

A regular meeting of the Myerstown Borough Council was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 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 Michael D. Behm, President Pro Tem Park W. Haverstick, II, Councilmembers Eric L. Powell, Ronald L. Ream, and Dana Reich, Mayor Gloria R. Ebling, Solicitor Frederick Wolf, Treasurer Lee C. Smith, Code Enforcement Officer John Neely, Assistant Manager Barry A. Ludwig, and Manager Michael R. McKenna. Absent was Councilmember Jeffrey L. Thomas.

The President of Council opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m. and asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Eric L. Powell seconded to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the previous month's meetings with noted amendments, held on May 8, 2018. Motion carried.

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

Cindy Patschke of 347 W Carpenter Ave expressed concern about the garage at 356 W Main Ave and the vehicle work being done. She asked what has been done from the Borough's perspective. Solicitor Frederick Wolf explained that he had a complete report from Mrs. Patschke's attorney, and they sent a letter to the attorney of the property owner, and that Manager McKenna completed a search of previous permits so they can move forward with a zoning violation.

Jean Wartluft of 224 E Carpenter Ave presented a petition with 37 signatures explaining that the residents of 302 E Carpenter Ave and 300 E Carpenter Ave were not cooperating with P.A.W.S. and their efforts with the Trap-Neuter-Release program. They are feeding feral cats and they are breeding on their properties. Kathy Fitzkee of P.A.W.S. testified confirming Ms. Wartluft's account.

The following reports were presented to Council and placed on file: Mayor's Report, Code Enforcement Officer's Report, Assistant Manager's Report, Solicitor's Report and Manager's Report.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Michael D. Behm seconded to accept the monthly Treasurer's Report as submitted and have it on file for audit. Motion carried.

Michael D. Behm moved and Dana Reich seconded to accept the payment of bills as submitted. Motion carried.

A presentation was made by Lester Zimmerman and the Myerstown Area Christian School proposing to lease the third floor of the Myerstown Community Center.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Ronald L. Ream seconded to approve an amendment to the Keystone Communities Program Anchor Building Grant to extend the contract activity period from June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Motion carried.

Eric L. Powell moved and Park W. Haverstick II seconded to approve Ordinance 845 for Water Connection requirements. Motion carried.

Ronald L. Ream moved and Michael D. Behm seconded to approve the solicitor to advertise the amendment to the Parking Ordinance allowing for time-limited parking in front of Gift Associates, Enck's Gun Barn, and Main Street Jewelers (Ordinance 846). On a roll call vote:

Bryan L. Rittle – yes; Michael D. Behm – yes; Park W. Haverstick, II – no; Eric L. Powell – no; Ronald L. Ream – yes; Dana Reich – yes. Motion carried on a 4-2 vote.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Dana Reich seconded to approve the solicitor to advertise the amendment to the Property Maintenance Code Ordinance to enact the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (Ordinance 847). Motion carried.

Dana Reich moved and Eric L. Powell seconded to approve the request from Myerstown Soccer Club for usage of the gym on Mondays and Wednesdays if inclement weather. Motion carried.

Ronald L. Ream moved and Bryan L. Rittle seconded to approve the Annual Country Fair Days for the Isaac Meier Homestead on September 29, 2018. Motion carried.

Dana Reich moved and Michael D. Behm seconded to approve Resolution 2018-09 to change the pavilion rental rates. Motion carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Eric L. Powell seconded to approve the writing of a resolution to affirm the goals of the borough as determined in Council planning meetings. Motion carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Dana Reich seconded to approve Recreation Board Chair Zina Rittle to oversee the Playground Program. Motion carried.

Council recessed the regular meeting and entered Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

Council returned from Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. reconvening the regular session.

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 Dana Reich seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. McKenna, MPA  
Borough Manager/Secretary