

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2018

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, December 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. Also attending were: West Hempfield Township Police Chief Mark G. Pugliese, I, Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief Dean R. Gantz, Jr. Susquehanna Valley Emergency Medical Services (SVEMS) Lieutenant Jonathan Blatman, Mayor Philip S. Kresge, Zoning Officer Sam Meckley, Lancaster County Planning Commission Representative Laura Proctor, 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 gave an invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Eshleman moved to accept the November 12, 2018 minutes as presented. J. Hersh seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

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

At this time, President Heisey recognized Chuck Hull, 460 Society Hill Circle, who was attending to seek Council's help. Miller Pipeline was contracted by UGI Utilities to do gas line repairs in October at Mr. Hull's home and the lawn has not been returned to its original state since then. Mr. Hull has made repeated phone calls requesting that the lawn be repaired. Mr. Hull stated that East Hempfield Township no longer issues permits to UGI if there are properties which have not been repaired. C. Thomas will be attending a meeting on December 18, 2018, as a representative for East Lampeter Township and will also represent Mountville Borough. The meeting is intended to address various municipal concerns regarding UGI and property damage. L. Heisey stated that whatever is possible will be done.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Safety – Fire/Police

Chair R. Spiegel recognized West Hempfield Township Police Chief Mark Pugliese who reviewed the November report with Council. The report includes 150 calls for service with 42 of those reportable. There were four traffic accidents, 7 adult arrests and 12 citations. Chief Pugliese wished all those attending Happy Holidays.

Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief Dean Gantz reviewed the November report which included 22 calls for the month, bringing the yearly total to 280 including a structure fire to the rear of R.S. Hollinger & Sons.

R. Spiegel commented that it appeared the "Cookies with Santa" event was well received. Chief Gantz was unable to attend the event. As of November 1, 2018 the fund drive was at \$39,184 which is the second lowest fund drive in the last 18 years. Chief Gantz wished all Good Holidays.

R. Spiegel noted that the maintenance contract for the generator housed at the Fire Station is again due. The cost for the maintenance agreement is in the amount of \$485.00 and runs through October 31, 2020. R. Spiegel moved to pay

the maintenance contract fee on behalf of the Fire Company, H. Morgan seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Lieutenant Jonathan Blatman of the SVEMS was in attendance. J. Blatman reported that he is unable to provide the regular report at this time but will email the report at his earliest convenience.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh noted that both Zoning Officer Sam Meckley and Lancaster County Planning Commission member Laura Proctor are in attendance.

S. Meckley reported that two zoning permits, two building permits and two occupancy permits were issued in November. The property at 2 East Main Street with the three inoperable vehicles has not taken action at this time to remove those vehicles. The tentative date to take official action of violation is December 17, 2018.

S. Meckley recommended approving the “As-Built Storm Water Management Plan” as submitted by Field of Screams on November 8, 2018, and that the entire financial security for the project be released. J. Hersh moved to approve the plan and release the funds, R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried with C. Eshleman recusing herself from the discussion and the vote.

S. Meckley reviewed the five comments from the County Planning Commission for the proposed new zoning ordinance. These comments are attached to these bound minutes.

L. Heisey questioned adding to the structuring of the ordinance for part term rentals. M. Trimble asked what the risk or gain would be for the Borough in considering the recommendations.

L. Heisey then asked about the recommended procedure from this point forward. S. Meckley suggested implementing two of the recommendations made by the county. H. Morgan moved to have Rettew provide the new language to Council for consideration, J. Hersh seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

L. Heisey reported that a committee of four (J. Hersh, R. Spiegel, Mayor Kresge and he) met with the owners of Field of Screams to discuss a zoning overlay for their property which may help lessen the business’s future impact on Borough residents.

Andrew Palmisano was in attendance to request a modification waiving the land development plan for his property at 22 N. Manor Street. Mr. Palmisano made his modification request to the Mountville Planning Commission and the Planning Commission recommends conditional approval. J. Hersh moved to approve the request based on the applicant meeting the requirements for water and sewer and adequate parking as well as complying with the Borough Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

J. Hersh moved to reappoint Chuck Hull to a five year position on the Mountville Planning Commission, term expiring December 31, 2023. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

General Government

Chair M. Trimble had nothing new to address at this time.

Public Works – Streets

Chair C. Thomas made a motion to advertise for two part-time employees with snow removal experience. The positions would be based on “will call” as needed. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. The secretary will seek direction from both C. Thomas and L. Heisey prior to placing the ad. Upon their approval the help wanted advertisement will run in the Lancaster Newspapers and will be posted on the Borough website.

Public Works – Health/Sanitation

Chair H. Morgan had nothing new to report; but requested more information regarding a representative to the LASA Act 527 Plan.

Culture & Recreation

Chair C. Eshleman received an email from a representative of Leather’s and Associates, the firm that provided the original plans for the Woodworks play area. They are offering to review and make recommendations using new materials for any areas that need upgrades. C. Eshleman is waiting for a response to her email to the firm.

C. Eshleman and P. Kresge met with West Hempfield Township Manager Andrew Stern and Hempfield Area Recreation Commission (HARC) Director Jeff Book to discuss the possibility of HARC taking over the management of the parks in West Hempfield Township. There was also discussion regarding the inclusion of the park at Lake Grubb in this arrangement. More details and discussion will be needed prior to any decisions being reached regarding the park at the Lake, but that option could be an asset to the Borough.

Stephanie Lavenberg, Mountville’s HARC representative, reported that additional funding will be provided to the HARC budget from East Hempfield and West Hempfield Township for 2019. S. Lavenberg reported that various interior improvements have been made to the HARC facility and urged Council members to attend an Open House scheduled for January 6, 2019 from 12 – 4 p.m.

Special Committee ReportsBorough Hall Renovations Committee

There is nothing new to report, but P. Kresge acknowledged the information provided by J. Hersh regarding a firm that may be able to help with the renovation project.

Old Business

The need for updated door hangers is still being reviewed.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor P. Kresge had nothing new to report, but asked that a proclamation or thank you be issued to the Mountville Lions Club for all of the community service they provide. The Lions Club again decorated the Christmas display at the College Avenue/East Main Street intersection.

Secretary's Report

The secretary had nothing new to report. L. Heisey noted that the office will be closed on Monday, December 24, 2018 and Tuesday, December 25, 2018. The office will close early at 1 p.m. on Monday, December 31, 2018.

Miscellaneous

On behalf of the Mountville Community Services Foundation, H. Morgan requested that Council consider donating \$2,000.00 toward the cost of the 2019 Fireworks display. M. Trimble asked why this request wasn't made during the 2019 budget planning. Per H. Morgan the cost was not known at that time and there are some large repair expenses planned for the community pool that will require funds not accounted for. M. Trimble moved to make a contribution of \$2,000.00, C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried. H. Morgan and L. Heisey recused themselves from the vote.

President L. Heisey thanked Council and staff for a good year and wished all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

At this time, 8:15 p.m., an Executive Session was called to discuss a personnel concern.

At 8:45, Council reconvened. With no further business, H. Morgan moved to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery:

Stephanie Lavenberg
Steve Mitchell
Andrew & Becky Palmisano
Karl Smith
Francis Zimmer