

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 8, 2018**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, October 8, 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, Jesse Hersh, Council President Lenny D. Heisey, Christine D. Eshleman, Michael A. Trimble and Charlie H. Thomas. Council member Harry L. Morgan was absent. Also attending were Mayor Philip S. Kresge, West Hempfield Township Police Officer Michael Murray, Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief Dean R. Gantz, Jr., Susquehanna Valley Emergency Medical Services (SVEMS) Lieutenant Jonathan Blatman 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 deviated from the agenda to award the trash contract. The low bid was from Waste Management of York at \$113.52 per unit. The Borough solicitor reviewed the contract and found it to be in order. J. Hersh moved to award the contract to Waste Management, R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried. Mr. Tom Stang of Waste Management thanked Council and noted that they are looking forward to working with the Borough over the next three years. Mr. Stang also reported that the trash will continue to be picked up on Fridays.

M. Trimble moved to accept the September 24, 2018 minutes as presented. C. Thomas seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

R. Spiegel moved to accept the financial report and disbursements as presented. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Public Safety – Police/Fire**

Chair R. Spiegel recognized West Hempfield Township Police Officer Michael Murray who had nothing new to report.

L. Heisey recognized Dan Heckel, 137 Clay Street, who attended to express his concerns with the speed of traffic on Clay Street. Officer Murray asked if Mr. Heckel had expressed his concerns to Chief Pugliese. Mr. Heckel has recently discussed this with Chief Pugliese. Officer Murray will request a traffic study be put into place.

D. Heckel also expressed concerns regarding the use of professional grade fireworks by residents. He understands that the state has expanded the use of fireworks but wondered if there are plans for temporary rules or controls. Officer Murray stated that fireworks must be 150 feet from any residential

property and recommended that Mr. Heckel call the Police Department when he sees that fireworks are being used in an unsafe manner.

Fire Chief Gantz reviewed the September report with Council which included 21 calls for the month, bringing the total to 227 for the year. As of October 1, 2018, the fund drive has raised \$35,125.00.

The grant which was applied for jointly with Columbia Fire Company to purchase breathing apparatus has been received and the new equipment will be ordered by the end of the year.

One burn permit has been issued by Chief Gantz for 300 Spring Hill Lane.

SVEMS Lieutenant Jonathan Blatman reported there were 22 calls for service in September. Mayor Kresge asked if the calls were for Mountville residents or those with the 17754 zip code. The 22 calls were within the Borough limits.

Chair R. Spiegel reported that there was an Act 8 meeting held with M. Trimble, Chief Gantz and two other fire company representatives. R. Spiegel read part of the Act 8 document into the record so that everyone would understand its purpose. A copy of Act 8 is attached to these minutes. The fire company has provided 2017 financial statements and R. Spiegel asked that everyone on Council review the report for discussion at the meeting of October 22, 2018.

As financial support from the community for the fire company is not as it was in the past, R. Spiegel has been researching fire taxes and stated that establishing a fire tax may need to be considered in the future.

### **Public Safety – Planning/Zoning**

Chair J. Hersh reported that the resident at 2 East Main Street has been sent a letter regarding the multiple junked vehicles on the property. One more attempt to contact the property owner will be made before a Notice of Violation is issued. There were two reports of high grass and weeds received in September.

The Zoning Ordinance update has been sent to the County Planning Commission for review by our zoning officer, Sam Meckley. The County requested that an official request to review come from the Borough in addition to the request sent with the electronic copy of the updated ordinance. This request has been sent.

J. Hersh asked if alternate Zoning Hearing Board member Steve Mitchell was still interested in filling the pending vacancy caused by Donald Stollenwerk moving from the Borough. S. Mitchell is still interested in the position. J. Hersh moved to appoint S. Mitchell to the Zoning Hearing Board term effective November 12, 2018 with the term ending December 31, 2020. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. Any other interested parties will be asked to attend a Council meeting if they would be interested in filling the alternate board member position.

J. Hersh noted there is still a vacancy on the Mountville Planning Commission.

### **General Government**

Chair M. Trimble reported that the new boiler will be installed on October 18 and 19, 2018.

M. Trimble referred to the “wish list” provided by the public works supervisor for budget consideration and asked if any members of Council have any further information for the budget. C. Thomas stated that he had emailed S. Haas regarding the list, but did not receive a response.

Council is asked to consider for the 2019 budget the manner and amounts of funding for the Fire Company. In 2018 there was a line item for \$33,500 for a general donation and then there were two other line items for debt reduction (\$8,000) and building maintenance (\$7,000). M. Trimble asked Council if they would like to consolidate the donated funds into one line item.

L. Heisey reported that Field of Screams is working on updating the Agreement held between them and Borough Council which would include a zoning overlay. The background work with engineering is being done at Field of Screams’s expense. There is a need for Council to appoint a committee moving forward to meet with Jim and Gene Schopf. The committee will consist of Jesse Hersh, Rick Spiegel, Lenny Heisey and Mayor Kresge. A meeting will tentatively be scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, October 29, 2018 to be held in the Borough Hall.

Mayor Kresge requested Council approval to host the November Lancaster County Mayor’s Association lunch. M. Trimble moved to approve the meeting, with the cost not to exceed \$200. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

### **Public Works – Streets**

Chair C. Thomas reported that during a maintenance check it was discovered that a preemption detector is failing and the cost to replace it is \$974.00. As our emergency responders depend on the preemptors for adequate response time during emergencies, C. Thomas moved to have a new preemption device installed by Signal Service at a cost of \$974.00. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

C. Thomas had requested cost estimates for the required repairs at Fridy Street and North Lemon Street. Rettew has estimated that the Fridy Street project will cost \$9,678 and the North Lemon Street repair will cost \$54,593.00.

The D. H. Funk snow removal contract will have the section that states an automatic response will take place when two inches of snow has been received, will be removed from the contract and it will be a “will call for service” contract. C. Thomas moved to sign the contract with Funk, M. Trimble seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. C. Thomas would still like the option of using some part-time drivers when necessary.

M. Trimble reported that the Fire Company has requested snow removal at the Station in front of the truck bays in snow events. This service has not been provided for several years but will be reinstated.

### **Public Works – Health/Sanitation**

In the absence of Chair H. Morgan and with the trash contract awarded, there is nothing else to report.

### **Culture & Recreation**

Chair C. Eshleman was in contact with Ron Reed who has offered to repair the benches at the Veteran's Memorial Field for free. The cost of materials will be refunded to him upon completion.

C. Eshleman reported that following discussion with MYAA leaders it was confirmed that the maintenance of the MYAA Snack Bar at the Veteran's Memorial Field is the Borough's responsibility. This was an item S. Haas asked to be addressed in the 2019 budget. The repairs will not come from the General Budget but from the Park's fund.

S. Haas had received a quote from Tomlinson Bomberger of \$1,800 to reseed the outfield at the community ballfield. C. Eshleman would like to get some additional estimates from other contractors. P. Kresge pointed out that Dayspring Christian Academy uses that portion of the park on a near daily basis for gym classes and they also use the area for some of their after school sports team practices. The person that manages the athletic fields for Hempfield School District will be contacted to get an opinion on the necessary treatment of the fields.

C. Eshleman reported that West Hempfield Township has agreed to increase their per capita payment to Hempfield Area Recreation Commission (HARC) by an additional \$1.46 over the current \$2.14. The township is requesting that the other municipalities also increase their contributions by the same amount. Per the newly revised agreement any increase would be acceptable to HARC. As no other municipalities have stated what their per capita contribution for 2019 will be, P. Kresge suggested that Council wait for an actual request from the HARC Board.

### **Special Committee Reports**

#### **Borough Hall Renovations Committee**

Ryan Weaver toured the Borough Hall with Mayor Kresge today and offered some starting points to determine requirements for the renovation projects proposed. All three of the contractors that Mayor Kresge has met with indicated that there should not be any reason that each upgrade be treated as its own separate project.

#### **Personnel Committee**

There is nothing new to report at this time.

#### **Old Business**

There is no old business to be discussed.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Kresge had nothing further to report.

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary had nothing new to report.

At this time, 8:50 p.m., an Executive Session was called to discuss a personnel issue.

At 9:20 p.m. Council reconvened.

With no further business, R. Spiegel moved to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Gallery:**

Dan Heckel  
Steve Mitchell  
Tom Stang