

McSherrystown Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 10, 2024, 7pm

CALL TO ORDER: The Borough of McSherrystown held its regular meeting on Wednesday January 10th, 2024 at 7pm in the council chambers at 338 Main Street, McSherrystown, Pennsylvania with President Niedererr presiding. President Niedererr opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and invocation. The following council were in attendance.

Robert Niedererr
Joseph VonSas
Timothy Klunk
Donna Spangler
Keith Lewter
Thomas Snyder
Stephen Pascoe

STAFF & MAYOR: Jessica Friert, Solicitor Luke Gibson, Mayor Catherine Hagerman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Pascoe to approve the minutes as written from the December 13th, 2023 Council meeting, Seconded by Councilman Klunk. Roll Call Vote: Robert Niedererr – Yes, Joseph VonSas – Yes, Timothy Klunk – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Keith Lewter – Yes, Thomas Snyder – Yes, Stephen Pascoe – Yes.

A motion was made by Councilman Pascoe to approve the minutes as written from the December 27th, 2023 Council meeting, Seconded by Councilman Snyder. Roll Call Vote: Robert Niedererr – Yes, Joseph VonSas – Yes, Timothy Klunk – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Keith Lewter – Yes, Thomas Snyder – Yes, Stephen Pascoe – Yes.

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to approve the minutes as written from the January 2nd, 2024 Reorganization meeting, Seconded by Councilman Pascoe. Roll Call Vote: Robert Niedererr – Yes, Joseph VonSas – Yes, Timothy Klunk – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Keith Lewter – Yes, Thomas Snyder – Yes, Stephen Pascoe – Yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:

The council held an Executive session on January 8th, 2024 from 6:30pm to 8:20pm to discuss a personnel issue.

President Niedererr confirmed with Mayor Hagerman that the snow emergency procedure has not changed and can be enacted if there is 4” or more of snow anticipated.

Councilman Snyder addressed the council about SAVES Appreciation Banquet. He asked for 2 members of council to volunteer to attend the Banquet to represent the Borough.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Mark Staub – Mr. Staub addressed the council about being able to use the Senior Center/Community Center for their Monday Night Card Club.

Dani Smith – Mrs. Smith addressed the council regarding the Monday Night Card Club. She stated that the card club was made aware that table games are not legal in the state of Pennsylvania. She also wanted to clarify for the new council that the building being referred to is called the Community Center outside of the hours that the Adams County Office Of Aging uses the building.

Luanne Boring – Mrs. Boring addressed the council regarding the 2024 Budget. She noted that the Secretary/Treasurer salary was limited, and she didn't see any reflection of the manager severance in the Budget. She also stated that she received information from a RTK and wanted to make the council aware of money in the Police Restricted account. President Niedererr addressed the Severance agreement signed between Council and COO. He stated that the borough will be Handicapped by the six months of salary and six months of medical insurance that will have to be paid out.

Jordan Ilyes – Mr. Ilyes addressed the council regarding his application for conditional use at 372 North Street. The council will convene a committee and set a time with Mr. Ilyes to discuss the steps to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF 2024-1 TAX RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Councilman Pascoe to approve Resolution 2024-1 Tax Resolution, seconded by Councilman VonSas. Roll Call Vote: Robert Niedererr – Yes, Joseph VonSas – Yes, Timothy Klunk – Yes, Donna Spangler – No, Keith Lewter – Yes, Thomas Snyder – Yes, Stephen Pascoe – Yes.

APPROVAL OF 2024-2 FEE SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to approve Resolution 2024-2 Fee Schedule, seconded by Councilman Lewter. Roll Call Vote: Robert Niedererr – Yes, Joseph VonSas – Yes, Timothy Klunk – Yes, Donna Spangler – No, Keith Lewter – Yes, Thomas Snyder – Yes, Stephen Pascoe – Yes.

APPROVAL OF 2024-3 MUNICIPAL CABLE FRANCHISE FEE

A motion was made by Councilman VonSas to approve Resolution 2024-3 Municipal Cable Franchise Fee, seconded by Councilman Pascoe. Roll Call Vote: Robert Niedererr – Yes, Joseph VonSas – Yes, Timothy Klunk – Yes, Donna Spangler – No, Keith Lewter – Yes, Thomas Snyder – Yes, Stephen Pascoe – Yes.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

A motion was made by Councilman Pascoe to appoint SEK as the Borough Auditor, Seconded by Councilman Klunk. Roll Call Vote: Robert Niedererr – Yes, Joseph VonSas – Yes, Timothy

Klunk – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Keith Lewter – Yes, Thomas Snyder – Yes, Stephen Pascoe – Yes.

APPOINTMENT OF RIGHT-TO-KNOW OFFICER

A motion was made by Councilman Pascoe to appoint Secretary/Treasurer Jessica Friert as the Borough's Right-To-Know Officer, seconded by Councilman Klunk.

Roll Call Vote: Robert Niedererr – Yes, Joseph VonSas – Yes, Timothy Klunk – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Keith Lewter – Yes, Thomas Snyder – Yes, Stephen Pascoe – Yes.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM MANAGER

A motion was made by Councilman Lewter to table the appointment of Interim Manager, seconded by Councilwoman Spangler. Roll Call Vote: Robert Niedererr – No, Joseph VonSas – No, Timothy Klunk – No, Donna Spangler – Yes, Keith Lewter – Yes, Thomas Snyder – No, Stephen Pascoe – No.

A motion was made by Councilman Pascoe to appoint Jessica Friert as Interim Manager, Seconded by Councilman VonSas. Roll Call Vote: Robert Niedererr – Yes, Joseph VonSas – Yes, Timothy Klunk – Yes, Donna Spangler – No, Keith Lewter – No, Thomas Snyder – Yes, Stephen Pascoe – Yes.

CHANGING OF OFFICE HOURS

A motion was made by Councilman VonSas to table the changing of the office hours, seconded by Councilman Pascoe. Roll Call Vote: Robert Niedererr – Yes, Joseph VonSas – Yes, Timothy Klunk – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Keith Lewter – Yes, Thomas Snyder – Yes, Stephen Pascoe – Yes.

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CHANGES

A motion was made by Councilman Snyder to table the changing of the office hours, seconded by Councilman Pascoe. Roll Call Vote: Robert Niedererr – Yes, Joseph VonSas – Yes, Timothy Klunk – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Keith Lewter – Yes, Thomas Snyder – Yes, Stephen Pascoe – Yes.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by Councilman Klunk to approve the expenditures paid from 12/12 until 1/8, seconded by Councilman Snyder. Roll Call Vote: Robert Niedererr – Yes, Joseph VonSas – Yes, Timothy Klunk – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Keith Lewter – Yes, Thomas Snyder – Yes, Stephen Pascoe – Yes.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Pascoe at 7:25pm.

End Minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Friert
Secretary/Treasurer