

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 9, 2018**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, April 9, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Mountville Borough Hall, 21 East Main Street, Mountville, PA 17554.

The following Council members were present: Richard D. Spiegel, Harry L. Morgan, Council President Lenny D. Heisey, Christine D. Eshleman, Michael A. Trimble and Charles H. Thomas. There is currently a vacancy on Council. Also attending were Mayor Philip S. Kresge, West Hempfield Township Police Corporal Douglas Ober, Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief Dean R. Gantz, Jr, Public Works Foreman Scott B. Haas and Pamela J. Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Lenny D. Heisey who gave an invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

R. Spiegel moved to accept the March 26, 2018 minutes as presented. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

C. Thomas moved to accept the financial report and disbursements as presented. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Police/Fire**

In the absence of Chief Pugliese, Chair R. Spiegel recognized Corporal D. Ober. Cpl. Ober commended the Borough Public Works department for their clean up help after damage created by the high winds the area received. Cpl. Ober also thanked C. Thomas for his assistance when a member of the Mountville Brethren Church experienced cardiac arrest.

Mountville Fire Company Chief Dean R. Gantz, Jr. reviewed the Fire Company Report and noted that the numbers are very similar to 2017 at this point in the year.

C. Thomas asked how the new burn permit policy is working. Chief Gantz reported that they have inspected three properties at this time. R. Spiegel added that burn permits were approved for 37 College Avenue, 302 South Manor Street and 190 East New Street. R. Spiegel also reported that residents at 18 Park Avenue were burning this past weekend without applying for or receiving a permit. A letter will be sent to the homeowners explaining the permitting procedure.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Planning/Zoning**

Chair L. Heisey reported that five building permits and five zoning permits were issued in March. There were three properties with abandoned vehicles. Two of those have had the vehicles removed, the third property is a rental unit and the vehicles belong to the renters which has complicated the procedure. The vehicle owners have until April 16, 2018 to comply by removing the vehicles. L. Heisey explained that you may have unlicensed, inoperable vehicles but that they must be in a garage or other storage structure and may not be visible.

The Mountville Planning Commission met on Monday, March 19, 2018 to review the proposed updates to the Zoning Ordinance. They will meet again with the Borough's representative from the Lancaster Planning Commission on April 16, 2018 to further review and prepare comments for Borough Council's consideration.

H. Morgan made a motion to release the \$3,300.00 financial security that is being held from Field of Screams for the existing conditions plan. C. Thomas seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. C. Eshleman removed herself from the discussion and vote and completed the Conflict of Interest Memorandum.

H. Morgan referred to information received from Rettew Associates regarding the Field of Screams Major Storm Water Management Plan and made a motion to conditionally approve the plan subject to review of the 16 specific items needing to be addressed. M. Trimble asked what project spurred this plan, which is a permit application to construct a pig barn. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. C. Eshleman again removed herself from the discussion and vote, completing the Conflict of Interest Memorandum for the files.

C. Eshleman moved to reappoint Michael Savukas to the Mountville Borough Zoning Hearing Board for another three year term ending December 31, 2020. M. Trimble seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Chair M. Trimble reported that the video surveillance system Council agreed to purchase from Vector Security did not include the access control panels for entry into the Borough Hall. That system will cost an additional \$2,418.00. M. Trimble moved to purchase the addition to the system at a cost of \$2,418.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund. Monthly maintenance fees of \$35.00 will be paid through the general fund. The system includes the access control panel, three door reads, wireless video and intercom as well as 20 access cards. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

M. Trimble reported that there have been three people who have expressed interest in filling the vacancy on Council. Two of those are in attendance. Theresa Baker introduced herself and reiterated that she has a high interest in filling the vacancy and reminded Council that she had been on the ballot for one of the open seats in 2017.

Jesse Hersh also introduced himself as a resident of Mountville Borough since 2015 who was a government major in college and is currently working as a residential realtor. J. Hersh said that he would appreciate the opportunity to serve. L. Heisey asked if his job would prevent him from attending Council meetings, J. Hersh responded that he tries not to work at night. M. Trimble asked why J. Hersh had not run in the most recent election. J. Hersh stated that he is just now becoming more familiar with Mountville.

At the April 23, 2018 meeting an appointment will need to be made to fill the vacancy.

M. Trimble reported that the public works staff would like to purchase a cordless tool package. Three quotes have been received with the high quote being \$1,061.25, the mid-priced quote at \$752.00 and the low quote at \$589.00. C. Thomas asked who the low bid was from, it was Northern Tool. M. Trimble moved to order the Milwaukee six piece cordless combination tool kit at the price of \$589.00 which also includes two batteries. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

C. Thomas recommended starting a wish list for items needed in preparation of the 2019 budget.

M. Trimble reported that the 50 saplings need to be picked up at the Farm and Home Center after 4 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2018. M. Trimble asked that S. Haas deliver them to the maintenance building and reported that Dayspring Christian Academy students will be assisting with the planting.

### **PUBLIC WORKS – Streets**

Chair C. Thomas reported that the reports have been received from the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP); they have also been distributed for all to study. While still reviewing those reports, a five year plan for street improvements will be put in place. C. Thomas and S. Haas are currently working on paving projects. C. Thomas reported that a complaint had been received from a resident that their yard was damaged due to plowing. C. Thomas would like to see the sod replaced and seeded by the Public Works employees. Geraldine Clayton, 170 Spring Hill Lane, reported that after the last big snow, the snow was plowed up into her driveway. As her home faces Spring Hill Park she questioned why the snow was not plowed into the park. Ms. Clayton's concern will be addressed with the contracted firm that cleared the Summit Hills streets.

Mr. Paul Kline, 460 Huntington Drive asked for more stop signs to be installed on Huntington Drive at the Hillside Drive/Spring Hill Lane intersection as he feels that the 25 mile per hour speed limit signs that are posted are being ignored. A traffic study from LTAP will be requested as that would be the first step to adding a new stop sign.

P. Kresge noted that a car is parked too close to East Main Street on Walnut Street and with overgrown vegetation it is very difficult to see oncoming traffic.

### **PUBLIC WORKS – Health and Sanitation**

Chair H. Morgan reported that the monthly statement from Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority in the amount of \$5,499.27 has been received and paid. These fees reflect 73.26 tons of waste.

### **CULTURE & RECREATION**

Chair C. Eshleman reported that she and S. Haas are meeting Troy Bresch, a certified playground inspector from East Lampeter Township, to inspect the Woodworks on Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

S. Haas confirmed that the restrooms at the park have been opened for the season.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor P. Kresge reported that Karen Denlinger of the Mountville Library is seeking space to store books for the September fundraiser. As there isn't any room in the Borough's buildings, he will inform her that we are unable to help with their need for storage.

Mayor Kresge also reported that he received an invitation from St. Anne's Retirement Community to attend the May 3, 2018 National Day of Prayer.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

There is nothing new to report.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

L. Heisey asked who had served on the personnel committee. Those members were Paul Chin, Charlie Thomas and Mike Trimble.

L. Heisey also asked that the building improvement committee get serious about the recommended improvements to the Borough Hall offices, especially now that we making upgrades to the security of the building.

With no further business, H. Morgan moved for adjournment at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Gallery:**

Theresa Baker  
Jesse Hersh  
Paul A. Kline  
Steve Mitchell  
Karl Smith