

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2019

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, January 14, 2019, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Mountville Borough Hall, 21 East Main Street, Mountville, PA 17554.

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., Susquehanna Valley Emergency Medical Service (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.

C. Thomas moved to accept the December 10, 2018 minutes as presented. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

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

Standing Committee Reports

Public Safety-Fire/Police

Chair R. Spiegel recognized West Hempfield Township Police Chief Mark Pugliese who reviewed the December 2018 report which included: 108 calls for service, of which 28 were reportable, four accidents and two adult arrests. Chief Pugliese noted that while December was a low volume month, the year-end total of 1818 calls for service was a new high. The 2018 report should be available for the February 11, 2019 meeting. L. Heisey asked if there are recurring complaints. Chief Pugliese stated that parking issues and speeding are the most common complaints.

Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief Dean Gantz reviewed the December 2018 report with Council. There were a total of 22 calls during the month, of those, four were in Mountville. The total number of calls for the year was 302. The year-end report should be available in February 2019. Chief Gantz reported that the 2018 fund drive was the third lowest with a total received of \$43,903. The rate of returns on the 2413 mailers was poor with only 494 responses, 236 of those were Borough residents. Nineteen air packs have been ordered, funded by grant money. The existing air equipment will be sold.

The Mountville Days Carnival is scheduled for May 15 through May 18, 2019.

The Fire Company is in the process of changing its tax status from 501-C4 to 501-C3.

Jonathan Blatman, SVEMS, reviewed the December 2018 report with Council which included 8 Class I responses, 3 Class II responses and 8 Class III responses. Two were cancelled and two refused treatment.

SVEMS is currently recruiting for an academy program to draw more staff. C. Thomas asked where the program will be held. J. Blatman reported it will be held at the Mount Joy facility.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh reported that five building permits, 5 zoning permits and 1 occupancy permit were issued in December 2018. The property at 2 East Main Street that had three inoperable vehicles has moved one of those vehicles. At least one of the other two needs to be removed by January 18, 2019. If there are still two vehicles at that time, a Notice of Violation will be sent to the property owner.

J. Hersh reported that the Borough has received a one year Professional Services Agreement from Rettew. H. Morgan moved to accept the Agreement, J. Hersh seconded the motion. Council was in accord to retain Rettew for 2019 and the motion carried. An Instantaneous Response Plan has been included with the proposal and the information will be provided to all Council members.

Currently no one serves as the representative for the Borough to the County Land Use Advisory Board. After some discussion, J. Hersh agreed to serve in that capacity. H. Morgan made a motion to appoint Jesse Hersh as the Borough LUAB representative, R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

General Government

Chair M. Trimble moved to reappoint Ed Schopf to the Mountville Borough Authority for a five year term, ending in December 2023. C. Thomas seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

A representative must be appointed to address any questions or needs for the 2018 General Audit. M. Trimble moved to appoint Pamela Mitchell. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

M. Trimble reported that he and P. Mitchell reviewed the property and liability insurance with Tim Morrissey.

Public Works – Streets

Chair C. Thomas reported that no applications have been received for the part-time plow help. With no interested parties, and in absence of Scott Haas, C. Thomas will volunteer his time and help in the event that Assistant Public Works employee, David Pott, needs help with winter weather maintenance. C. Thomas reported that D. Pott sent a thank you to Council for the purchase of the new snow blower. The equipment was used successfully on the sidewalk over the railroad tracks following the weekend snow event.

C. Thomas spoke with S. Haas on Sunday regarding the status of the Borough's maintenance during his recuperation.

L. Heisey offered his help for any snow removal or maintenance that may be needed over the next few months.

Public Works – Health/Sanitation

Chair H. Morgan reported that a Mountville representative is needed for the updating of the LASA Act 537 Plan. After some discussion, H. Morgan agreed that he would fill the role. C. Thomas moved to appoint H. Morgan as the Borough representative. M. Trimble seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

H. Morgan reported that a \$2,447.49 Hauler Rebate is anticipated.

Culture & Recreation

Chair C. Eshleman reported that the annual contract has been received from Tomlinson Bomberger for weed control at the community park. If the contract is paid in full prior to February 28, 2019, a 4% discount, \$143.44, may be taken. As C. Eshleman wants to gather more information related to reseeding the ballfield and the timeliness of applications, she asked to table any discussion or decision until the February 11, 2019 Council meeting.

C. Eshleman reported that Dayspring Christian Academy has requested permission to use the ballfield for lacrosse practice beginning in March 2019. C. Eshleman would like further discussion with the school to see if they would be willing to help offset the cost of reseeding.

C. Eshleman has had discussions with Eric Weaver of the Mountville Lions Club regarding replacement benches throughout the Borough. M. Trimble asked if any thought had been given to inviting other groups or businesses to participate in the bench installations.

Special Committee Reports

Borough Hall Renovations Committee

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

Personnel Committee

L. Heisey reported that he and Mayor Kresge have not yet met with Public Works Foreman Scott Haas at this time.

Old Business

There have not been any updates to the door hangers introduced at this time. Karl Smith, 234 Froelich Avenue, asked that Council take some type of action for untreated sidewalks during the winter season.

Mr. Smith was asked to report any sidewalks which have not been cleared to the Borough office.

Mayor's Report

In the absence of Mayor Kresge, L. Heisey reported that the crossing guard hired as a substitute is unable to fill the position and recommended that notice be placed on the website and the sign in front of the building that a substitute crossing guard is needed.

Secretary's Report

The secretary had nothing new to report.

Miscellaneous

With no unresolved business at this time, L. Heisey asked Council to entertain the motion to cancel the January 28, 2019 meeting. H. Morgan moved to cancel the meeting and J. Hersh seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried. The next Borough Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, 2019.

With no further business, R. Spiegel moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery:

Steve Mitchell
Karl Smith