaled 210 gallons. Diesel usage totaled 80 gallons. SAVES used 286 gallons of diesel fuel.

Safety Committee Chairman Pascoe noted that there had been ten police K9 deployments to date for 2019 according to Chief Woods' reports. He asked Mayor Weaver if he was aware of any K9 deployments outside the Borough. Mayor Weaver stated that there had been two deployments in Littlestown and Gettysburg.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Pascoe noted that there was still work to do on the Borough's nepotism policy and that work will continue.

Manager Cook told the Council that work on the roof at the Public Works building had been scheduled to be completed by the end of next week.

Secretary/Treasurer Walmer noted the gratitude shared by David Bolton of the Adams County Borough Association for its support through Resolution 2019-3 "Stormwater Facilities on State Highways."

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to pay listed expenditures of \$298,110.18 (General Fund- \$230,495.96; Highway Aid - \$12,463.28 and Payroll - \$55,150.94) was given on a motion moved by Councilmember Vonsas, seconded by Councilmember Koontz. Motion carries.

Manager Cook requested to have a budget work session at 7pm on November 20th, which will be advertised in the Gettysburg Times.

Councilmember Niedererr requested information from Manager Cook regarding a constituent's question about installing a stop light along Main Street. Manager Cook and Mayor Weaver noted that a study had been done a number of years ago and that Main Street

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was a state highway. Any changes to traffic flow would have to be initiated and completed by the State.

Council President McKim-Bortner formally resigned her position as Council President effective November, 30. Among other things, her letter noted that personal matters and other obligations prevented her from continuing as a member of Borough Council.

Solicitor Campbell informed Borough Council that they could accept her resignation and that they had thirty days to name a replacement from the time they accepted the resignation or its effective date.

Councilmember Forbes moved a motion to accept President McKim-Bortner's resignation, which was seconded by Councilmember Niedererr. Motion carries.

Councilmember Pascoe sought clarity with regards to the timeframe for naming a replacement to the vacancy created by President McKim-Bortner's resignation. Solicitor Campbell restated that Borough Council must name a replacement within thirty days of the effective date of the resignation or within thirty days from the date the resignation is accepted.

Adjournment was declared at 7:37 on a motion made by Councilmember Forbes and seconded by Councilmember Koontz. Motion carries.

Gerald C. Walmer
Borough Secretary