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5	Michael E. Snook, Council President	X	
6	Beverly L. Hackenberg, Vice President	X	
7	Troy A. Berkheiser, Council Member	X	
8	Paul E. Bottiger, Council Member	X	
9	Bryan E. Rohland, Council Member		X
10	Tod M. Steese, Council Member	X	
11	David M. Cooney, Mayor	X	
12	Jeremiah D. Runkle, Solicitor		X
13	Douglas R. Bickhart, Chief of Police	X	
[4	Margaret A. Metzger, Borough Manager	X	
15	Robert M. Rowe, Borough Project Manager	X	
16	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 Alan Wagner, Rocky Baer, William T. Kerstetter, Kelly Walter, Neal L. Lewis, Jeff Kline, Jeff Loss, Deitre' R. Loss, Bryana Loss, Doug Shirk, David Hines, and Dave Iddings.

Mr. Snook conducted a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2015-05; Abandoning any and all rights, title and interest in the opened portion of 7th Street which lies between Cherry Street and Walnut Street. Mayor Cooney informed Borough Council that he and Chief Bickhart have observed 7th Street during business hours and they didn't see any significant traffic using 7th Street. Based on a public safety standpoint, there are no objections with the street closure being proposed.

Mr. Doug Shirk, a resident from 638 Walnut Street, inquired if there would be improvements made to the Subdivision & Land Development plans for the Rusty Rail Brewing Co. after Borough Council adopts this ordinance. Mr. Alan Wagner, Owner of Wagner's Surveying, LLC, detailed the procedures for Subdivision & Land Development plans and clarified that there would still be improvements made to the plans for the Rusty Rail Brewing Co., just not as per the plans presented. The Subdivision & Land Development plans for the Rusty Rail Brewing Co, still need to be approved by the Mifflinburg Planning Commission.

There being no further comments or discussion the hearing concluded at 7:05 PM.

Mr. Snook conducted a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2015-06; Abandoning any and all rights, title and interest in an unopened portion of street known as Albert Street and an unopened portion of street known as Green Street. There being no comments or discussion the hearing concluded at 7:06 PM.

Motion by: Beverly L. Hackenberg Second by: Paul E. Bottiger

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 2015-05; Abandoning any and all rights, title and interest in the opened portion of 7th Street which lies between Cherry Street and Walnut Street, and to authorize the filing of the quitclaim deed.

Yes - Mr. Berkheiser, Mr. Bottiger, Mrs. Hackenberg, Mr. Steese, Mr. Snook

No - None

Motion by: Beverly L. Hackenberg Second by: Paul E. Bottiger

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 2015-06; Abandoning any and all rights, title and interest in an unopened portion of street known as Albert Street and an unopened portion of street known as Green Street, and to authorize the filing of the quitclaim deeds.

Yes - Mr. Bottiger, Mrs. Hackenberg, Mr. Steese, Mr. Berkheiser, Mr. Snook

66 No - None Motion by: Tod M. Steese Second by: Troy A. Berkheiser

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Tuesday, August 18, 2015 regular meeting of Mifflinburg Borough Council.

Approved via unanimous voice vote.

Motion by: Troy A. Berkheiser Second by: Beverly L. Hackenberg

MOTION: To approve payment of Bill List #2015-09 in the amount of \$193,424.86.

Yes - Mrs. Hackenberg, Mr. Steese, Mr. Berkheiser, Mr. Bottiger, Mr. Snook

No - None

Ms. Kelly Walter, Director of the Herr Memorial Library, informed Borough Council that she is present at tonight's meeting on behalf of the Herr Memorial Library, located at 500 Market Street. Ms. Walter reminded Borough Council that in 2010 the Herr Memorial Library began a "Library for Life" expansion project. Ms. Walter distributed copies of the campaign brochure titled "Library for Life: A campaign of the Herr Memorial Library" to Borough Council, which detailed the history of the Library; the Library's programs and challenges today; their plans to address the current challenges and to position the Library for continued growth; the project costs; as well as the Library's campaign goal. Ms. Walter announced that with the assistance of SEDA-Council of Governments (SEDA-COG) and the Union County Commissioners, the Library has secured a Community Development Block Grant of \$150,660.00 which is to be used for the elevator installation. In addition, the Library has secured a Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Grant of \$250,000.00. The Herr Memorial Library expansion groundbreaking is scheduled for Friday, October 18, 2015. Ms. Walter thanked Borough Council for their continued support of the "Library for Life" expansion project.

Mr. Neal Lewis, CPA (Certified Public Accountant) at Wagner, Dreese, Elsasser (W.D.E.) & Associates, P.C., is present at tonight's meeting with regard to the 2014 Audit Report. Mr. Lewis informed Borough Council that at the beginning of tonight's meeting he distributed draft copies of the letter and the 2014 Audit Report for their review. Mr. Lewis clarified that the Audit Report is in draft format since there may be a possible change to the pension footnotes. Mr. Lewis provided Borough Council with a brief overview of the draft Financial Statements Report and clarified that it's very important that Borough Council reads the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) Report that Mrs. Metzger prepares, as well as the footnotes and disclosures. Mr. Lewis thanked Mrs. Metzger and the Borough Office Staff for their assistance with the Audit Report and expressed that Mrs. Metzger does an excellent job preparing the MD&A Report.

Mr. David Hines, the new Zoning Administrator for the Central Keystone Council of Governments (CK-COG), introduced himself to Borough Council.

Motion by: Beverly L. Hackenberg Second by: Troy A. Berkheiser

MOTION: To approve the Mifflinburg Borough Zoning Report for August 2015 and authorize payment to the Central Keystone Council of Governments (CK-COG) in the amount of \$1,130.46.

Yes - Mr. Steese, Mr. Berkheiser, Mr. Bottiger, Mrs. Hackenberg, Mr. Snook

124 No - None

Mrs. Metzger reported that Mr. William C. Asay, President of Mockenhaupt Benefits Group (Actuary for the Borough), has prepared the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMOs) for both the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans and the Non-Uniformed Money Purchase Plan which are as follows:

Police Pension Plan \$108,749.00 Non-Uniformed Pension Plan \$78,406.00 Non-Uniformed Money Purchase Plan \$6,081.00

135 Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that the law requires that these MMOs be adopted/approved 136 for the 2016 budget by September 30th of the preceding year. Copies of the three (3) MMOs have been 137 included in the information tonight. Borough Council action is requested to adopt these MMOs as

138 prepared by Mockenhaupt Benefits Group.

140 Motion by: Beverly L. Hackenberg

141 Second by: Tod M. Steese

MOTION: To adopt the Police Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$108,749.00; the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$78,406.00; and the Non-Uniformed Money Purchase Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$6,081.00 for the 2016 budget.

Yes - Mr. Berkheiser, Mr. Bottiger, Mrs. Hackenberg, Mr. Steese, Mr. Snook

150 No - None

Mrs. Metzger announced that all Budgetary Requests for 2016 must be submitted by Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

Mrs. Metzger reported that she received the renewal information for the Employee Assistance Plan for 2016. The cost per agreement year in 2015 was \$2,760.00, but has increased to \$2,870.00 for 2016; this represents a \$110.00 increase. A copy of the renewal has been included in the information tonight. Borough Council action is requested to approve the renewal of this program.

Motion by: Beverly L. Hackenberg Second by: Paul E. Bottiger

MOTION: To enter into the Employee Assistance Program Agreement between the Borough of Mifflinburg and the ESI Employee Assistance Group at the Premium Benefit Level for the period of Thursday, October 1, 2015 through Friday, September 30, 2016 to provide professional employee assistance to Borough employees at the cost of \$2,870.00 per agreement year.

Yes - Mr. Bottiger, Mrs. Hackenberg, Mr. Steese, Mr. Berkheiser, Mr. Snook

171 No – None

Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that she received a request from the Mifflinburg Area Elementary School ROAR Program Incentive Committee for continued support of their Behavioral Support Program (the ROAR Program). Mrs. Metzger explained that during the 2014-2015 school year, the Mifflinburg Elementary School implemented a school-wide positive behavior program called the ROAR Program. The program works by teaching students appropriate behavior, and validating when they meet behavioral expectations. Student's positive behavior is tracked, and ultimately, students' names are entered into a lottery to win specific prizes, such as participating in activities, eating special lunches with school staff, earning opportunities for leadership in front of their peers, and coupons for purchases or events in their communities. Mrs. Metzger reminded Borough Council that they took action at the Tuesday, August 19, 2014 regular Borough Council meeting to donate fourteen (14) coupons for a one (1) day free admission at the Mifflinburg Community Pool for the 2015 season to be used as prizes for the ROAR Program. A copy of the request has been included in the information tonight, as well as a copy of the Certificate of Appreciation that was presented to the Borough for their support with the ROAR Program during the 2014-2015 school year. Borough Council action is requested on this matter.

Motion by: Beverly L. Hackenberg Second by: Troy A. Berkheiser

MOTION: To donate fourteen (14) coupons for a one (1) day free admission at the Mifflinburg Community Pool for the 2016 season to be used as prizes for the Mifflinburg Area Elementary School's Behavioral Support Program (the ROAR Program).

Yes - Mrs. Hackenberg, Mr. Steese, Mr. Berkheiser, Mr. Bottiger, Mr. Snook

No - None

Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that she also received a request from Mr. William and Mrs. Patricia Kerstetter, residents from 1212 Chestnut Street, and Steinbacher Enterprises, Inc. for an extension to the original Agreement to Raze the Kerstetter's former home between the Borough and Mr. and Mrs. Kerstetter. In accordance with this agreement, demolition was to be completed within sixty (60) days from the date that Mr. and Mrs. Kerstetter's occupancy permit was issued, which was issued by the Central Keystone Council of Governments (CK-COG) on Monday, July 13, 2015. Steinbacher Enterprises, Inc. has confirmed that they have a signed contract with Mr. and Mrs. Kerstetter for the demolition and that they obtained final verification that all utilities were properly disconnected on Thursday, August 13, 2015. Unfortunately, due to other projects that Steinbacher Enterprises, Inc. had/has going on, their schedule won't permit them to complete the work by Sunday, September 13, 2015. Steinbacher Enterprises, Inc. is requesting that an extension be granted to the original agreement with a completion date of no later than Friday, October 9, 2015. Copies of both requests have been included in the information tonight. A discussion was held; Mrs. Metzger recommended that Borough Council take action to grant the extension until Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

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Motion by: Paul E. Bottiger Second by: Troy A. Berkheiser

MOTION: To grant an extension to the original Agreement to Raze the Kerstetter's former home between the Borough of Mifflinburg and Mr. William and Mrs. Patricia Kerstetter until Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

Approved via unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Metzger announced that the Borough received notification from Union County that they've been awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to complete the Woodland Estates Water Line Project. This award requires that income surveys be completed for those being serviced by this line; approximately twenty (20) properties. The first round of surveys have been mailed. The Borough will have to go door-to-door to try to obtain those who do not respond via mail. A copy of the notification from Union County has been included in the information tonight.

Mrs. Metzger provided Borough Council with an update on the status of New Communities Program Elm Street Project – Phase III. Mrs. Metzger reminded Borough Council that while reviewing Payment Application No. 2 from McBryan Contracting, the contractor for the Elm Street Project, Larson Design Group and Mr. Rowe noticed there was a charge of \$750.00 included in the billing for work that was incurred in order to meet ADA requirements. This charge was still being discussed since the work wasn't completed as it was originally designed and it was deducted for the payment application. Mrs. Metzger reported that Larson Design Group provided the Borough with corrected as-built drawings showing the actual work completed rather than the original design and the final payment of \$750.00 was paid to McBryan Contracting.

Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that there's a small dilemma with regard to the 2014 Audit Report. Mrs. Metzger explained that a copy of the Audit package must be submitted to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure and Investment Authority (PENNVEST) by Wednesday, September 30, 2015; in order to make the Report effective and available for distribution, Borough Council must accept the Report. A discussion was held; Mrs. Metzger suggested that Borough Council accept the 2014 Audit Report, contingent upon correction of the pension footnotes.

Motion by: Troy A. Berkheiser Second by: Beverly L. Hackenberg

MOTION: To accept the 2014 Audit Report, contingent upon correction of the pension footnotes.

Approved via unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Metzger reported that there was a Property Committee meeting held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 6:30 PM with Preservation Mifflinburg Incorporated (PMI) representatives to discuss how a lease might be structured for the Little Log House property located at 308 Market Street and review some of the conditions that were included in the previous lease. Subsequent to the meeting, the original Lease Agreement was updated with some changes resulting from the meeting. Mrs. Metzger detailed some of the changes that were made to the original Lease Agreement. Borough Council action is requested to approve the proposed Lease Agreement and to authorize her (Mrs. Metzger) to present the proposed Lease Agreement to PMI for their review and consideration.

267 Motion by: Paul E. Bottiger268 Second by: Troy A. Berkheiser269

MOTION: To approve the proposed Lease Agreement between the Borough of Mifflinburg and Preservation Mifflinburg Incorporated (PMI), and to authorize Mrs. Metzger to present the proposed Lease Agreement to PMI for their review and consideration.

Approved via unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Metzger requested an executive session to discuss several personnel matters and potential litigations,

Mrs. Metzger announced that Mr. Rob Rowe, Borough Project Manager, has successfully completed his six (6) month probationary period effective Saturday, August 9, 2015. Borough Council action is requested to grant Mr. Rowe permanent full-time employment status, subject to the terms of the non-uniformed employment contract.

Motion by: Beverly L. Hackenberg Second by: Paul E. Bottiger

MOTION: To grant Mr. Rob Rowe permanent full-time employment status effective August 9, 2015, subject to the terms of his hire and the non-uniformed employment contract.

Approved via unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Metzger reported that Mr. Rowe and Mr. Jason W. Mitchell, Public Works Supervisor, have solicited quotes for a used Forklift since the Forklift at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has stopped working. There were five (5) quotes obtained and are as follows:

Company	<u>Forklift</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lift Inc.	2011 Toyota 8FGU32	\$19,000.00 + \$150.00 Delivery
Equipment Depot	2010 Cat P600	\$15,900.00 + \$2,000.00 = \$17,900.00
Triple A Motor	2004 Daewoo G36S	\$10,500.00
Equipment Depot	2002 Clark CMP40	\$23,900.00
Stoltzfus Lift Repair	2003 Toyota 7FGCU35	\$10,800.00

Mrs. Metzger clarified that \$30,000.00 has been budgeted for a used/new Forklift. In accordance with the Borough Code, advertising, bidding, and a performance bond are required by statute on purchases and contracts in excess of \$19,400.00. Borough Council direction is requested as to whether or not they want to refer this matter to a Committee meeting to be discussed further.

Mr. Rowe provided Borough Council with a brief overview of the quotes that he and Mr. Mitchell obtained for a used Forklift. Mr. Rowe cautioned Borough Council that there are no guarantees with the quotes that were obtained; the Forklifts could be purchased by someone else at any time. A discussion was held; Mr. Bottiger expressed that he believes Borough Council should take action to purchase the 2011 Toyota 8FGU32 Forklift from Lift Inc.

Motion by: Paul E. Bottiger
Second by: Beverly L. Hackenberg

MOTION: To purchase the 2011 Toyota 8FGU32 Forklift from Lift Inc. in the amount of \$19,000.00 plus \$150.00 for delivery.

Yes - Mr. Steese, Mr. Berkheiser, Mr. Bottiger, Mrs. Hackenberg, Mr. Snook

No – None

Mayor Cooney informed Borough Council that they received a copy of the Monthly Police Report for August 2015 included in the information tonight.

Mayor Cooney informed Borough Council that the Mifflinburg Halloween Parade Committee has submitted a request which reads as follows:

Dear Mifflinburg Borough Council Members,

The Mifflinburg Halloween Parade Committee is requesting the use of East Market Street on Monday night, October 26th for the Halloween Parade. Our proposal is to form at the Middle School parking lot at 6:00 PM. The parade, led by the Mifflinburg High School Band, will travel west on Market Street at 6:30 PM to the west entrance of the High School Gym where the judging will take place. We would need fire police at the intersections along the route to ensure the safety of the participants. In case of rain the parade will be cancelled and we will just have the judging at the High School at 6:30 PM. We would like you to consider this request and let us know your decision as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely, Sue Iddings, Libby Loss, Dorene Gwyn, and Sue Jows

A copy of the request has been included in the information tonight. Borough Council action is requested to approve this request.

354 Motion by: Troy A. Berkheiser355 Second by: Paul E. Bottiger

MOTION: To approve the Mifflinburg Halloween Parade Committee's request to use East Market Street on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 6:00 PM to conduct the Halloween Parade.

Approved via unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Cooney requested Borough Council action to approve the Annual Jack-O-Lantern Contest for Wednesday, October 21, 2015 from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Mifflinburg Community Park.

366 Motion by: Paul E. Bottiger367 Second by: Troy A. Berkheiser

MOTION: To approve the Annual Jack-O-Lantern Contest for Wednesday, October 21, 2015 from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the Mifflinburg Community Park.

Approved via unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Cooney requested Borough Council action to set Trick or Treat night for Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

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378 Motion by: Tod M. Steese
379 Second by: Paul E. Bottiger
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MOTION: To set Trick or Treat night for Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Approved via unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Cooney requested Borough Council action to approve the Community Christmas Tree Lighting for Sunday, November 29, 2015 from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Mayor Cooney clarified that Mrs. Tina M. DeFord, the Clerk for the Mifflinburg Police Department, is preparing the PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) for the road closure which would be 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

Motion by: Beverly L. Hackenberg Second by: Paul E. Bottiger

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394 MOTION: To approve the Community Christmas Tree Lighting for Sunday, November 29, 2015
395 from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Approved via unanimous voice vote.

Chief Bickhart requested Borough Council action to approve the Annual Homecoming Parade for Friday, October 2, 2015 at 5:30 PM. The parade will begin at 6th Street, travel east on Chestnut Street to 1st Street, and end at the Mifflinburg Area High School located at 75 Market Street. Chief Bickhart clarified that the parade will be held rain or shine.

405 Motion by: Beverly L. Hackenberg

406 Second by: Troy A. Berkheiser 407

MOTION: To approve the Annual Homecoming Parade for Friday, October 2, 2015 at 5:30 PM.

Approved via unanimous voice vote.

Chief Bickhart presented Borough Council with some Monthly Highlights for the Mifflinburg Police Department for August 2015.

Mrs. Hackenberg requested an executive session to discuss several personnel matters.

Mr. Berkheiser announced that there is a Negotiating Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2015 with the AFSCME representatives.

Mr. Snook reminded Borough Council that all Budgetary Requests for 2016 must be submitted by Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

Mr. Snook informed Borough Council that they received a copy of the Engineer's Report for September 2015 included in the information tonight.

Mayor Cooney reported that a resident contacted him with regard to doing something to honor Mr. Jason Bohn, a professional golfer who currently plays on the PGA Tour, for his achievements in Professional Golf. Mayor Cooney stated that he thought he would speak with Ms. Ann Beckley, a retired Educator/Coach at Mifflinburg Area School District, or ask the Mifflinburg Golf Team. Borough Council directed Mayor Cooney to start with those avenues first.

Mr. Dave Iddings, a resident from 900 Chestnut Street, informed Borough Council that in 2005, Mr. Hall E. Solomon, Sr., the Mayor at that time, recorded December 16th as "Jason Bohn Day". Mayor Cooney clarified that Mr. Solomon issued a Proclamation; which is required to be redone each year,

Mr. William Kerstetter, a resident from 1212 Chestnut Street, thanked Borough Council for their consideration with regard to the demolition of the existing structure on his property.

Mr. Snook called an executive session to discuss potential litigation and personnel matters. An executive session was held from 8:02 PM to 8:48 PM.

Motion by: Beverly L. Hackenberg Second by: Troy A. Berkheiser

MOTION: To offer employment to Mr. Tony Romig at the starting wage of \$14.00/hr under the terms of the AFSCME employment agreement, as an Electric Lineman Apprentice/Lineman III, contingent upon successful completion of the required pre-employment testing and criminal and child abuse clearances.

Yes - Mr. Berkheiser, Mr. Bottiger, Mrs. Hackenberg, Mr. Steese, Mr. Snook

455 No – None

Motion by: Beverly L. Hackenberg

Second by: Tod M. Steese

MOTION: To freeze the Borough's 457 Plan with respect to new participants effective Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

Approved via unanimous voice vote.

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467	Motion by: Beverly L. Hackenberg
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469	MOTION: To adjourn the Mifflinburg Borough Council meeting.
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474	Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.
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479	Misty L. Ross
480	Assistant Borough Secretary