

Minutes – January 16, 2019 (Special Meeting)

McSherrystown, Pennsylvania

Council of the Borough of McSherrystown met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 in the Municipal Building, 338 Main Street, 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. Councilmember Joseph E. VonSas and Michael J. Calderone were absent. Other Borough Officials in attendance included Mayor Anthony J. Weaver; Michael F. Woods, Chief of Police; Scott J. Cook, Manager and Luanne M. Boring, Secretary/Treasurer. Solicitor Robert Campbell was absent as he had another commitment.

President McKim-Bortner announced that this special meeting has been called for the purpose for consideration of employment of police officer and for other borough business.

The meeting was advertised, a notice posted in the office window and on its website.

McKim-Bortner explained that at the last meeting the Chief and Civil Service came up with a list of two. Travis Smith as the number one for the police patrolman position was approved.

Civil Service Committee Chairman Niedererr added that Travis Smith was new out of the academy and that Ryan Blessing graduated from the Academy two years ago.

Chief Woods says that the two on the list passed the written and physical testing. Travis Smith was hired and Ryan Blessing is eager to get started. He is Act 120 certified. It was explained that the conditional offer of employment would be once background, psychological, drug test/physical and background check is completed.

Safety Committee Chairman Pascoe asks what background check consisted of. Chief explained that it would be a criminal history, references check and work history check.

Councilmember Niedererr moved a motion to approve the conditional hiring of Ryan Blessing. Councilmember Koontz seconded the motion. Motion carries.

With no old business or new business to address, President McKim-Bortner asks for a motion to recess for an executive session for personnel.

Councilmember Niedererr moved a motion to recess at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Pascoe. Motion carries

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The meeting was called back to order in an executive session at 7:07 p.m. by President McKim-Bortner.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 7:43 p.m. by President McKim-Bortner.

Adjournment was declared at 7:44 p.m. on a motion moved by Councilmember Pascoe, seconded by Councilmember Forbes. Motion carries.

Luanne M. Boring
Borough Secretary