

1 MINUTES OF MIFFLINBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
2 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
3 November 4, 2015
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	PRESENT	ABSENT
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6 Michael E. Snook, Council President		X
7 Beverly L. Hackenberg, Vice President	X	
8 Troy A. Berkheiser, Council Member	X	
9 Paul E. Bottiger, Council Member		X
10 Bryan E. Rohland, Council Member	X	
11 Tod M. Steese, Council Member	X	
12 David M. Cooney, Mayor		X
13 Jeremiah D. Runkle, Solicitor		X
14 Douglas R. Bickhart, Chief of Police		X
15 Margaret A. Metzger, Borough Manager	X	
16 Robert M. Rowe, Borough Project Manager		X
17 Misty L. Ross, Assistant Secretary		X

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

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21 There were no visitors present at this meeting.

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23 Mrs. Hackenberg announced that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to select Health Care Coverage for
24 the Borough of Mifflinburg and any other business to come before Council.

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26 Mrs. Metzger provided Borough Council with an overview of the pricing options for the Borough's
27 Health Insurance Policies which are set to renew on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Mrs. Metzger reported
28 a Finance Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 to hear more about the options
29 being presented from Benecon. Mrs. Metzger informed Borough Council that Benecon is an agent who
30 serves the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative (PMHIC) which is basically a self-
31 insured Pool for Municipalities of similar size and structure that participate in this Plan. The Health
32 Insurance would still be through Capital Blue Cross so the Borough Employees won't see a difference in
33 the coverage. The Borough would still be able to develop any kind of a Plan they want and they would
34 still be able to keep the same Plan within this Pool which was the desire of Borough Council. Mrs.
35 Metzger added that PMHIC would also convert the Borough's Health Insurance Policies to a January 1st
36 renewal. A lengthy discussion was held; Mrs. Metzger clarified that the Borough would still need to
37 continue with the Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA) through Prime Pay for the piece of deductible
38 insurance and for the co-pays. Borough Council action is requested to adopt Resolution No. 2015-10; to
39 join with other Municipality's as a member of PMHIC and to approve the Intergovernmental
40 Agreement. A copy of Resolution No. 2015-10 and the Intergovernmental Agreement are included in
41 the information tonight for Borough Council review.

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43 Motion by: Troy A. Berkheiser
44 Second by: Bryan E. Rohland

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46 **MOTION: To adopt Resolution No. 2015-10; to join with other Municipality's as a member of the**
47 **Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative (PMHIC) and to approve the**
48 **Intergovernmental Agreement, subject to Mr. Runkle's review.**

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50 Yes – Mr. Berkheiser, Mr. Rohland, Mr. Steese, Mrs. Hackenberg

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52 No – None

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55 Motion by: Troy A. Berkheiser
56 Second by: Tod E. Steese

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58 **MOTION: To continue the Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA) through Prime Pay for the**
59 **Borough of Mifflinburg.**

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61 Yes – Mr. Rohland, Mr. Steese, Mr. Berkheiser, Mrs. Hackenberg

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63 No – None
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67 Mrs. Metzger reported that the Borough has been contacted by a Professor at Bucknell University; the
68 Professor indicated that Bucknell University is having their students complete a project concerning the
69 continuation of the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail beyond Mifflinburg to the western end of the county.
70 Borough Council action is request to allow the Bucknell University students to complete a traffic study
71 on Industrial Park Road. Mrs. Metzger recommended that if Borough Council approves this request,
72 they should include an insurance requirement.

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74 Motion by: Tod M. Steese
75 Second by: Troy A. Berkheiser

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77 **MOTION: To allow Bucknell University students to complete a traffic study on Industrial Park**
78 **Road for their Buffalo Valley Rail Trail project pending proof of liability insurance.**

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80 Mr. Berkheiser inquired if it would be better to have the Bucknell University students complete a traffic
81 study in the spring time after the snow. Mrs. Metzger stated that the Professor at Bucknell University
82 indicated that the traffic study would be completed within a two (2) week time period.

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84 Approved via unanimous voice vote.

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87 Mr. Rohland informed Borough Council that there are a few revisions that he would like to suggest to
88 the Borough's Land Development Ordinance to make it less restrictive, such as removing the
89 requirement that parking lots must be paved, and inquired if Borough Council would be open to making
90 some revisions to the ordinance. A discussion was held; Borough Council directed Mr. Rohland to
91 prepare a list of the revisions that he is suggesting for their review.

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94 Motion by: Troy A. Berkheiser

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

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98 Approved via unanimous voice vote.

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101 Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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103 Respectfully Submitted,

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106 Misty L. Ross
107 Assistant Borough Secretary