

McSherrystown Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting – Tuesday January 18, 2022

The special meeting was called to order in the borough chambers by President Dan Colgan at 6:30 pm on January 18, 2022, followed by the pledge of allegiance, and the invocation with the following council members and staff present

President Daniel Colgan, Vice President Joyce Murren, Mayor Kathleen Todt, Councilman Joseph VonSas, Councilman Timothy Klunk, & Councilwoman Donna Spangler. Solicitor Justin George was present via teleconference.

An announcement was made regarding the executive session of council which was held immediately prior to the public meeting and dealt with issues of Personnel.

President Colgan handed the gavel over to Vice President Joyce Murren and made the motion to appoint Vice President Joyce Murren as temporary secretary for the meeting absent the Secretary Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Klunk. A rollcall vote proceeded:

Colgan-Yes, Murren-Yes, VonSas-Yes, Klunk-Yes, Spangler-Yes

The motion unanimously PASSES

A motion was made by Councilman VonSas to approve the minutes of the re-organization meeting held January 3, 2022 and was seconded by Councilman Klunk. A rollcall vote proceeded:

Colgan-Yes, Murren-Yes, VonSas-Yes, Klunk-Yes, Spangler-Yes

The motion unanimously PASSES

President Colgan then made a statement in response to a public comment made at the meeting January 3rd, 2022 regarding office hours and workload of staff.

Vice President Murren announced the setting of in-person baseball signups for Monday January 24th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the borough chambers

A motion was offered by Vice President Murren to dismiss the current secretary-treasurer from the position and to re-advertise the position immediately. This was seconded by Councilman VonSas. A rollcall vote proceeded:

Colgan-Yes, Murren-Yes, VonSas-Yes, Klunk-Yes, Spangler-Yes

The motion unanimously PASSES

A motion was offered by Councilman VonSas to advertise the currently vacant position of Clerk Typist at its current salary and hours. This was seconded by Vice President Murren. A rollcall vote proceeded:

Colgan-Yes, Murren-Yes, VonSas-Yes, Klunk-Yes, Spangler-Yes

The motion unanimously PASSES

The resignation letter of Councilman Mark Lookenbill was read for the record.

A motion was offered by Councilman VonSas to accept the resignation. This was seconded by Vice President Murren. A rollcall vote proceeded:

Colgan-Yes, Murren-Yes, VonSas-Yes, Klunk-Yes, Spangler-Yes

The motion unanimously PASSES

President Colgan outlined the process of replacement. Letters of intent were invited to be sent into the borough office no later than the public meeting on January 26th, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Public Comment: A resident questioned the sunshine law regarding the agenda and public comments. The solicitor answered the question for a second time in two meetings. That public comment on new items can be restricted to items on the agenda. President Colgan acknowledged the mistake of not allowing public comment prior to the start of new business; however, reiterated that due to the subject matter on the first item dealing with personnel; nothing could be discussed in the open meeting. An apology was offered for moving forward at that time however and residents were permitted to comment if they desired.

The next public meeting was announced for Wednesday January 26th, 2022 at 6:30 pm and Vice President Murren made a motioned to adjourn.

Meeting was gaveled adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Murren