

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINTUES  
September 10, 2018

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, September 10, 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, Jesse Hersh, Council President Lenny D. Heisey, Christine D. Eshleman, Michael A. Trimble and Charlie Thomas. Mayor Philip S. Kresge was absent. Also attending were West Hempfield Township Police Chief Mark G. Pugliese, I, Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief Dean R. Gantz, Jr., Jonathan Blatan of Susquehanna Valley Emergency Medical Services (SVEMS) 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.

C. Eshleman moved to accept the minutes of the August 27, 2018 Council meeting. J. Hersh seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

R. Spiegel moved to accept the financial reports and disbursement of funds as presented. C. Thomas seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### Public Safety – Fire/Police

Chair R. Spiegel gave the floor to West Hempfield Township Police Chief Pugliese who presented a portion of the August 2018 report for review. There were 181 calls for August 2018 which is high but the year's total is still behind the total number of calls for service from 2017. Chief Pugliese recommended discussion with the Borough solicitor regarding restrictions on the use of fireworks in the Borough.

Chief Pugliese informed Council that the West Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors will have signs placed at Grubb Lake stating "No Dogs Allowed". Mayor Kresge had attended the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 4, 2018 to express the Borough's desire to have the park remain dog free.

Mountville Borough Fire Company #1 Chief Dean Gantz Jr. reviewed the August 2018 Fire Company report which included 26 calls for the month and 206 calls for the year. The Safer Grant has been awarded for a three year period. A recruitment video has been completed. The Fire Company is waiting to hear if they will receive funding from the other grant for which they applied.

The fund drive is at a 16.5% return. Approximately 2400 fund drive requests were mailed, with about 300 returned with donations. The returns are evenly split between the Borough and West Hempfield Township.

R. Spiegel reported that he will plan an Act 8 meeting to be held at the Fire Station.

Jonathan Blatan, SVEMS, reviewed the August report which included 18 calls for service, with 15 calls for transport. The initiative continues to be represented at all municipal meetings on a monthly meeting.

The Emergency Medical Services are now operating from the new West Hempfield Township building.

### Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh reported that the office continues to receive calls of concern regarding stormwater runoff.

H. Morgan asked if there have been many sinkholes reported. Council was not aware of any sinkholes in the Borough; however, there was a sinkhole that recently opened in the yard of a private residence.

### General Government

Chair M. Trimble reported that estimates for the repair or replacement of the Borough Hall boiler are still expected.

M. Trimble asked Council to review the expected expenses associated with their individual chairs. In 2018 there are notably higher expenses than budgeted for engineering, the zoning officer and building maintenance.

### Public Works – Streets

Chair C. Thomas reported that the temporary solution to the runoff problem on Fridy Street has been addressed by installing jersey barriers. Information from Scott Lehman, the Borough's PennDot District 8 Liaison has been received which shows right of way for all dedicated Borough streets. These documents indicate that the barriers have been placed in the right of way and will have to be moved. S. Lehman will also provide maps for future reference.

C. Thomas has reached out to some independent contractors regarding snow removal for the coming season. C. Thomas reported that he had reviewed the D.H. Funk contract from the past season and noted that the document states that snow removal will automatically begin upon two inches of snow accumulation. C. Thomas would like to see any response time to be a "will call" not an automatic response.

### Public Works – Health/Sanitation

Chair H. Morgan reported that a pre-bid meeting was held this morning in the Borough office. Along with two representatives of Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority, there were three haulers who anticipate bidding on the new trash contract which will take effect January 2019. There is a possibility that the day of trash removal may need to be flexible in order to have sufficient bids to consider.

### Culture & Recreation

Chair C. Eshleman reported that the other municipalities and the Hempfield School District have agreed to advertise the Hempfield Area Recreation Commission Intergovernmental Agreement for adoption in November. Therefore, C. Eshleman made a motion to participate in the advertising and subsequent adoption of the amended ordinance. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

There will be a lunch meeting at the Hempfield Area Recreation Commission facility on Friday, September 21, 2018 at noon for 2019 budget discussion. C. Eshleman is unable to attend and will contact Mayor Kresge to check on his availability as each municipality is asked to have representation.

## **Special Committee Reports**

### Borough Hall Renovations Committee

With nothing new to report, C. Eshleman will follow up with Mayor Kresge on the status of the project. The Borough office roof has recently developed a leak. The secretary was instructed to contact Shea Roofing for examination and repair.

### Personnel Committee

Personnel reviews have been scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, September 11, 2018, beginning at 4 p.m. in the Borough Hall.

### Old Business

L. Heisey revisited the idea of only having one voting meeting per month in 2019. Two meetings would be advertised for the entire year in case of the need to have a second meeting. If there is no need for the second meeting, it would be cancelled and the building would be posted stating the cancellation. Council was in consensus to take this approach to the scheduling of meetings for next year.

### Mayor's Report

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

### Secretary's Report

There is nothing new to report.

### Miscellaneous

C. Thomas noted that upon review of the original agreement with Field of Screams dating to 1996 that an updated agreement needs to be made. L. Heisey will contact the Solicitor to verify the procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell  
Secretary/Treasurer

### Gallery:

Steve Mitchell