

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 27, 2018

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, August 27, 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, Jesse Hersh, Council President Lenny D. Heisey, Christine D. Eshleman, Michael A. Trimble and Charlie H. Thomas. Council member Harry L. Morgan and Mayor Philip S. Kresge were absent. Also attending were West Hempfield Township Police Chief Mark G. Pugliese, I, 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 welcomed guests and noted that all those wishing to be heard, must rise and state their name, address and concern or question.

C. Thomas moved to accept the August 13, 2018 minutes as presented. J. Hersh 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. Chief Pugliese also had nothing new to review with Council.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh reported that a reduction in financial security request has been received for the project at 201 South Manor Street. Rettew Associates have reviewed the progress and recommend two additional corrections; erosion control and receipt and review of the as-built plan. J. Hersh moved to reduce the financial security by \$58,060.83 leaving a remaining security balance of \$17,824.10. C. Thomas seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Field of Screams has requested a return of their financial security in the amount of \$26,731.10. J. Hersh moved to return the escrow funds when the as-built plans have been received and reviewed. C. Thomas seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. C. Eshleman was not yet in attendance at the time of the discussion and motion.

Steve Mitchell, 30 Park Avenue, asked if the original agreement from 1996 which is often referenced has been reviewed. Council members unfamiliar with the document will be provided with a copy of the agreement.

General Government

Chair M. Trimble reported that the regular biannual maintenance of the Borough Hall boiler indicates that repairs or replacement of the unit are needed. A quote from Rohrer's One Hour Heating to replace the unit is approximately \$15,000.00. Because of this high quote, M. Trimble asked that other quotes for both repair and/or replacement be requested. Ranck's Heating and Groff's Heating will be contacted.

Public Works – Streets

Chair C. Thomas reported that he is continuing to work on the 2019 Budget. C. Thomas reported that the hourly fee for D.H. Funk to assist in snow removal will increase from \$112 per hour to \$115 per hour. C. Thomas reported that the cost of liability to have private contractors assist the Borough staff in snow removal would be at the rate of \$14.99 per every \$100 of earnings. Two people working an eight hour day would cost approximately \$360.00 in comparison to \$920 for eight hours to contract with Funks. Sean Way and C. R. Saylor have been contacted to see if they have an interest in bidding for snow removal. Sean Way has too many other obligations and C. R. Saylor has not yet responded.

Public Works – Health/Sanitation

In the absence of Chair H. Morgan, there is nothing new to report.

Culture & Recreation

Chair C. Eshleman thanked all who attended the Community Picnic and reported that it went well.

Chief Pugliese reported that West Hempfield Township has a revised ordinance that now allows dogs in all public parks. This would include the park at Grubb Lake which is owned by Mountville and is a nature park that does not allow any domesticated animals. Chief Pugliese encouraged Council to put their concerns and if applicable, a request to deny entry of dogs at Grubb Lake, in writing for the Township Board of Supervisors.

L. Heisey reported that there have been a number of people asking about the decision to remove the boat from the park.

Stephanie Lavenberg, Mountville's representative to the Hempfield Area Recreation Commission, reported that a revised intergovernmental agreement has again been distributed for municipal consideration.

Special Committee Reports

Borough Hall Renovations Committee

There is nothing new to report regarding the proposed updates to the Borough Hall.

Personnel Committee

L. Heisey asked that the staff personnel reviews be scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2018 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Personnel committee member M. Trimble will be unable to attend but will provide some sample criteria to be used in the review sessions.

Old Business

There is no old business to review at this time.

Mayor's Report

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

Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing new to report.

Miscellaneous

Discussion took place regarding the second voting meeting that is held each month. Council will consider using the second meeting as a work session for committees if needed. More discussion will take place in the near future and this will be on the agenda as Old Business until a decision is reached.

At this time, 7:33 p.m., an Executive Session was called to discuss a personnel issue.

At 7:43 p.m., Council reconvened. With no further business, R. Spiegel moved for adjournment at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery:

Stephanie Lavenberg
Steve Mitchell
Francis Zimmer