

Myerstown Borough Council – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Myerstown Borough Council was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room at the Myerstown Community Center, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

Present were: President Bryan L. Rittle, Vice President Park W. Haverstick, II, President Pro Tem Ronald L. Ream, Council Members Kathy E. Yang, Samuel R. Moyer, and Nikkole M. Williamson, Mayor Dane W. Bicher, Solicitor Amy B. Leonard, Code Enforcement Officer John C. Neely, Treasurer Jennifer L. Blatt, Assistant Manager Barry A. Ludwig, and Manager Michael R. McKenna. Absent were: Council Member Stacey A. Hackman and Deputy Secretary Lisa A. Brubaker.

The President opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved, and Nikkole M. Williamson seconded, to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on June 13, 2023. The motion carried.

The President opened the floor for citizens' and visitors' comments.

Fred Hoffman, owner of A & H Industries at 837 S Railroad Street, expressed concern about the lack of police presence in town and asked if there has been any progress on obtaining police services. President Rittle and Vice President Haverstick provided Mr. Hoffman and those in attendance with a summary of the Borough's efforts to obtain police services.

Missy Krause of 239 W Main Avenue thanked Council for the repair of Monroe Alley and reported that there was a dump truck parked in the alley on the 200 block of West Main Avenue.

Nikkole M. Williamson moved, and Stacey A. Hackman seconded, to approve the payment of bills as submitted by the Treasurer. The motion carried.

Kathy E. Yang moved, and Park W. Haverstick, II seconded, to accept the June 2023 Treasurer's Report as submitted and have it placed on file for audit. The motion carried.

The following reports from borough officials were presented to Council for review and discussion: Mayor's Report, Code Enforcement and Zoning Report, Solicitor's Report, Assistant Manager's Report, and Manager's Report.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved, and Stacey A. Hackman seconded, to approve to support the Lebanon Valley Conservancy and sponsor the reprint of the Myerstown Heritage Trail Map for \$250.00. The motion carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved, and Nikkole M. Williamson seconded, to approve Resolution 2023-08 – Appointment to Various Boards, Commissions, and Authorities to appoint Sandra Hammock as a member of the Recreation Board. The motion carried.

Samuel R. Moyer moved, and Ronald L. Ream seconded, to approve the request from Kathy Yang to hold a pool party before normal pool hours for approximately 25 playground program participants on Thursday, July 27, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The motion carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved, and Kathy E. Yang, seconded, to approve a request from Mission Church Myerstown to use the gymnasium on Monday evenings from July 18, 2023 through September 25, 2023 for a fee of \$25.00 per use. The motion carried.

Ronald L. Ream moved, and Kathy E. Yang seconded, to approve a request from Brian Saul of Brian's Model Trains to close Main Avenue from Coover Alley east to College Street on Sunday, September 24, 2023 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The motion carried.

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Park W. Haverstick, II moved, and Nikkole M. Williamson seconded, to approve the purchase of two solar-powered radar speed signs from Main Stream Industries Inc. for \$3,010.00 per sign, to be paid with ARPA funds. The motion carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved, and Kathy E. Yang seconded, to approve converting the borough's online code to General Code eCode360 for \$3,425.00, to be paid with ARPA funds. The motion carried.

Kathy E. Yang moved, and Nikkole M. Williamson seconded, to approve the quote from Nolt Paving LLC. for \$19,950.00 to repair and resurface the basketball court in the Recreation Area, to be paid with ARPA funds. The motion carried.

Council discussed a land development plan that was submitted for 291 W. Lincoln Avenue. Solicitor Leonard provided an update on where the plan was in the approval process. A planning commission meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2023 to review the plan.

Council discussed a draft residential rental license ordinance.

Council discussed a draft short-term rental ordinance. Solicitor Leonard reviewed the different elements of the ordinance.

Nikkole M. Williamson moved, and Kathy E. Yang seconded, to add an agenda item to discuss curb and sidewalk requirements for the East Maple Avenue paving project. The motion carried.

Nikkole M. Williamson moved, and Samuel R. Moyer seconded, to authorize the Borough Manager to send letters to owners of properties along East Maple Avenue from South Broad Street to East Alley notifying them of their curb improvement requirements for the 2024 paving projects and absolving them of their sidewalk improvement requirements, with a construction deadline of June 30, 2024. The motion carried with one abstention. Park W. Haverstick, II abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

The President asked if there were any additional comments for the good of the borough. Seeing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved, and Samuel R. Moyer seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. McKenna,

Manager/Secretary