

Myerstown Borough Council – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Myerstown Borough Council was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 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, Jeffrey L. Thomas, Mayor Gloria R. Ebling, Solicitor Frederick S. Wolf, 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.

Eric L. Powell moved and Jeffrey L. Thomas seconded to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the previous month's meetings, held on November 8, November 13, and November 14, as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Scott and Cindy Patchke of 347 W Carpenter Ave expressed concerns regarding the improper use of the property at 356 W Main St, specifically citing loud auto body work and spray painting of vehicles inside the garage.

Rebecca Brossman of 702 S Railroad St expressed concerns regarding the Notice of Violation received for her property at 700 S Railroad St.

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

Michael D. Behm moved and Park W. Haverstick, II seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report and place on file for audit. Motion unanimously carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Eric L. Powell seconded to accept the payment of bills as submitted. Motion unanimously carried.

Ronald Rehm moved and Dana Reich seconded to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, which included the approval of the use of borough streets for a running race sponsored by the Four Chaplains program at the Evangelical Seminary, the erection of a scoreboard at the Legion field donated by David Fake, the design for banners created by Char Co., the design for wayfinding signage created by Char Co., and the use of the Myerstown Recreation Area as one of fifteen locations in Lebanon County where a 4" x 4" wooden post approximately 3-4 feet tall will be placed as part of Wellspan Good Samaritan Hospital's *Get Outdoors (GO) Lebanon!* Summer reading/walking program. All those in favor: Motion carried by majority, with Michael D. Behm voting against. Michael D. Behm expressed concern about the location of the scoreboard. Discussion followed.

Michael D. Behm moved and Park W. Haverstick, II seconded to amend the previous motion by rescinding agenda item #13, the erection of a scoreboard at the Legion field, from the Consent Agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

The President of Council introduced Angela Allison from FastSigns, who presented options for signage at the Myerstown Community Center.

The President of Council introduced Robert Gerhart from Matthew & Hockley Associates, who presented a proposal for subdivision and land development submitted by Glenn Wenger for the south side of West Park Avenue and east of South Race Street T-614, in Jackson Township and Myerstown Borough. The plans were approved by the Planning Commission for recommendation to Council on Monday, November 27, 2017.

Eric L. Powell moved and Ronald L. Ream seconded to approve the proposed subdivision and land development plans submitted by Glenn Wenger. Motion carried unanimously.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Eric L. Powell seconded to approve the public sewer module exemption for the subdivision and land development plans approved in the previous motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The President of Council proceeded to the agenda's order of business.

Michael D. Behm moved and Park W. Haverstick, II seconded to approve the 2018 General (Operating and Reserve), Special (Liquid Fuels, Beautification, Unemployment, William L. Derr Swimming Pool, Street Light, and Municipal Center), and Wastewater (Operating and Reserve) Budgets. Motion unanimously carried.

Michael D. Behm moved and Park W. Haverstick, II seconded to approve Ordinance 844 the setting of the Real Estate Tax rate and Street Light Tax rate for 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Michael D. Behm seconded to approve Resolution 2017-09, the 2018 Taxation Rates (Act 511). Motion unanimously carried.

Eric L. Powell moved and Dana Reich seconded to approve Resolution 2017-10, Record Disposition. Motion unanimously carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Michael D. Behm seconded to approve Resolution 2017-11, Check Signers. Motion unanimously carried.

Jeffrey L. Thomas moved and Ronald L. Ream seconded to approve Resolution 2017-12, Appointment to Various Boards/Commissions. Motion carried by majority, with Bryan L. Rittle abstaining.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Michael D. Behm seconded to approve Resolution 2017-13, Escalation Clause. Motion unanimously carried.

Michael D. Behm moved and Ronald L. Ream seconded to approve Resolution 2017-14, Appointment of Auditor. Motion unanimously carried.

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Eric L. Powell moved and Park W. Haverstick, II seconded to approve Resolution 2017-15, Appointment of Code Enforcement. Motion unanimously carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Michael D. Behm seconded to approve Resolution 2017-16, Wages/Salaries. Motion unanimously carried.

Dana Reich moved and Jeffrey L. Thomas seconded to approve Resolution 2017-17, Fee Schedule. Motion unanimously carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Michael D. Behm seconded to approve Resolution 2017-18, Prohibit the Location of a Category 4 Licensed Facility. Motion unanimously carried.

Dana Reich moved and Park W. Haverstick, II seconded to approve the 2018 meeting schedule for advertisement. Motion unanimously carried.

Eric L. Powell moved and Ronald L. Ream seconded to approve the Preventative Maintenance Proposal from C.M. High for traffic light service for 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

Ronald L. Ream moved and Park W. Haverstick, II seconded to approve a pay application to the Lebanon County Redevelopment Authority for the ADA Ramp Construction project on Railroad St for \$9,490.81, contingent upon inspection and approval by the Assistant Manager. Motion unanimously carried.

The Assistant Manager stated he has two outstanding pay applications. The first is from Woodland Contractors for \$5,504. This is being withheld until the chair lift at the Myerstown Community Center is complete. The second is from TKS Architects for \$1,779.84. This is being withheld for the same reason, because they are the project managers.

The Borough Council recessed the regular meeting and entered Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

The Borough Council returned from Executive Session at 9:34 p.m. reconvening the regular session.

The President asked if there were any additional comments for the good of the borough. Seeing none, Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Michael D. Behm seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. McKenna, MPA
Borough Manager/Secretary