

A regular meeting of the Myerstown Borough Council was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers at the Myerstown Community Center, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

Present were: President Bryan L. Rittle, Vice-President Michael D. Behm, President Pro Tem Park W. Haverstick, II, Councilmembers Eric L. Powell, Ronald L. Ream, Dana Reich, and Jeffrey L. Thomas, Mayor Gloria R. Ebling, Solicitor Amy Leonard, Treasurer Lee C. Smith, Code Enforcement Officer John Neely, Assistant Manager Barry A. Ludwig, and Manager Michael R. McKenna.

The President of Council opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Dana Reich seconded to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the previous month's meetings, held on February 12 and February 13, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

The President of Council opened the floor for citizens' and visitors' comments.

Troy Herzer of 240 E Main Ave expressed concern about heavy traffic on Madison Alley.

Ellen Kramer of 101 S College St expressed concern about a pothole on S Railroad St north of the old Jaycee Hall.

Doug Bahney of 43 W Main Ave requested that the Council consider adding a time restriction to the parking areas in front of his properties on W Main Ave on the north side of the street to allow for parking for his businesses.

The following reports were presented to Council and placed on file: Mayor's Report, Code Enforcement Officer's Report, Assistant Manager's Report, and Manager's Report.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Michael D. Behm seconded to approve Project 1, Cold-in-Place recycling, from Rettew Associate's project proposals for the Railroad Street paving project.

Council Committee items were discussed.

Michael D. Behm moved and Ronald L. Ream seconded to accept the monthly Treasurer's Report and place on file for audit. Motion unanimously carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Michael D. Behm seconded to accept the payment of bills as submitted. Motion unanimously carried.

Randy Collins from the Rotary Club gave an overview of their activities and community involvement, inviting community members to visit their meetings.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Ronald L. Ream seconded to approve the Legion Baseball Recreation request for baseball field usage, contingent upon signing the new facility use agreement form and child abuse clearance form. Motion unanimously carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Dana Reich approved to donate a family pool pass to the library auction. Motion unanimously carried.

Michael D. Behm moved and Jeffrey L. Thomas seconded to approve One America (PHMIC Program) as the new life insurance carrier for borough employees. Motion unanimously carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Dana Reich seconded to approve a full-page ad for purchase in the 2018 Fireman's Convention Book. Motion unanimously carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Michael D. Behm seconded to approve the 2018 pool rates as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Ronald L. Ream seconded to approve the resignation of Nicole Berger as tax collector for the Borough. Motion unanimously carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Jeffrey L. Thomas seconded to approve Resolution 2018-07 and the presented agreement, for Lebanon County Treasurer's Office to collect the Borough's property taxes through 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Michael D. Behm moved and Ronald L. Ream seconded to approve the request for March Talk Time Café to meet in the Council Room on March 21, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., contingent upon signing the new facilities use agreement. Motion unanimously carried.

Dana Reich moved and Jeffrey L. Thomas seconded to approve the use of FastSigns as the company to provide signage for the Myerstown Community Center. Motion unanimously carried.

Ronald L. Ream moved and Dana Reich seconded to approve Borough staff attendance at the 2018 Borough's Association Annual Conference & Exhibition. Motion unanimously carried.

Dana Reich moved and Jeffrey L. Thomas seconded to approve the usage of borough streets for the annual Wenger's Car Cruise. Motion unanimously carried.

Dana Reich moved and Jeffrey L. Thomas seconded to amend the previous motion to include that it would be contingent upon signing the new street closure form. Motion unanimously carried.

The Borough Council recessed the regular meeting and entered Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

The Borough Council returned from Executive Session at 8:54 p.m. reconvening the regular session.

Dana Reich moved and Park W. Haverstick, II seconded to suspend Leonard Kobal from the Myerstown Fire Police. Motion unanimously carried.

Michael D. Behm moved and Park W. Haverstick, II seconded to approve the 2014 I&I sewer televising project contingent upon justification of the 10% increase in cost. Motion unanimously carried.

The President asked if there were any additional comments for the good of the borough. Seeing none, Dana Reich moved and Park W. Haverstick, II seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. McKenna, MPA
Borough Manager/Secretary