

Minutes – November 20, 2017

McSherrystown, Pennsylvania
Special Session

Council of the Borough of McSherrystown met at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2017 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, Michael J. Calderone, James A. Forbes, Stephen J. Pascoe and Robert D. Niedererr. Councilmember Joseph E. VonSas arrives late. Councilmember David W. Bolton was absent. Other Borough Officials in attendance included Mayor Anthony J. Weaver, Robert E. Campbell, Esq., Solicitor; Scott J. Cook, Manager/Zoning Officer and Luanne M. Boring, Secretary/Treasurer. Michael F. Woods, Chief of Police was absent.

President McKim-Bortner related that the purpose of the special meeting is to report and give decision on Conditional Use Hearing and for other borough business.

Solicitor Campbell noted there was no one here from the public, but that the applicant is here.

Campbell explained that council met in an executive session and the law was discussed as was data and information from the transcript. From that session, he has provided a decision to be distributed to the board which includes facts, conclusions and a decision based on that. He says it doesn't mean changes can't be made/decisions changed.

At this time the solicitor read aloud the Finding of facts, conclusion and decision. (A copy is attached to the minutes of this meeting).

Councilmember Forbes moved a motion to accept the facts, conclusion and decision as presented for denial of the Conditional Use for the property at 510 North Street for a rooming/boarding house as requested by Buck Stuckey. Councilmember Calderone seconded the motion.

Councilmember Joseph E. VonSas arrives at 6:17 p.m.

The motion on the floor was explained to Councilmember VonSas.

A roll call vote was taken as follows. Those voting yes to accept the denial for Conditional Use: McKim-Bortner, Calderone, Forbes, Niedererr, Pascoe and VonSas. Motion carries on a vote 6 to 0, as it was noted Bolton was absent.

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A signed and executed copy of the decision was personally handed to Mr. Stuckey and he thanked Borough Council for their consideration.

Solicitor Campbell related that copies of the decision must be sent to those who were sworn in as parties to the hearing, a list of ten on file.

OLD BUSINESS

The proposed budget for 2018 presented at the last meeting was discussed.

Mayor Weaver read a letter from Chief Woods who could not be in attendance this evening.

The roof at the senior center is in need of replacement in 2018, and Committee Chairman VonSas recommends adding to the building and grounds budget. The proposal given by Daniel Smith Roofing was for thirty days at a price of \$9,760. It was recommended that \$10,000 be put in the budget for that project.

It was suggested that the Borough contact the Adams Office for Aging to see whether or not they could assist in funding this project.

The compensation to be set for the Mayor and Council for 2018 was once again discussed with Mayor Weaver not wanting to accept pay and urging councilmembers to do the same.

Councilmember Calderone moved a motion to set the mayor's compensation at \$1200 and council at \$600, paying quarterly for the year 2018. Councilmember Pascoe seconded the motion. Motion carries.

President McKim-Bortner asks the mayor, Scott Cook and Luanne Boring to leave the room. Refusing to leave, Mayor Weaver stayed. Cook and Boring left the room.

Manager Cook and Secretary/Treasurer Boring were brought back to the session.

The following changes will be made to the budget after their discussion: The Non-Uniform employees will receive a pay increase in 2018 of 3%, but that part-time office clerk, Pam Wildasin, will receive an increase to \$14.50 per hour, as to bring her wage above that of the crossing guards.

Manager Cook acknowledged that the crossing guard per hour rate has been frozen last year.

As currently the police contract negotiations have not been finalized, it was determined that 4% increase will be estimated and shown on the budget for budgeting purposes and numbers for 2018 budget.

The police workman's compensation insurance line item was increased as recommended

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by Chief Woods.

The Non-Uniform employees will pay towards their health insurance as follows: \$10 per week for single and \$20 per week for family. The same is to be put in the budget for the Police.

Councilmember Calderone motion to advertise the proposed budget for 2018 as presented with the changes noted. Councilmember Niedererr seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Councilmember VonSas moved a motion to advertise the tax ordinance for 2018 with no increase in taxes. Councilmember Niedererr seconded the motion. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

The treasurer asks for approval to pay two expenditures as follows that will be due before the next meeting. Highway Aid check #869 to York Materials Group for materials in the amount of \$103.69 and General Fund invoice to Eckert Seamans for labor negotiations legal services provided to Borough in October in the amount of \$1,900. Approval to pay the two invoices was given on a motion moved by Councilman VonSas, seconded by Councilman Niedererr. Motion carries.

Mayor Weaver related that he spoke with Boy Scout leader, Dave Deporter, concerning the need for curb painting next year. He indicated that he has two scouts earning their eagle scout and that it would be a great project for them. The Borough has budgeted \$9,000 for a part-time hire for 2018 specific to painting the curbing throughout the entire town. The matter will be taken into consideration.

Manager Cook reported that the Borough has received payments for all outstanding accounts at the property at 138 Main Street which included payment for the two times the borough went to the property and performed maintenance for grass and weeds violation, since the property was not maintained by the bank.

Adjournment was declared at 7:31 p.m. on a motion moved by Councilmember Niedererr, seconded by Councilmember Pascoe. Motion carries.

Luanne M. Boring
Borough Secretary