

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2018

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, August 13, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Mountville Borough Hall, 21 East Main Street, Mountville, PA.

The following Council members were present: Harry L. Morgan, Jesse Hersh, Council President Lenny D. Heisey, Christine D. Eshleman, Michael A. Trimble and Charlie H. Thomas. Councilmember Richard D. Spiegel was absent. Also attending were Mayor Philip S. Kresge, West Hempfield Township Police Chief Mark G. Pugliese, I, Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief Dean R. Gantz, Jr., Jim Caldwell and Sam Meckley of Rettew Associates, 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 Heisey who gave an invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Heisey welcomed those in attendance and reminded the gallery that anyone wishing to be recognized must state their name, address, and concern or comments.

M. Trimble moved to accept the July 23, 2018 meeting 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. J. Hersh seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Safety – Police/Fire

Chief M. Pugliese reviewed the July report which included 134 calls of which 38 were reportable. Chief Pugliese noted that National Night Out was held on July 27, 2018 in the rain again.

Chief D. Gantz reviewed the July report with Council which included 20 calls. The fund drive is currently at \$32,733.00 with is the third lowest amount at this time of year in 18 years. At this time, no response has been received regarding the grant to purchase breathing apparatus. There also has not been a response to the Safer Grant application.

M. Trimble asked what year had the best fund raising, that was in 2010 with \$65,000 total and \$38,000 had been raised at this time of year. The worst fund drive was in 2000 with a total of \$37,188 collected and only \$29,000 at this time in the fund drive.

Jonathan Blatan of the Susquehanna Valley Emergency Medical Service (SVEMS) distributed a report for July 2018 which showed 20 responses in the Borough, seven of which were non-emergent. Mayor P. Kresge asked if the SVEMS had moved into the new facility in West Hempfield Township. That has not happened at this time.

Francis Zimmer, 251 Providence Place, inquired if an Act 8 meeting has been scheduled with representatives of both Council and the Fire Company. In the absence of R. Spiegel, there is no answer.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh reported that the junked vehicle at 333 East Main Street which was slated to be towed was removed by the owner before the towing and impoundment took place.

There have been several additional high grass and weed complaints recently addressed. Discussion was held regarding the manner of notification to these properties which are in violation. As some of these are rental properties, the owners may not be aware that the conditions are unacceptable and may also not receive the notice if door hangers are being used. Letters of notification with a copy of the ordinance included may be a better option.

The Mountville Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Monday, August 20, 2018.

Kevin Zimmerman, representing Dayspring Christian Academy (DCA) was recognized at this time. K. Zimmerman reported that DCA has plans to place modular classrooms on the playground area at the Mountville Area Community Center (MACC) and requested waiver of the fees for a Land Development Plan and other fees for permitting. J. Hersh moved to waive all fees upon the receipt of the permit application. M. Trimble seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

S. Meckley reminded Council that the proposed zoning ordinance updates recommended by the Mountville Planning Commission need to be reviewed with comments, if applicable, by Council to proceed in the implementation of the ordinance.

General Government

Chair M. Trimble reported that the contract with Diversified Technology for the software billing program has been received. The total yearly fee is \$895.00. M. Trimble requested Council's budget details for 2019 for discussion in the near future.

Public Works – Streets

Jim Caldwell of Rettew Associates distributed a memo regarding the erosion problem occurring on Fridy Street just north of the railroad tracks. This memo is an attachment to these minutes. The memo proposed surveys and mapping to be done to correct the problem. C. Thomas asked if others are responsible for off sight water and if easement agreements would be needed, particularly with Norfolk Southern. No easements are planned and David Charles whose property has been impacted by the erosion and flooding is interested in working with the Borough to correct the issue. L. Heisey asked if there was a temporary solution available. S. Haas has investigated the installation of "jersey barriers" which could be obtained at no expense and transported to the Borough by West Hempfield Township. The Borough staff and possibly contractors supplied by David Charles would do the installation. C. Thomas moved to accept the proposal for further survey and design by Rettew Associates at a cost of \$4,000.00. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. Chair C. Thomas reported he is working on some of the 2019 budget items for streets, including snow removal.

Culture & Recreation

Chair C. Eshleman addressed another stormwater concern at the community park there has been washing into the back yards of homes on North Church Street during the recent heavy rain storms. The water is running down Lemon Street and from the park and the Brethren Church. This issue was also addressed by Jim Caldwell of Rettew in the memo presented; he is recommending making the swale larger with an erosion prevention barrier. This is also part of the estimated \$4,000 of studies proposed. C. Eshleman moved to allow Rettew to move forward with their study for an estimated cost of \$1,000. J. Hersh seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

C. Eshleman addressed the request for a larger chainsaw made by the public works department. She wanted to clarify that the staff would not be using the saw to take down standing trees but would put the saw to use cutting up trees that have fallen. Recently a professional tree removal firm took down some trees and left them in place for the staff to cut up and remove. S. Haas noted that the purchase of a new and larger saw would be welcome in 2019 and could be budgeted thus.

S. Haas also noted that the painting is nearly complete on the Borough Hall, the ship at the community park has been removed and the roofing repairs are complete with the exception of the comfort station at Grubb Lake.

Stephanie Lavenberg, the Borough representative to the Hempfield Area Recreation Commission (HARC) reported that the inter-governmental agreement has still not been completed. The fall program guide is being distributed as an insert to the Merchandiser. The summer playground was very successful this year as well as the Koser Tennis Tournament which was just completed. The 5K Honey Run is scheduled for August 26, 2018 at A. Herr Park. S. Lavenberg requested to be added to the agenda for the October 22, 2018 Council Meeting.

C. Eshleman reported that the plans for the community picnic are coming together with hot dogs provided by the Lions Club. A face painter, balloon artist and a "bounce house" are scheduled as well as a candy scramble and sack races. Vision of Hope Church is hosting a "washer" game with prizes. C. Eshleman is waiting for confirmation from Jason Risner of Scoops.

A request for a pavilion rental refund in the amount of \$70.00 has been received from the Susquehanna Speakers Association as they do not have enough parties interested in attending their August 25, 2018 event. Council was in consensus to refund the fee. An improved method for pavilion rentals will be implemented in 2019 including a statement that says that all rentals are non-refundable.

Special Committee Reports

Borough Hall Renovations Committee

Mayor Kresge plans to bring an update to the next meeting.

Personnel Committee

L. Heisey requested that the personnel committee consisting of Mayor Kresge, M. Trimble, C. Thomas and C. Eshleman schedule employee reviews.

Old Business

There is not any old business to be addressed at this time.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kresge had nothing to report at this time.

Secretary's Report

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Gavin Palmer, a Scout from Troop 90 was attending to research a project to earn his "Merit Badge". He reported that he needs eight hours of volunteer time, but at 13 years of age, there are few projects that he is allowed to work on. The possibility of volunteering at the HARC will be investigated.

At this time, 8:35 p.m. an Executive Session was called regarding a personnel issue.

Council reconvened at 9:05 p.m. With no further business M. Trimble moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery:

Jonathan Blatman, SVEMS
Stephanie Lavenberg
Steve Mitchell
Cheri Palmer
Gavin Palmer
Jon Schall
Manuel Torres
Francis Zimmer
Kevin Zimmerman