

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
October 22, 2018

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, October 22, 2018, beginning at 7 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 and Michael A. Trimble. Council members Harry L. Morgan and Charlie H. Thomas along with Mayor Philip S. Kresge were absent. West Hempfield Township Police Chief Mark G. Pugliese, I and Pamela J. Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer also attended.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Lenny Heisey.

J. Hersh moved to accept the October 8, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Standing Committee Reports**

Public Safety – Police/Fire

Chair R. Spiegel recognized Chief M. Pugliese who reviewed the September Police Report which included 192 calls for service with 44 of those reportable. Chief Pugliese also reported on eight traffic accidents, three parking tickets and the issuing of 14 traffic citations as well as one adult criminal arrest.

Chief Pugliese reported that there will be extra staff for Trick or Treat on Wednesday, October 31, 2018.

Chief Pugliese extended an invitation to the Open House at the new Township Facility on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

L. Heisey asked if anything had been done regarding the request from Clay Street resident, Dan Heckel. There was a traffic study in place the day following the meeting that Mr. Heckel attended, Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

C. Eshleman asked if there are any parking restrictions for East Hoover Street, south of College Avenue, as a van parked on the street is creating a disruption in the flow of traffic. Chief Pugliese will see if there are any Ordinances in place regulating parking.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh reported that Sam Meckley, Borough Zoning Officer, had made contact with the resident at 2 East Main Street regarding the three inoperable vehicles parked in the driveway off of South Manor Street. Mr. Pierre will work on removing the vehicles. S. Meckley asked that the goal be to remove the vehicles within weeks, not months.

J. Hersh reported that Council needed to reappoint James Breneman to the Mountville Borough Planning Commission and made a motion to reappoint J. Breneman retroactively to a five year term ending December 31, 2022. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Two guests in attendance, Matt Auker and Douglas McFarland, are interested in serving on the Mountville Borough Zoning Hearing Board as alternate members. The two gentlemen were asked to introduce themselves to Council.

Douglas McFarland has lived in the area all his life and in Mountville for the past six years. He is interested in giving back to the community in some manner.

Matt Auker has a background in construction and real estate and has lived in Mountville for nine years; he too is looking for an opportunity to give back to the community.

M. Trimble asked if the Borough office has contact information for both gentlemen. The answer is affirmative. J. Hersh moved to appoint both to serve as alternates to the Mountville Borough Zoning Hearing Board. M. Trimble seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried. Both alternates will be contacted when the next Zoning Hearing has been scheduled.

#### General Government

Chair M. Trimble reported on the proposed 2019 budget provided for Council's review. After discussion with Scott Haas referencing his wish list it should be noted that the "tractor blower" is a snow blower for the tractor. This would be purchased from Capital Reserve with Council's approval. Other requests from S. Haas to be purchased in 2019 are included in the appropriate line items in the budget. The request for repairs to the Veterans Memorial Park concession stand will be covered through the account set up for the Park. Upon review of the Mountville Fire Company request for additional funding in 2019, the general contribution was increased to \$44,000.00. Two other line items for existing debt and building repairs have been decreased because they were not used in 2018.

Per the discussion at the previous meeting's Executive Session, the employee pay increases are part of the projected budget.

R. Spiegel thanked M. Trimble and P. Mitchell for their work on the proposed budget. With no further comments or discussion, M. Trimble moved to advertise the proposed 2019 budget for adoption, if appropriate, at the meeting of November 12, 2018. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

L. Heisey reported that the scheduled meeting on Monday, October 29, 2018 with Field of Screams will include Sam Meckley and Jim Caldwell of Rettew Associates to address any concerns that the committee members may have. This meeting was requested by Field of Screams with no costs to be incurred by the Borough; therefore, S. Meckley and J. Caldwell have agreed to attend at no cost.

L. Heisey asked if there have been any interested parties in the crossing guard vacancy. Beth Hess, 2 West Main Street, expressed her concern that the position has not been filled and there is not enough time for training prior to Donald Stollenwerk's last day of work on Friday, November 9, 2018.

#### Public Works – Street

In the absence of Chair C. Thomas there was nothing new to report. Beth Hess asked if any progress has been made on improving the intersection at Manor and Main Streets.

#### Public Works – Health/Sanitation

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

#### Culture & Recreation

Chair C. Eshleman reported two more estimates for reseeding the ballfield at the Community Park have been received. C. Eshleman needs more details of the services estimated to make a comparison. The reseeding project will be addressed in 2019. C. Eshleman has reached out to Dayspring Christian Academy requesting that they consider some financial help in maintaining the fields.

C. Eshleman distributed information related to the Hempfield Area Recreation Commission (HARC) to Council for discussion. Stephanie Lavenberg, Mountville Borough representative to the HARC Board, was recognized at this time. S. Lavenberg thanked Council for her appointment to the Board and for the opportunity to serve this past year.

S. Lavenberg reported that the proposed budget deficit is due in part to the many capital projects planned for 2019. Over time, repairs and updates have been "band aided" without fully addressing the problems and now those renovations are more extensive and more expensive. Some of these improvements are renovations to the locker rooms, new flooring and handicap accessibility. Some other costs include a 3% merit increase to staff which is now at capacity.

L. Heisey thanked S. Lavenberg for representing the Borough on the HARC Board for the past year.

C. Eshleman stated that she did not think there had been an actual request for an increase in contributions. At this time, no one is aware of the contributions planned by two of the three other municipalities.

Beth Hess, 2 West Main Street, asked about the status of the Community Park playground. C. Eshleman noted that the overall Woodworks repair and updates is not a quick fix, and it will be extensive and very costly. The boat portion of the playground had become too dangerous to allow children to continue to use it.

## **Special Committee Reports**

### Borough Hall Renovation Committee

With Mayor Kresge not in attendance, there was nothing new to report.

### Personnel Committee

There is nothing new to report

### Old Business

Updated wording on door hangers. In the absence of Mayor Kresge, there is no update available.

### Mayor's Report

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

### Secretary's Report

There is nothing new to report at this time.

### Miscellaneous

Council was asked to consider cancelling the second meeting in November, which would be November 26, 2018. R. Spiegel moved to cancel the meeting. J. Hersh seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

With no further business, R. Spiegel moved to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell  
Secretary/Treasurer

### Gallery:

Matt Auker  
Beth Hess  
Stephanie Lavenberg  
Douglas McFarland  
Steve Mitchell