

McSherrystown Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 11, 2026 at 6:30pm

CALL TO ORDER: The Borough of McSherrystown held its regular meeting on Wednesday March 11, 2026 at 6:30pm in the council chambers at 338 Main Street, McSherrystown, Pennsylvania with President Pascoe presiding. President Pascoe opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and invocation. The following council were in attendance: Steve Pascoe, Joseph VonSas, Robert Niedererr, Keith Lewter, Tom Snyder, Kim Wagner, and Grace Elser. Also in attendance were Mayor Catherine Hagerman, Solicitor Luke Gibson, and Manager Jessica Freiert.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Lewter to approve the minutes as written from the February 11, 2026 council meeting. Seconded by Councilman VonSas.
Motion carries.

ANNOUNCEMENT/COMMUNICATIONS:

Brad Smith with Barry Isett and Associates introduced himself to Borough Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor/Police Report: Chief Kitzmiller gave a police report for the month of February.

Personnel: No Report

Finance: The 2025 Onsite Audit with SEK was held on March 4th and 5th. SEK will be attending the April Council meeting to give a report.

Streets & Highways: No Report

Sanitation: No Report

Sewer: No Report

Planning & Zoning: No Report

Building & Ground: No Report

Recreation: No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dan Wildasin- Asked Borough council for clarification regarding the changes to the contract of the Fairview Avenue park.

NEW BUSINESS:

FAIRVIEW AVENUE PARK: DISCUSSION AND DECISION REGARDING RENEWAL OF LEASE OPTION

Councilman Snyder reviewed what was discussed at the pervious council meeting. The Borough is currently spending 23,000/year to maintain the Fairview Ave Park. The public was invited to come and give public comments regarding this matter. The Borough is voting on this matter because we have a 5-

year lease and the lease ends in June 2026. Borough Council discussed concerns about a short lease term if the Borough will be spending money to upgrade the park. Borough Council also expressed concerns with the vandalism that occurred at the park this past year. Manager Friert read the letter that was submitted by Annunciation BVM Catholic Church on Monday March 9, 2026: "To Whom it may concern, I am writing to request the termination of the lease agreement between the Borough of McSherrystown and Annunciation BVM Catholic Church regarding the sports fields on Fairview Ave. We will be entering into a new agreement with Delone Catholic High School, who will be taking responsibility for maintaining the park. The Borough has agreed to continue to take care of maintaining the park through June 30, 2026. At that point, the Borough will be released from their responsibilities. Sincerely, Rev. Richard Lyons."

Based on the letter received from Annunciation BVM Catholic Church Councilman Snyder made a motion not to renew the Fairview Avenue Lease. The motion was seconded by Councilman VonSas. Motion Carried.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF ORDINANCE AMENDING MCSHERRYSTOWN BOROUGH POLICE PENSION PLAN

A motion was made by councilman Niedererr to authorize the advertisement of the Ordinance Amending McSherrystown Borough Police Pension Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Snyder. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF 2026 HANOVER BOROUGH JOINT BIDS

A motion was made by Councilman Niedererr to approve the 2026 Hanover Joint Bids. Seconded by Councilman Lewter. Motion Carried.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF BID DOCUMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE HAULING AND RECYCLING SERVICES CONTRACT

A motion was made by Councilman VonSas to authorize the advertisement of the Bid Documents for Municipal Solid Waste Hauling and Recycling Services Contract with one change of removing pickup up of Christmas Trees and Tree trimmings. Seconded by Councilman Neidererr. Motion Carries.

APPROVAL OF THE EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by Councilman VonSas to approve the expenditures paid from 2/10-3/9. Seconded by Councilwoman Wagner. Motion Carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Snyder at 7:01pm

End Minutes.
Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Friert
Secretary/Treasurer