

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2018

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, November 12, 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 Heisey, Christine D. Eshleman, Michael A. Trimble and Charlie Thomas. Also attending were: West Hempfield Township Police Chief Mark G. Pugliese, I, Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief Dean R. Gantz, Jr., Mayor Philip S. Kresge 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.

At this time, President Heisey recognized Toby Stover, substitute crossing guard candidate. Mayor Kresge noted that pending background checks and successful training, Mr. Stover is the best choice for the position. C. Eshleman moved to appoint T. Stover to the substitute position, H. Morgan seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried with Mayor Kresge swearing in Mr. Stover.

L. Heisey gave the floor to Brenda Zeamer, who was in attendance to present Council with financial reports from the Mountville Historical Society. The reports are attached to these minutes. The report also included the number of guests who have visited the museum for the past two years. P. Kresge encouraged Council to make time to visit the museum. C. Thomas asked when the next display would begin. The museum plans to reopen with a new display in April. B. Zeamer thanked Council for the continuing financial support.

J. Hersh moved to accept the October 22, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

R. Spiegel moved to approve the financial reports and distribution as presented. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Safety – Fire/Police

Chair R. Spiegel recognized Chief Mark Pugliese who reviewed the October report which included 207 calls for service, of those 49 were reportable incidents. There were 4 traffic accidents, 8 adult arrests, 16 citations and 6 parking tickets issued. There was nothing outstanding at Field of Screams and Trick or Treat was uneventful with six officers covering both municipalities that night. The tour of the new facility was successful and well attended. There are no kennels at the new facility at this time. If anyone missed the initial open house and would like to tour the building, please contact Chief Pugliese.

Chief Dean Gantz reviewed the October 2018 Fire Company Report which included 31 calls for the month and brought the total for the year to 258.

The fund drive at the beginning of November was slightly higher than \$39,200.00 and is the second lowest fund drive in 18 years.

The “Safer Grant” being used for recruitment is beginning. The grant received for new breathing apparatus is moving forward with completion by December 31, 2018.

Mayor Kresge asked about the date for “Cookies with Santa”. The event will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

In the absence of Lieutenant Blatman of the Susquehanna Valley Emergency Medical Services, there wasn't a monthly report available.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh noted that there is still a vacancy on the Borough Planning Commission. The status of short term rentals in the Borough will be addressed when the county has their regulations in place.

General Government

Chair M. Trimble reported that the proposed 2019 Budget was properly advertised and with no comments or concerns from Council, moved to adopt the 2019 budget as presented. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. M. Trimble then moved to adopt Ordinance #292, setting the real estate tax at 2.07 mills for 2019. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. M. Trimble moved to adopt Resolution 2018-3 fixing trash at \$50.00 per quarter per unit, realty transfer tax at 1% and Local Service Taxes at \$52.00 per year. J. Hersh seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Public Works – Streets

Chair C. Thomas reported on an email distributed regarding application for funding for street projects. C. Thomas has been in discussion with John Schick of Rettew regarding the grant applications and the possible use of grant funding for the update of the signals at Manor and Main Streets. The cost to make the application will be investigated prior to moving forward.

L. Heisey asked if there is a plan in place for snow removal as the season approaches. Funks will respond on a “will call” basis as per the contract. C. Thomas would like to hire two part-time employees to be used on an as needed basis to support the Borough staff. These two part-time positions will be advertised for applicants to present their qualifications and availability.

Steve Mitchell, 30 Park Avenue, asked if these part-time employees would be called to plow before Funks. The part-time staff would be called prior to Funks, unless the snow is of unusual measure. S. Mitchell also asked if the Borough's insurance would cover part-time employees hired to plow snow if they are injured on the job and also if the liability insurance would cover any incidents or damage resulting from the hiring of part-time staff. Brenda Zeamer, 127 Church Street, asked how deep the snow would be prior to these employees responding as last year there wasn't enough salt being used

and the ice on the roads made for difficult travel. C. Thomas reported that he had reviewed the use and application of salt with the staff and that should not be a concern this season.

Public Works – Health/Sanitation

Chair H. Morgan reported that the new trash contract will allow for all trash, including yard waste and/or leaves, to be picked up on Fridays. There will only be Saturday pickups related to federal holidays and weather delays.

Culture & Recreation

Chair C. Eshleman will ask the public works foreman to research more contractors that may be interested in making the repairs to the Veterans Memorial Park concession stand. Ideally the work will be completed prior to the spring ball season.

Regarding the email distributed about the possibility of Lake Grubb being under the management of the Hempfield Area Recreation Commission (HARC), C. Eshleman, P. Kresge, Andrew Stern, West Hempfield Township Manager, and the staff from HARC have scheduled a meeting to further discuss this proposal.

Special Committee Reports

Borough Hall Renovations Committee

P. Kresge met with employees of ABI, who are one of the third parties the Borough uses for commercial inspections. Architectural drawings will be needed and it was recommended that one architect be hired for the entire project. This would still enable different phases to be completed at different times. ABI supplied a list of architects that they were familiar with. Other firms will also be considered. C. Thomas asked if it would be feasible to address the possibility of working with Millersville University students. Mayor Kresge felt that it would be a better option to reach out to staff at Steven's Tech.

Personnel Committee

There is nothing new to report; however, L. Heisey thanked Mayor Kresge for moving forward with the hiring of a substitute crossing guard.

Old Business

Staff will send the Mayor a copy of the snow and ice removal ordinance to possibly be used on door hangers when necessary.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kresge had nothing further to report.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing new to report.

Miscellaneous

L. Heisey reported that a meeting was held with Field of Screams. Field of Screams is proposing a zoning overlay. Another meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2018 for further information to be presented.

Regarding the Council meeting scheduled for Monday, December 24, 2018, C. Eshleman moved to cancel the meeting and H. Morgan seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery

Steve Mitchell