

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A SECOND MEETING
July 23, 2018**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, July 23, 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, Jesse Hersh, Council President Lenny D. Heisey, Christine D. Eshleman, Michael A. Trimble and Charlie H. Thomas. Mayor Philip S. Kresge was absent. Also attending were Ben Craddock of Lancaster Civil Engineering and Pamela J. Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order by President L. Heisey who welcomed all who were present.

The minutes of the July 9, 2018 meeting were approved as presented by a motion from C. Thomas. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

At this time President L. Heisey introduced Ben Craddock who was one of three people that chaired the new playground facility at A. Herr Park. The original facility was similar to the Mountville Woodworks and deteriorated to the point that it needed to be demolished. The new playground is constructed from reinforced plastic. The planning phase lasted at least two years with a total expense of nearly \$700,000. Some of the project was financed by fundraising, DCNR Grants, business participation by donation of materials and workforce and East Hempfield Township. The Township required a building permit with all of the inspections and other requirements. C. Eshleman asked if a stormwater management plan was required. A plan was required and was met in part by the installation of a "rain garden". L. Heisey asked how long the community was without a play area from demolition through reconstruction. That time frame was approximately 1 ½ years. M. Trimble asked how many volunteers were recruited, which was approximately 400. C. Eshleman asked how much time was put into the project on a daily basis, there were many twelve hour days and the project went beyond the original week projected. The designers acted as General Contractors and were the only party to bid on the project. L. Heisey thanked Mr. Craddock for sharing his time and experience with Council.

President Heisey acknowledged Heather Sharpe of the Lancaster Public Library System. H. Sharpe introduced the Mountville Branch Manager, Lisa Lane. H. Sharpe presented information regarding the use of the Mountville Area Library, the membership and the programs offered. H. Sharpe thanked Borough Council for their continuing support and asked them to consider a per capita increase for 2019.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Safety – Police/Fire

Chair R. Spiegel had nothing new to report from either the Police Department or the Fire Company.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh reported that he came to the Mountville Planning Commission meeting of July 16, 2018, but due to the lack of a quorum the meeting was cancelled.

J. Hersh reported receiving some high grass and weed complaints.

J. Hersh reported that a Notice of Violation (NOV) was filed for an inoperable junk vehicle at 333 East New Street. The vehicle owner requested a hearing before Council which was to be held tonight, but the vehicle owner was not in attendance. H. Morgan asked what further action can be taken. The NOV was received via certified mail and stated that the owner had until July 14, 2018 to comply, after which a \$300 per day fine could be implemented. Melissa Kelly, of Rettew Associates, stated that fines can be issued or the vehicle may be towed at the expense of the owner. H. Morgan made a motion to have the vehicle towed. J. Hersh seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. The Secretary was asked to contact Patriot Towing to begin the removal process.

General Government

Chair M. Trimble distributed work sheets showing more manageable budget comparisons. M. Trimble reported taking a closer look at the budget status upon the request from Public Works Foreman, Scott Haas for the purchase of a new chainsaw. The overall status of the budget is not a concern at this time. Council asked if the chainsaw currently owned by the Borough is operable. C. Eshleman will speak to S. Haas for further details.

M. Trimble stated that the purchase of a new copier should be addressed. Having received multiple quotes from different distributors, M. Trimble moved to purchase a refurbished Toshiba, using funds from the Capital Reserve Account, at a cost of \$3,075 which includes a finishing attachment for stapling and collating. The Capital Reserve Balance currently stands at \$522,971.08. In 2018 \$1,256 was spent for the laptop used by the public works department and \$5,472.00 for the security system installed by Vector in the Borough Hall. In 2017 there was an expenditure of \$6,000 to repair the Borough Hall roof and in 2016 there was an expenditure of \$28,000 for the purchase of a new pickup truck. H. Morgan seconded the motion to purchase the copier at a cost of \$3,075, Council was in accord and the motion carried. M. Trimble made a motion to appoint P. Mitchell as the designated signer for the contract, H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

M. Trimble had previously reported on trees available from Penn State, he has applied for some of the trees online and is waiting for confirmation.

Public Works- Streets

Chair C. Thomas reported that the flashing school speed limit sign is still operating on a daily basis. It should have been turned off over the summer. S. Haas was unaware of this procedure but he reported that the sign is illegible. S. Haas is to get prices for the replacement of the sign for Council to consider.

C. Thomas had previously distributed a form used by East Lampeter Township for residents requesting signage. C. Thomas asked if anyone had comments on the proposed use of a similar form. R. Spiegel felt that it may be best for each individual making a request to come before Council to supply specifics for the requested sign. L. Heisey asked if any of the new speed limit signs have been installed. C. Thomas has provided S. Haas with the state requirements for placement of the signs via email, but he has not received a response.

Public Works – Health & Sanitation

Chair H. Morgan reported that a Trash Hauler Rebate in the amount of \$2,094.16 has been received. H. Morgan reviewed the new guidelines for recycling with Council.

Culture & Recreation

Chair C. Eshleman asked Council for their thoughts regarding a request for a pavilion rental refund. The party renting the pavilion for July 28, 2018 had scheduled a wedding reception in the facility but the event has been cancelled. After discussion which included the need to have a policy regarding refund requests, C. Eshleman moved to refund the \$70 rental fee to Tara Witmer, R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried. A statement will be added to the confirmation forms that will specify that refund requests must be made no less than 30 days from the reservation date.

Dayspring Christian Academy has requested use of the ballfield at the Community Park for their soccer team to practice. The fields will not be used for actual soccer games. This will be resolved with the Mountville Youth Athletic Association Baseball Commissioner.

Broadback Roofing has still not completed the repairs to the pavilions at Grubb Lake. As they have not responded to messages that were left, the contract will be reviewed to determine what can be expected.

R. Spiegel asked if Troop 349 is still maintaining the trail at Grubb Lake. C. Eshleman was not aware that there was an agreement with the Scout Troop but will check to see if they are still committed to the task.

L. Heisey noted that the “ship” at the Community Park is roped off and boarded up. He wondered if the plan was to repair or demolish the structure. This issue will be addressed with Public Works Foreman, Scott Haas.

Special Committee Reports

There is nothing new to report regarding personnel or building updates.

Old Business

There was nothing for discussion.

Mayor's Report

In the absence of Mayor Kresge there was nothing new to report.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reminded Council that the kickoff event for National Night Out is planned for Friday, July 27, 2018 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Community Park.

Miscellaneous

C. Thomas reported that employee, Dave Pott, was featured on the 5 p.m. news on WGAL TV while clearing storm drains and he encouraged residents to help clear storm drains that are located close to their properties.

Melissa Kelly of Rettew Associates noted that their firm would be happy to work on any plans or renovations planned for the Woodworks at the Community Park, in addition to helping acquire grants if applicable.

At 8:22 p.m., President Heisey entertained a motion to adjourn, H. Morgan made the motion. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery:

Melissa Kelly, Rettew Associates
Herb Landau, LNP
Lisa Lane, Lancaster Public Library
Steve Mitchell
Heather Sharpe, Lancaster Public Library