

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 23, 2018**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, April 23, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Mountville Borough Hall, 21 East Main Street, Mountville, PA.

The following Council members were present: Richard D. Spiegel, Harry L. Morgan, Council President Lenny D. Heisey, Christine D. Eshleman, Michael A. Trimble and Charlie H. Thomas. There is currently a vacancy on Council. Also attending were: West Hempfield Township Police Sergeant Timothy Coyle, Mayor Philip S. Kresge and Pamela J. Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Lenny Heisey. L. Heisey welcomed the guests in the gallery. Mike Jones, 51 East Main Street, remarked that the residents or landlords are not maintaining their properties, particularly along East Main Street. M. Jones noted that snow is not removed in a timely manner, yards are not kept neatly and there have been pieces of furniture placed outside the home at several residences. L. Heisey noted that there aren't employees who specifically monitor for these infractions, but they are acted on when the office is notified. R. Spiegel asked that specific addresses be provided when concerns are lodged.

H. Morgan moved to accept the April 9, 2018 minutes as presented. C. Thomas seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Public Safety – Police/Fire** – Chair R. Spiegel had nothing new to report but thanked Sergeant Coyle for attending.

**Public Safety – Planning/Zoning** – Chair L. Heisey reported that several revisions are needed to the proposed Zoning Ordinance updates with the recommended revisions to be provided for review by Council at the May 14, 2018 meeting.

C. Thomas asked if there is list of permits issued available for review. The Zoning Officer's Report is received monthly and will be distributed to all of Council in the future.

**General Government** – Chair M. Trimble noted that there is a vacancy on Council and that three individuals have expressed interest in finishing the remaining term. L. Heisey asked for discussion regarding the pending appointment. With no questions or discussion, L. Heisey opened the floor for nominations. H. Morgan nominated Jesse Hersh, C. Thomas nominated Brian Weitzel. With no further discussion, L. Heisey closed the nominations. A verbal vote was taken; Jesse Hersh- five affirmative, C. Thomas negative. With the majority of the votes being for Jesse Hersh, President Heisey read Resolution 2018 – 2 into the record. (The resolution is attached to these minutes.)

M. Trimble moved to cancel the May 28, 2018 Council meeting because of the Memorial Day Holiday. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. The doors will be posted appropriately.

Chair M. Trimble reported that the purchase of a new copier is being tabled at this time until there is a greater need. M. Trimble reported that the Borough Hall alarm system is in place and functional.

M. Trimble informed Council that Dayspring is scheduled to plant the trees at Froelich Park on Thursday, April 26, 2018.

**Public Works – Streets** – Chair C. Thomas has received a complaint about the blocked sight line behind R.S. Hollinger’s at Hill Street and Church Street. There are stacks of skids blocking the sight line. C. Thomas will personally address the concern with Hollinger’s. L. Heisey reminded Council that there were traffic concerns on Cherry Road reported by a resident. An Ordinance will need to be addressed to post the street with speed limit signs.

**Public Works – Health/Sanitation** – Chair H. Morgan had nothing new to report.

**Culture & Recreation** – Chair C. Eshleman noted that Stephanie Lavenberg, Mountville’s Representative to the Hempfield Area Recreation Commission (HARC) is in attendance. S. Lavenberg will attend the Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2018. There are some continuing issues related to the agreement between HARC, the school district and the municipalities, mostly semantics’ and ill feelings that have been harbored. C. Eshleman noted that there have been significant changes over the past few years at HARC. Jeff Book is doing an exceptional job as director.

Mayor P. Kresge asked if HARC would post the tennis courts at the Mountville Community Park with dates and times of the Junior Tennis lessons program so that residents can plan their use of the tennis courts accordingly.

C. Eshleman reported that an estimate of \$990.00 has been received to clean, seal cracks and paint new lines at the Summit Hills basketball courts. To power wash, seal cracks and add new nets at the tennis courts would cost \$2,000. A complete overhaul of the tennis courts would cost approximately \$12,000. C. Eshleman will have further discussion with Scott Haas regarding these projects.

C. Eshleman reported that while the Woodworks play area is compliant with all regulations, the deterioration of the entire structure is a concern as time and use have taken a toll on the fixtures. M. Trimble noted that to build a new structure would take about a year’s worth of planning and a weeks’ worth of construction. P. Kresge stated that the Mountville Lion Club may be interested in overseeing the project.

L. Heisey will invite Ben Craddock of Lancaster Civil Engineering to attend a meeting to address the recent work he was involved with at the new playground at A. Herr Park.

### **Special Committee Reports**

**Borough Hall Renovations Committee** - Mayor Kresge will speak to Public Works Foreman Scott Haas regarding the existing wall behind the paneling in the offices.

**Personnel Committee** – L. Heisey recently spoke with the Borough solicitor who recommended a point person be appointed for employee requests and concerns with a committee being established to oversee accountability. L. Heisey offered to fill the position of point contact while C. Thomas, M. Trimble, C. Eshleman and P. Kresge will make up the personnel committee.

**Old Business** – A letter has been received from a resident requesting the replacement of his mailbox which he feels was damaged by snow removal in March 2018. H. Morgan asked if the time lapse between the snow removal and the request should be considered. With no photos to document the snow removal at that time or to review tracks and with the possibility that the weight of the snow itself or another motorist could have caused the damage, Council agreed that the request should be denied. A letter will be reviewed by L. Heisey and C. Thomas prior to being sent to the resident.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Kresge reported that he will attend the Lancaster County Borough's Association dinner to be held in Strasburg on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. P. Kresge also noted receipt of information regarding the PSAB spring conference scheduled to be held in Hershey, PA.

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m., the parade will form at 9:30 a.m. Dog biscuits and candy will be distributed by Council, less dog biscuits are needed than those supplied for last year's parade.

**Secretary's Report** – Please notify the office of any members interest in attending the PSAB Conference so that registration can take place in a timely manner.

**Miscellaneous** – L. Heisey noted that the sign at George's Restaurant identifies that it is under new management. The Borough Solicitor recommends reviewing ordinances regulating business activities which are allowed.

L. Heisey reminded Council that with Francis Zimmer no longer serving on Council, there is not any representation to the Lancaster Inter-municipal Committee (LIMC) or the LIMC Land Use Advisory Board. Per the job description at the time of Scott Haas hiring, he will be asked to represent the Borough on these Boards.

With no further business, H. Morgan moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Gallery:**

Theresa Baker  
Michael Jones  
Stephanie Lavenberg  
Steve Mitchell