

MINUTES OF MIFFLINBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
October 15, 2013

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	PRESENT	ABSENT
Robert O. Brouse, Jr., Council President		X
Betsy K. Robertson, Vice President	X	
Benjaman M. Dietrich, Council Member	X	
Bryan E. Rohland, Council Member	X	
Michael E. Snook, Council Member	X	
Tod M. Steese, Council Member	X	
David M. Cooney, Mayor	X	
Jeremiah D. Runkle, Solicitor	X	
Douglas R. Bickhart, Chief of Police	X	
Margaret A. Metzger, Borough Manager	X	
Misty L. Ross, Assistant Secretary	X	

The regular meeting of Mifflinburg Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Visitors present at this meeting were Wayne Bierly, Paul Bottiger and Troy Berkheiser.

Motion by: Tod M. Steese
Second by: Michael E. Snook

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Tuesday, September 17, 2013 regular meeting of Mifflinburg Borough Council.

Approved via unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Dietrich informed Borough Council that he has reviewed Bill List #2013-10; the bill list is higher this month due to the following invoices:

- PA Department of Transportation in the amount of \$304,204.96 for the Chestnut Street Reconstruction Project.
- The 2013 Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$97,814.00.
- The 2013 Police Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$107,282.00.
- AmeriHealth Casualty in the amount of \$36,790.30 for Workers' Compensation Insurance.

Borough Council action is requested to approve payment of Bill List #2013-10 in the amount of \$842,805.43.

Motion by: Benjaman M. Dietrich
Second by: Bryan E. Rohland

MOTION: To approve payment of Bill List #2013-10 in the amount of \$842,805.43.

Yes – Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Rohland, Mr. Snook, Mr. Steese, Mrs. Robertson

No – None

Mr. Wayne Bierly, Code Enforcement Officer for the Central Keystone Council of Government (CK-COG) informed Borough Council that he is present at tonight's meeting to provide them with an update on some of the outstanding Property Maintenance issues in the Borough of Mifflinburg. Mr. Bierly requested an executive session to discuss these properties, since they may result in legal action.

Mrs. Robertson called an executive session to discuss the outstanding Property Maintenance issues in the Borough of Mifflinburg. An executive session was held from 7:07 PM to 7:55 PM.

67 Motion by: Benjamin M. Dietrich
68 Second by: Michael E. Snook

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70 **MOTION: To approve the Mifflinburg Borough Zoning Report for September 2013 and authorize**
71 **payment to the Central Keystone Council of Governments (CK-COG) in the amount of \$78.00.**

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73 Yes – Mr. Rohland, Mr. Snook, Mr. Steese, Mr. Dietrich, Mrs. Robertson

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75 No – None

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78 Mrs. Metzger provided Borough Council with an update on the Chestnut Street Reconstruction Project.
79 Mrs. Metzger reported that Don E. Bower, Inc., contractor for the Chestnut Street Reconstruction Project,
80 has remained mostly on schedule. The detour for the Chestnut Street Reconstruction Project is slated to
81 end on Monday, October 28, 2013. As of the last job conference, although the detour for the Chestnut
82 Street Reconstruction Project is slated to end on Monday, October 28, 2013, the final date for completion
83 is Wednesday, November 27, 2013. The contractor will be completing the sidewalks and planting trees
84 and grass up through that end date.

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86 Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that both the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
87 (PennDOT) and Don E. Bower, Inc., contractor for the Chestnut Street Reconstruction Project, have
88 approved Ms. Cherie Ross's, Main Street Manager for Mifflinburg Heritage and Revitalization
89 Association (MHRA), request to conduct a "Block Party" event on Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 1:00
90 PM - 4:00 PM, since the detour will still be in place. This event will be held on Chestnut Street between
91 3rd Street and 4th Street. The purpose of the event is to celebrate the end of the detour for the Chestnut
92 Street Reconstruction Project. Mr. Steese announced that the Mifflinburg Hose Company, located at 325
93 Chestnut Street, has been notified of the "Block Party" event and they will be happy to relocate the fire
94 trucks for the duration of the event.

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96 Mrs. Metzger reported that Don E. Bower, Inc., contractor for the Chestnut Street Reconstruction Project,
97 has completed the additional paving on High Alley-from 8th Street to 9th Street and 8th Street-South of SR
98 45. A request was made to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to incorporate the
99 additional paving in the total amount of \$26,029.05 into the existing contract for the Chestnut Street
100 Reconstruction Project. PennDOT will require an amendment to the Reimbursement Agreement to
101 incorporate the additional paving. Borough Council action will be requested to consider a new
102 Reimbursement Agreement once a draft has been received from PennDOT.

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104 Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)
105 has submitted Invoice: 033608 006 in the amount of \$63,166.07 for the Borough's share of the Chestnut
106 Street Reconstruction Project. Management has reviewed the invoice and a copy of the invoice is
107 included in the information tonight for Borough Council review. Borough Council action is requested to
108 approve payment of this invoice.

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110 Motion by: Benjamin M. Dietrich
111 Second by: Michael E. Snook

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113 **MOTION: To approve payment of Invoice: 033608 006 to the Pennsylvania Department of**
114 **Transportation (PennDOT) in the amount of \$63,166.07 for the Borough's share of the Chestnut**
115 **Street Reconstruction Project.**

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117 Yes – Mr. Snook, Mr. Steese, Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Rohland, Mrs. Robertson

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119 No – None

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122 Mrs. Metzger provided Borough Council with an update on the status of the official offer for the sale of
123 some of the Borough's electrical infrastructure to Elkay, Inc. to allow them to combine their metering at
124 their 10th Street facility. Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that Mr. Runkle has prepared a final
125 draft offer; however she inadvertently forgot to include copies of the offer in the information tonight for
126 Borough Council review. Mrs. Metzger stated that she would provide copies of the draft offer to Borough
127 Council via email subsequent to tonight's meeting. Borough Council direction is requested as to whether
128 they opt to conduct a committee meeting to review/discuss the draft offer or if they opt to authorize Mr.
129 Runkle to present the draft offer to Elkay, Inc. as prepared. Mr. Snook expressed that he believes
130 Borough Council should present the draft offer to Elkay, Inc. since they will most likely have some
131 questions and/or comments upon review of the offer.

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133 Motion by: Michael E. Snook
134 Second by: Benjamin M. Dietrich

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136 **MOTION: To authorize Mr. Runkle to present the final draft official offer for the sale of some of**
137 **the Borough's electrical infrastructure to Elkay, Inc. as prepared.**

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139 Mr. Runkle summarized that the official offer is to transfer certain assets (transformers, poles, etc.) to
140 Elkay, Inc. to allow them to combine their metering at their 10th Street facility. The proposed sale price is
141 \$57,336.48 which was determined by the Borough's Electrical Consultant, Mr. Jim Havrilla of Utility
142 Engineers, PC. Mr. Runkle clarified that there is an entire schedule of various assets and costs, costs to
143 transition and so forth.

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145 Mr. Dietrich inquired what the annual cost savings would be to Elkay, Inc. on their electric bill. Mrs.
146 Metzger explained that the energy portion of the electric bill would remain the same price/KWH; it's the
147 demand and customer charges that would change. A discussion was held; Mr. Runkle stated that the
148 official offer doesn't indicate in any way, shape or form what Elkay, Inc. may or may not save; Elkay,
149 Inc. is purchasing the assets as they sit.

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151 Approved via unanimous voice vote.

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154 Mrs. Metzger reported that she and Mr. Brouse have been working with the Eastern Pennsylvania Power
155 Group (EPPG) to come to terms with the PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL) litigation. A settlement
156 offer has been approved and we are currently awaiting a final response and direction.

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158 Mrs. Metzger reported that she has received a request from Michael Kelly, Race Committee/Permit
159 Director, on behalf of the Turkey Trot Race Committee and Fit For Funds, LLC. The Turkey Trot Race
160 Committee and Fit For Funds, LLC are requesting Borough Council permission to utilize the Mifflinburg
161 Community Park and Borough streets on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 28, 2013, in order
162 to conduct the annual "Turkey Trot 5K and Kids' ½ mile Fun Run" event. This event would be the same
163 as in 2012. Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that all of the required information, as well as the
164 security deposit in the amount of \$250.00, have been submitted. In accordance with Chapter 18 of the
165 Borough Code of Ordinances the dates during which the recreation area shall be used by the general
166 public shall be April 15 through October 15 of each calendar year. Borough Council action is requested
167 on this matter since this event is occurring after the official date for closure.

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169 Motion by: Benjamin M. Dietrich
170 Second by: Tod M. Steese

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172 **MOTION: To authorize the Turkey Trot Race Committee and Fit For Funds, LLC to utilize the**
173 **Mifflinburg Community Park and Borough Streets on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday,**
174 **November 28, 2013, in order to conduct the annual "Turkey Trot 5K and Kids' ½ mile Fun Run"**
175 **event.**

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177 Approved via unanimous voice vote.

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180 Mrs. Metzger provided Borough Council with an update on the status of the 2nd large closed shaft raw
181 water pump located in the Headworks of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mrs. Metzger reminded
182 Borough Council that the required letter has been submitted to the Department of Environmental
183 Protection (DEP) requesting that they consider a letter amendment to the Borough's Water Quality
184 Permit; DEP is required to review/approve the repair/replacement of the raw water pump within thirty
185 (30) days. Mrs. Metzger reported that she sent an email to DEP last week to notify them that the thirty
186 (30) days have expired and inquire about the status of the letter amendment. DEP contacted the Borough
187 earlier today and indicated that they did not receive an official request (hard copy); therefore they couldn't
188 consider the letter amendment. Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that Mrs. Erin Threet, HRG,
189 Inc., has overnighted an official request (hard copy) of the letter amendment to DEP.

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191 Mrs. Metzger reminded Borough Council that on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 she submitted an application
192 for a permit amendment to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the National Pollutant
193 Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit to request that the Chronic Toxicity testing requirements
194 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant be reduced from quarterly to annually, based on the results achieved
195 over the last six (6) tests. DEP has not yet responded to this request; however DEP's website stated that
196 they have received the application and the application was administratively complete. Mrs. Metzger
197 reported that she sent an email to DEP to inquire about the status of the permit amendment.

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199 Mrs. Metzger reported that the Borough Maintenance Employees continue with some leak detection work
200 on the Borough's water distribution system. The monthly reports have been trending with a higher
201 unaccounted for number than normal for the Borough's system. Although some leaks have been repaired,
202 it is likely that there will be some system repairs required once other problems are located.
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204 Mrs. Metzger reported that the Borough began leaf pick-up on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 and will
205 continue through November as needed. The Borough will end leaf pick-up in time to convert the trucks
206 for the Christkindl Market set-up and winter season.
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208 Mrs. Metzger provided Borough Council with an updated on the status of the Cherry Alley
209 Reconstruction Project. Mrs. Metzger reported that she and Mr. Jason Mitchell, Borough Public Works
210 Supervisor, met with HRG, Inc. to begin the design phase of the Cherry Alley Reconstruction Project. A
211 walk-through was conducted and all Borough utilities have been marked. Survey work is slated to begin
212 on Monday, October 14, 2013. Mrs. Metzger stated that Mr. Cody Lytle, HRG, Inc., is on track to
213 provide the Borough with estimated construction costs by the end of the month.
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215 Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that the Borough Maintenance Employees will be receiving
216 flagger training and certification on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (noon).
217 Mrs. Metzger clarified that this is a mandatory training for all of the Borough Maintenance Employees.
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219 Mrs. Metzger reported that the Borough's 2012 Annual Audit was received and submitted to the
220 Pennsylvania Infrastructure and Investment Authority (PENNVEST) by Monday, September 30, 2013.
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222 Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that Mr. William C. Asay, President of Mockenhaupt Benefits
223 Group (Actuary for the Borough), has prepared the 2014 Minimum Municipal Obligation Form for the
224 Non-Uniformed Money Purchase Plan. The Minimum Municipal Obligation is in the amount of
225 \$3,250.00. A copy of the Minimum Municipal Obligation was distributed to Borough Council via email
226 prior to tonight's meeting and is also included in the information tonight. Borough Council action is
227 requested to adopt this Minimum Municipal Obligation.
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229 Motion by: Benjamen M. Dietrich

230 Second by: Michael E. Snook

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232 **MOTION: To adopt the Non-Uniformed Money Purchase Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation in**
233 **the amount of \$3,250.00 for the 2014 budget.**
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235 Yes – Mr. Steese, Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Rohland, Mr. Snook, Mrs. Robertson

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237 No – None

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240 Mrs. Metzger reported that she has been working with Mr. Brenton Horting, Hartman Employee Benefits,
241 Inc. (Health Insurance Consultant for the Borough), to obtain renewal pricing for the Borough's Health
242 Insurance Policies. A copy of the comparisons of illustrative rates for other carriers together with renewal
243 rates and restructured rates for the Borough's existing carrier have been provided to Borough Council for
244 review prior to tonight's meeting. Mr. Horting is recommending that Borough Council take action to
245 renew Health Insurance with Capital Blue Cross for the PPO 1000/100, Option 1 RX plan with the Health
246 Reimbursement Accounts (HRA) the same as the previous year for the Borough of Mifflinburg and accept
247 the 15% increase in premiums. Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that beginning in 2014 the
248 criteria for individual and small-group underwriting (excluding grandfathered plans) will change and
249 focus on only four (4) areas:
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- 251 • Age (3:1 rating ratio for adults using standard age bands set by Health and Human Services
252 and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners).
- 253 • Family Size.
- 254 • Tobacco Use (1.5:1 rating ratio subject to wellness program requirements).
- 255 • Geography (rating areas established by states and reviewed by Health and Human Services).
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257 All other underwriting factors that are currently used by carriers, such as pre-existing conditions, health
258 status of a group, claims history of a group, duration of coverage, gender, occupation, employer size and
259 industry would no longer be allowed to be used by insurance companies to increase premiums for those
260 groups seeking insurance. Borough Council action is requested on this matter.
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265 Motion by: Michael E. Snook
266 Second by: Benjamin M. Dietrich

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268 **MOTION: To authorize Mrs. Metzger to renew Health Insurance with Capital Blue Cross for the**
269 **PPO 1000/100, Option 1 RX plan with the Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA) through Prime**
270 **Pay the same as the previous year for the Borough of Mifflinburg and accept the 15% increase in**
271 **premiums.**

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273 Mrs. Metzger clarified that the 15% increase in premiums would be about \$42,000.00/year.

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275 Approved via unanimous voice vote.

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278 Mrs. Metzger requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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280 Mrs. Metzger reminded Borough Council that the next Budget meeting is scheduled for Tuesday,
281 October, 30, 2013 at 7:00 PM to review the 1st draft of the budget. All Borough Council members are
282 urged to attend this meeting.

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284 Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that she has received and reviewed the layout for the 2013
285 Christkindl Market; upon preliminary review there were a couple of things that she disagreed with which
286 were presented to Mr. Joe Zimmerman, the Borough Electrical Foreman, since he usually handles the set-
287 up of the Christkindl Market.

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289 Mrs. Metzger announced that the Borough has received a grant in the amount of \$1,440.00 from the
290 Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA), a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
291 and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency for the 2013-2014 Summer Concert Series that
292 are held at the Mifflinburg Community Park.

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294 Mrs. Metzger provided Borough Council with an update on the status of the Borough wide Advanced
295 Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system. Mrs. Metzger reminded Borough Council that they took action at
296 the Tuesday, March 19, 2013 regular Borough Council meeting to accept the proposal from Utility
297 Engineers, PC to provide Engineering, Design & Consultation Services to the Borough to procure and
298 install a Borough wide Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system for both the electric and water
299 systems on a time and materials basis for an amount of \$31,525.00 per the terms of the proposal. Utility
300 Engineers, PC will be scheduling demos for Thursday, October 31, 2013 and Friday, November 1, 2013

301
302 Mrs. Metzger provided Borough Council with an update on the Elm Street Grant Audit for the Grant
303 period ending Tuesday, March 12, 2013. This report was submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of
304 Community and Economic Development (DCED); correspondence was received from DCED requesting
305 additional information. Mr. Neal Lewis, CPA (Certified Public Accountants) and Chairman/CEO at
306 Lewis Barlett Klees, PC, provided a draft amended report to DCED for review prior to resubmission. A
307 copy of the Financial Statements is included in the information tonight for Borough Council review.

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309 Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that she has received a voice mail from Ms. Sandra Mattocks,
310 Curriculum Director for the Mifflinburg Area School District (MASD); Ms. Mattocks is looking to
311 conduct a Family Literacy Program for parents with children enrolled in kindergarten. The purpose of the
312 program is to teach parents how to help children learn to read at home. In order to promote parent
313 involvement/participation the MASD would like to be able to offer prizes/rewards for at the end of the
314 program. Borough Council action is requested to approve the donation of one (1) 2014 Family Pool Pass
315 for this program. A discussion was held; Mr. Dietrich clarified that the 2014 Family Pool Pass would be
316 for any parent that participate in the Family Literacy Program, not just Borough residents.

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318 Motion by: Tod M. Steese
319 Second by: Benjamin M. Dietrich

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321 **MOTION: To approve the donation of one (1) 2014 Family Pool Pass to the Mifflinburg Area**
322 **School District (MASD) to use as a prize/reward for the Family Literacy Program.**

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324 Mayor Cooney reported that in accordance with the rules and regulations a Family Pool Pass is for up to
325 five (5) family members and clarified that the 2014 Family Pool Pass for the Family Literacy Program
326 would be subject to the rules and regulations.

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328 Yes – Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Rohland, Mr. Snook, Mr. Steese, Mrs. Robertson

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330 No – None

331 Mayor Cooney informed Borough Council that they received a copy of the Monthly Police Report for
332 September 2013 included in the information tonight.

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334 Mayor Cooney reported that he has received a few phone calls and questions regarding a quote attributed
335 to him in a recent article in "The Daily Item" about the PennDOT Route 45 (Chestnut Street)
336 Reconstruction Project and how it relates to vehicle accidents. Mayor Cooney clarified that he didn't say
337 that the Borough didn't have any accidents; what he said was that the Borough hasn't had any more
338 accidents than they would have normally had without the detour. In other words, the number of accidents
339 is about the same as in previous years without the detour.

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341 Chief Bickhart presented Borough Council with some Monthly Highlights for the Mifflinburg Police
342 Department for September 2013.

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344 Chief Bickhart provided Borough Council with the results for the Buckle Up PA (BUPA), Click it or
345 Ticket, Teen Education and Enforcement Mobilization that was held on Monday, September 9, 2013
346 through Sunday, September 22, 2013.

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348 Mrs. Robertson requested an executive session to discuss police negotiations.

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350 Mayor Cooney presented Borough Council with an update for the Mifflinburg Regional Economic
351 Development (MRED) Alliance. Mayor Cooney reported that Ms. Cherie Ross, Main Street Manager for
352 Mifflinburg Heritage and Revitalization Association (MHRA), has organized the "Block Party" event that
353 is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

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355 Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that they received a copy of the Engineer's Report for October
356 2013 included in the information tonight. Mrs. Metzger reported that since last month's meeting, HRG,
357 Inc. has provided various miscellaneous engineering services as requested by the Borough. A brief
358 summary of these activities is as follows:

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 - Verification of electric utility relocation permitted under the approved General Permit #5.
 - Preparation of utility permit forms and submissions to PennDOT.

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363 Mrs. Metzger reported that HRG, Inc. has performed a 2nd review of the revised Rusty Rail Brew Haus
364 Final Land Development Plan and Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan Narrative on
365 Monday, October 07, 2013. Several review comments were not addressed in the resubmission and
366 therefore remained outstanding. The comments were provided to the Borough prior to the Tuesday,
367 October 15, 2013 regular Mifflinburg Planning Commission meeting.

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369 Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that the Borough will be continuing the Long Term 2 Enhanced
370 Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2) sampling which began on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 and will
371 continue for one (1) year. The comprehensive annual water level data report for the Production Well No.
372 PW-2 will be submitted to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) in early 2014.

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374 Mr. Runkle provided Borough Council with an update on the status of the ordinance revisions with regard
375 to the no parking ordinance and the stop intersection portion of the ordinance to incorporate Miriam
376 Street. Mr. Runkle reminded Borough Council that there were numerous revisions that needed to be
377 made to the ordinance and it needed to be a more comprehensive amendment. Mr. Runkle stated that he
378 anticipates a final draft of the amendment will be prepared by the Tuesday, November 19, 2013 regular
379 Borough Council meeting. Mr. Dietrich inquired if there was any further discussion held with regard
380 to making a request for a permanent traffic change to PennDOT to convert 3rd Street to a one-way street.
381 Mr. Runkle reported that there was no further discussion held that resulted in direction to him to include
382 an ordinance revision with the amendment. Mr. Steese expressed that he believes Borough Council
383 should make a request for a permanent traffic change to PennDOT to convert 3rd Street from Chestnut
384 Street to Market Street to a one-way street traveling south for public safety.

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386 Motion by: Tod M. Steese
387 Second by: Benjamin M. Dietrich

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389 **MOTION: To make a request for a permanent traffic change to PennDOT to convert 3rd Street**
390 **from Chestnut Street to Market Street to a one-way street traveling south.**

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392 Mr. Snook stated that the motion to make a request for a permanent traffic change to PennDOT to convert
393 3rd Street from Chestnut Street to Market Street to a one-way street traveling south is opposite than what
394 was previously discussed by the Park & Recreation, Street & Alleys Committee.

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396 Mr. Rohland informed Borough Council that the Park & Recreation, Street & Alleys Committee
397 discussed some other options instead of converting 3rd Street to a one-way street. A lengthy discussion
398 was held; Mr. Snook expressed that he believes the Park & Recreation, Street & Alleys Committee should
399 schedule another meeting to further discuss this matter prior to Borough Council action.
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401 Mr. Steese withdrew his motion to make a request for a permanent traffic change to PennDOT to convert
402 3rd Street from Chestnut Street to Market Street to a one-way street traveling south until after being
403 discussed by the Park & Recreation, Street & Alleys Committee and Mr. Dietrich withdrew second.
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405 Mr. Runkle provided Borough Council with an update on the status of the Landlord-Tenant Ordinance for
406 the Borough of Mifflinburg. Mr. Runkle informed Borough Council that he has reviewed the Landlord-
407 Tenant Ordinance for Berwick and is requesting Borough Council direction on how to proceed with
408 preparing an edited version of the Landlord-Tenant Ordinance for the Borough of Mifflinburg. Mr.
409 Runkle explained that the Landlord-Tenant Ordinance for Berwick is extensive; there's a great deal to
410 review/discuss. Mr. Runkle expressed that he would hate to prepare an edited version of the Landlord-
411 Tenant Ordinance for the Borough of Mifflinburg, due to the amount of time it will take, and then
412 Borough Council change their minds. Mr. Runkle recommended that a committee meeting be scheduled
413 to further discuss this matter. Mrs. Metzger proposed that the Public Safety Committee schedule a
414 meeting to further discuss this matter. Mr. Runkle suggested that Borough Council may want more than
415 one (1) member from Borough Council present at the Public Safety Committee meeting since they need to
416 have a majority vote. Mr. Rohland volunteered to attend the Public Safety Committee meeting. Mayor
417 Cooney stated that a Public Safety Committee meeting will be scheduled subsequent to tonight's meeting.
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419 Mayor Cooney announced that he attended or will be attending the following events:
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- 421 • The ribbon cutting that was held on Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 11:00 AM - 12:00
422 PM for the Law Offices of Martin & Lobos, LLC located at 309 E. Chestnut Street.
- 423 • The Homecoming Bonfire that was held on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 8:30 PM at the
424 Mifflinburg Area High School located at 75 Market Street.
- 425 • Welcomed the Gutelius Family Descendants at the church services held on Sunday, October
426 13, 2013 at the Elias Center for the Performing Arts located at 212-214 S. 5th Street.
- 427 • The Annual Jack-O-Lantern Contest that is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2013 from
428 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Mifflinburg Community Park.
- 429 • The “Parade of Buffalos” in celebration of Union County’s Bicentennial that is scheduled for
430 Wednesday, October 23, 2013.
- 431 • The Great Bison-tennial Debate that is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 5:30
432 PM at the Campus Theatre located at 413 Market Street, Lewisburg.
- 433 • The Halloween Costume Contest that is scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2013 at 6:00 PM
434 at the Mifflinburg Area High School located at 75 Market Street. Mayor Cooney informed
435 Borough Council that there won't be a Halloween Parade this year due to the detour for the
436 Chestnut Street Reconstruction Project.
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438 Mayor Cooney thanked the following individuals/companies for their assistance with decorating the
439 buffalo for the Union County “Parade of Buffalos” in celebration of Union County’s Bicentennial:
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- 441 • Cole’s Hardware, located at 24 E. Chestnut Street, for donating the paint to paint the buffalo.
- 442 • Mr. Paul Bottiger, owner of Bings Auto LLC located at 195 N 3rd Street, and Mr. Marlin
443 (Bud) Mitchell for clear coating the buffalo to preserve it.
- 444 • Mr. Jason Mitchell, Borough Public Works Supervisor, for ensuring that the “Artist Among
445 Us” had space to work on the buffalo.
- 446 • The three (3) “Artist Among Us”: Ms. Betsy Fickes, Ms. Bridget Catherman, and Mr. Kurt
447 Ilgen for their support and assistance decorating the buffalo.
- 448 • The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania (FCFP) for purchasing the
449 fifteen (15) fiberglass buffalos for the fourteen (14) municipalities in Union County as well
450 as one (1) at the County building.
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452 Mayor Cooney announced that the “Parade of Buffalos” will be on display in the M&T Bank parking lot
453 (located at 409 Market Street, Lewisburg), next door to the Campus Theatre, on Wednesday, October 23,
454 2013; followed by a display in the lawn and garden section of the Walmart Supercenter (located at 120
455 Ajk Boulevard, Lewisburg) for two (2) weeks; and then a display at the Union County Government
456 Building (located at 155 N. 15th Street, Lewisburg). Mayor Cooney informed Borough Council that the
457 “Parade of Buffalos” can be viewed and voted for by making a cash donation in that particular buffalo's
458 donation box.
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461 Mrs. Robertson called an executive session to discuss police negotiations and personnel matters. An
462 executive session was held from 9:06 PM to 9:47 PM.

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465 Motion by: Bryan E. Rohland
466 Second by: Tod M. Steese

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468 **MOTION: To execute the Police Settlement Agreement.**

469 Yes – Mr. Rohland, Mr. Snook, Mr. Steese, Mr. Dietrich, Mrs. Robertson

471 No – None

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475 Mr. Runkle requested Borough Council action to schedule the Reorganizational meeting of Mifflinburg
476 Borough Council for Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:30 PM. Mr. Runkle explained that another
477 municipality in which he represents also has to reorganize.

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479 Motion by: Tod M. Steese
480 Second by: Benjamin M. Dietrich

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482 **MOTION: To schedule the Reorganizational meeting of Mifflinburg Borough Council for Monday,**
483 **January 6, 2014 at 7:30 PM.**

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485 Approved via unanimous voice vote.

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488 Motion by: Michael E. Snook

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490 **MOTION: To adjourn the Mifflinburg Borough Council meeting.**

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492 Approved via unanimous voice vote.

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495 Meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM.

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497 Respectfully Submitted,

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500 Misty L. Ross
501 Assistant Borough Secretary