

McSherrystown Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 28, 2021

The regular meeting of the McSherrystown Borough Council was called to order in Borough chambers at 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. President Smith opened the meeting with prayer and pledge with the following Council members in attendance.

William Smith Daniel Colgan Mark Lookenbill Joseph VonSas

Staff Present: Mayor Todt and Anna Lescalleet

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dan Colgan to approve the minutes of 12/8/21 and 12/15/21 and seconded by Mark Lookenbill.

Roll Call Vote: William Smith – yes, Daniel Colgan – yes, Mark Lookenbill – yes, Joseph VonSas – yes.

Announcements: President Smith advised council that Mr. Eric Bodvin would be stepping down as Baseball Program Director. The Borough will conduct a search for his replacement.

President Smith made note that the Dog Park at the west end of town is now open for use.

Presentation of Plaque for Retired Officer Smyers: Mayor Todt presented Officer Stephen Smyers with a service plaque honoring 32 years of service to the Borough of McSherrystown upon his retirement. Smyers was accompanied by his wife and son. Smyers was given a standing ovation by all present. Thank you for your service, Officer Smyers!

Public Comment: Rick Groft, a resident of Center Street questioned the .5 mil increase in the 2022 year budget. Raymond Murren, a resident of Fairview Avenue requested clarification as well. Council advised the Borough hasn't had a tax increase in many years and were relying heavily, the past few years on surplus funding.

Dave Conrad, a resident of North Street questioned the staffing in the Police Department and aired concerns of speeding traffic on the west end of North Street. Conrad was provided with details of fine monies collected for the year 2021 and was assured that the Officers are out patrolling and citing as warranted.

Luanne Boring, a South Street resident requested clarification on the new Diversified utilities billing and past due balances. Council assured Boring all past due amounts have been added to the new system and delinquent collections continue.

Bill Smith, a resident of Ridge Avenue questioned ARPA Funding and its uses. Council outlined what ARPA monies can and cannot be used for.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Budget Approval: Dan Colgan motioned to approve the 2022 budget noting the 3.772 mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of the real estate. Mark Lookenbill seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: William Smith – yes, Daniel Colgan – yes, Mark Lookenbill – yes, Joseph VonSas – yes.

Dan Colgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Lescalleet
Admin. Asst.