

McSherrystown Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday December 13th, 2023, 6:30pm

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the McSherrystown Borough Council was called to order in the Borough chambers at 6:30pm on Wednesday December 13th, 2023. President Colgan opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and invocation with the following Council members in attendance.

Dan Colgan
Joyce Murren
Bill Smith
Joe VonSas
Donna Spangler
Tim Klunk
George Staub

STAFF PRESENT: Jessica Freiert, Mayor Kathleen Todt, Justin George

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by VonSas to approve the minutes from the November 22nd meeting. Seconded by Spangler.

Roll Call Vote: Dan Colgan – Yes, Joyce Murren – Yes, Bill Smith- Yes, Joe VonSas – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Tim Klunk – Yes, George Staub – Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The council took public comment from residents that signed in on the sign in sheet at the start of the meeting. All residents are entitled to three minutes of public comment on the topic of their choosing. The following individuals gave a public comment: Tom Snyder, Ray Murren, Sharon Ingram, Kim Wagner, and Rob Niederer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:

Council held an Executive session on November 22nd from 6:00pm-6:22pm to discuss a personnel issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

PERSONNEL AGREEMENT

The borough has decided to enact the Severance portion of Chief Wood's contract effective December 31st, 2023. A motion was made by Murren. Seconded by Spangler.

Roll Call Vote: Dan Colgan – Yes, Joyce Murren – Yes, Bill Smith- Yes, Joe VonSas – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Tim Klunk – Yes, George Staub – Yes.

APPROVAL OF EQUIPMENT TRANSFER

In the case of a retired officer, Council needs to approve the transfer of Chief Wood's service weapon. A motion was made by Smith to transfer Chief Wood's service weapon to him.

Seconded to Staub.

Roll Call Vote: Dan Colgan – Yes, Joyce Murren – Yes, Bill Smith- Yes, Joe VonSas – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Tim Klunk – Yes, George Staub – Yes.

ADOPTION OF 2024 BUDGET

A motion was made by Klunk to approve the 2024 Budget. Seconded by Murren.

Roll Call Vote: Dan Colgan – Yes, Joyce Murren – Yes, Bill Smith- Yes, Joe VonSas – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Tim Klunk – Yes, George Staub – Yes.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

A motion was made by Murren to approve the expenditures from 11/7-12/11. Seconded by Spangler.

Roll Call Vote: Dan Colgan – Yes, Joyce Murren – Yes, Bill Smith- Yes, Joe VonSas – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Tim Klunk – Yes, George Staub – Yes.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION- MAYOR

A motion was made by Spangler to accept the resignation of Mayor Todt. Seconded by Murren.

Roll Call Vote: Dan Colgan – Yes, Joyce Murren – Yes, Bill Smith- Yes, Joe VonSas – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Tim Klunk – Yes, George Staub – Yes.

APPOINTMENT- MAYOR

Letters of interest were submitted by Cathy Hagerman and Richard Groft for the vacant Mayor position. Councilman Smith nominated Cathy Hagerman. Councilman Klunk nominated Richard Groft.

Roll Call vote for Cathy Hagerman for Mayor of McSherrystown: Dan Colgan – Yes, Joyce Murren – Yes, Bill Smith- Yes, Joe VonSas – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Tim Klunk – No, George Staub – Yes.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION- COUNCIL MEMBER

A motion was made by VonSas to accept the resignation of Councilwoman Murren. Seconded by Smith.

Roll Call Vote: Dan Colgan – Yes, Bill Smith- Yes, Joe VonSas – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Tim Klunk – Yes, George Staub – Yes.

APPOINTMENT- COUNCIL MEMBER

Letters of interest were submitted by Keith Lewter and Kim Wagner for the vacant council member position. Councilman Smith nominated Keith Lewter. Councilman VonSas nominated Kim Wager.

Roll Call vote for Keith Lewter for Councilman: Dan Colgan – Yes, Bill Smith- Yes, Joe VonSas – No, Donna Spangler – Yes, Tim Klunk – No, George Staub – Yes.

The next public meeting of the McSherrystown Borough Council is scheduled for Wednesday December 27th, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Borough Council Chambers.

Motion to adjourn made by Smith at 6:50pm

End Minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Friert
Secretary/Treasurer