

MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

November 11, 2025

Attendance: Aaron Sines, Nick Sicilian, Cliff Hughes, Marc Zicar, Savannah Bungar, Robert Kish, Attorney Ted Isoldi, Debbie Sarvis

Aaron Sines led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Nick Sicilian moved to approve the October 14th minutes with Savannah Bungar seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Nick Sicilian moved to approve the October Financial Statements with Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Savannah Bungar moved to approve the Payment of Bills with Marc Zickar seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

VISITORS - Debra Sicilian announced herself as the new council elect and everyone welcomed her.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council discussed Denise Orr's letter asking for additional lighting in the Common Grounds and Gooseberry Street area. The Mayor added that he thought the additional of a mirror at that intersection would be advantageous for vehicles pulling out of Gooseberry and N. Pitt Street. The Street Committee agreed to meet to discuss alternatives for the intersection.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Kish moved to approve East End Fire Departments Letter of Intent to request Regionalization Information from the D.C.E.D. Cliff Hughes seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

The Administrator reviewed information concerning the Budget income and expenses and methods used to propose 2026 numbers. She added mainly council needed to decide if they wanted to raise taxes to be able to fund projects or new equipment or if they preferred to not raise taxes and keep spending down to a minimum. Nick Sicilian moved to approve the proposed budget with a 1 mil tax increase. The motion failed. Aaron Sines stated that the tax mills haven't been raised since 2011 and even with cuts to expenses it will be hard to sustain without an increase. Cliff Hughes moved to approve the proposed 2026 Budget as is without any tax increases with Marc Zicar approving. A roll call vote was initiated with Marc Zickar, Robert Kish, Cliff Hughes, and Savannah Bungar voting yes and Nick Sicilian and Aaron Sines voting no. The motion passed.

Nick Sicilain advised council that the police station was in need of repair particularly the floors needed replaced and the walls painted. He reviewed a quote he received from Carey Flooring for \$ 10,001.26. Council recommended revising the repairs and tabling any decisions

REPORTS

Mayor Travis Schaa reviewed the Police Report with council. He thanked the Jefferson Police Department for assistance during Trick or Treat hours and commented that it was again this year a real success.

Nick Sicilain commented that an extra mill tax raise would help with the Street budget adding that the Liquid Fuel Funds would only stretch so far for the road maintenance.

The meeting was adjourned to an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. The meeting was called back to order and properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

Debbie Sarvis
Administrator