

President Bryan L. Rittle called the regular monthly meeting of the Myerstown Borough Council to order at 6:35 p.m., on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. The meeting was held in Borough Council Chambers in the Myerstown Municipal Center, 101 S. Railroad Street, Myerstown, PA 17067.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a roll call was taken. Present were: President Bryan L. Rittle, Vice-President Michael D. Behm, President Pro Tem Park W. Haverstick, II, Councilmembers Eric L. Powell, Ronald Ream, Dana Reich, Jeffrey L. Thomas, Mayor Gloria R. Ebling, Solicitor Frederick S. Wolf, Treasurer Lee C. Smith, Assistant Manager Barry A. Ludwig, and Manager Michael R. McKenna.

A motion was made by Park W. Haverstick, II, seconded by Dana Reich, to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the Council Planning Meeting, September 11, 2017 and the Regular Monthly Council Meeting, September 12, 2017. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

The President opened the floor for Citizens and Visitors Comments:

Jean Wurtliff – 224 E Carpenter Ave – Ms. Wurtliff expressed concern regarding a nuisance of feral cats at 300 & 302 E Carpenter.

Russell Miller – 16 W Washington Ave – Mr. Miller expressed concern about the safety of overhead downspouts, and a damaged sidewalk at 18 W Washington Ave.

Dennis Kilhefner – 7 W Washington Ave – Mr. Kilhefner expressed concern about trash and hazardous materials at the property at 11 W Washington Ave.

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

A motion was made by Park W. Haverstick, II, seconded by Michael D. Behm, to approve the Treasurer's Report and have it on file for audit. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

The President proceeded to the agenda's order of the business:

A motion was made by Michael D. Behm, seconded by Park W. Haverstick, II, to accept the payment of bills as written. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Park W. Haverstick, II, seconded by Michael D. Behm, to reject a request from Daniel Snader for relief from his sewer bill. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Eric L. Powell, seconded by Ronald Ream, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approving the Women's Club request for the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony & Carol Singing, approve the Women's Club request to close half of the street on October 13 for the planting of the new Christmas Tree, approve the Annual Audit Report for the District Justice Office, and approve the request from Heidelberg Twp. For Fire Police Assistance for their parade on Saturday, October 28, 2017. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

Mark Myer – 26 N Railroad St – Mr. Myer requested relief from the Borough's request of sidewalk repair for the sidewalk on his property. This request was in response to flood damage that occurred to their property from 8/18/17 – 8/22/17 from construction on the ADA ramps at the corner of their property, and the continuing water damage they are facing as of 10/9/17. No action was taken

A motion was made by Jeffrey L. Thomas, seconded by Ronald Ream, to approve a proposal from Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates Architects to provide the Borough with a comprehensive facilities study and planning services for the Myerstown Community Center. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Park W. Haverstick, II, seconded by Jeffrey L. Thomas, to approve the presented pay applications for the Myerstown Community Center project. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Michael D. Behm, seconded by Eric L. Powell, to approve Ordinance number 842 to amend the LERTA Ordinance to set a minimum cost of \$10,000 for LERTA projects. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Michael D. Behm, seconded by Jeffrey L. Thomas, to authorize Concord Public Financial Advisors to publish a Request for Proposals for financing borough projects in the amount of \$700,000 plus costs. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

The Borough Council recessed the regular meeting and entered Executive Session at 9:03 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

The Borough Council returned from Executive Session at 9:27 p.m. reconvening the regular session and resumed consideration of and action on the regular meeting agenda.

The President asked if there were any additional comments for the good of the borough. Seeing none, a motion was made by Michael D. Behm, seconded by Park W. Haverstick, II, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

Michael R. McKenna, MPA
Borough Manager