

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
February 25, 2019

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, February 25, 2019, 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, Susquehanna Valley Emergency Medical Service (SVEMS) Lieutenant Jon Blatman and Secretary/Treasurer Pamela J. Mitchell. Mayor Philip S. Kresge was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Heisey who gave an invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Thomas moved to accept the January 14, 2019 minutes as presented. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

M. Trimble moved to accept the financial reports and distributions as presented. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

L. Heisey welcomed the guests to the meeting and asked that anyone wishing to be recognized, state their name, address and subject of interest.

Dave Gerhart, 66 South Manor Street addressed Council with a request for support of Matt Auker who is in the process of attempting to purchase Mr. Gerhart's South Manor Street Home. The property is used as an owner occupied, rental property. Lending institutions want to insure that in the event of a catastrophe, the property could be rebuilt and used in the same manner. The Borough zoning allows for rebuilding of a structure for the same use if recreating the original footprint. Also speaking on behalf of the sellers and proposed purchaser was Petros Theodore who is the acting real estate agent for the Gerharts.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### Public Safety – Police/Fire/EMS

Chair R. Spiegel recognized Chief Pugliese who reviewed the January 2019 report with Council. The report included 116 calls for service of which 35 were reportable incidents. There were two adult arrests, five accidents, 12 traffic citations and one parking ticket. Chief Pugliese reported that the 2018 year-end report should be available in March.

Chair R. Spiegel stated that Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief Dean Gantz is unable to attend the meeting as he is being recertified in CPR. Council has received and reviewed his January 2019 report.

R. Spiegel next recognized Lieutenant John Blatman, (SVEMS) who reported 20 calls for service with three individuals refusing care. SVEMS began training the new hires for a recruit academy today, February 25, 2019.

R. Spiegel moved to appoint Randy Leaman as a substitute crossing guard. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

### Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh reported that the two junked vehicles remain at 2 East Main Street. As the allowed time for removal has passed, the Borough Solicitor will begin the process of filing the violation with the District Justice.

With Mountville Planning Chair Francis Zimmer attending the meeting, J. Hersh asked if there was anything new to report. The response was negative at this time.

### General Government

Chair M. Trimble reported on the receipt of \$1,500.00 in lieu of taxes from Faith Friendship Ministries.

M. Trimble reported that all accounts are in line at this time. M. Trimble and P. Mitchell will meet with the auditors for the exit conference on March 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The auditors will present the full report to Council at the March 11, 2019 meeting.

When the insurance policy was reviewed with Tim Morrissey, he recommended filing a claim for the loss of the use of the old boiler. The claim was acknowledged and after the \$500.00 deductible was met; a check in the amount of \$925.00 was received and deposited into the Capital Reserve Fund.

There is a MS4 Forum scheduled for June 3, 2019. M. Trimble would like to register Public Works Foreman Scott Haas for the event.

There will be an educational display related to stormwater management at the Mountville Days Carnival on Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

### Public Works – Streets

Chair C. Thomas stated that the Borough office received a call to report a sinkhole on Froelich Avenue. C. Thomas clarified that there is not a sinkhole, only a depression in the street. Columbia Water Company and Lancaster Area Sewer Authority have both inspected their underground utilities. C. Thomas intends to wait until spring to see what should be done to repair that portion of the street.

Upon review of Pennsylvania Borough Code and the Borough Stormwater Ordinance, C. Thomas will address the source of icing on East New Street that continues to be a problem. It needs to be determined if the water flowing into the street is from a spring or if a sump pump may be discharging water that then freezes and has created a hazard most of the winter.

There are cars parking in the crosswalk on North Manor Street at Hoover Street. Vehicles are not allowed within 25 feet of a crosswalk per Pennsylvania state law. Also there are vehicles still parking on the south side of East Hoover Street which by ordinance is “No Parking”. C. Thomas will have both of these areas updated with the appropriate signage.

### Public Works – Health & Sanitation

Chair H. Morgan had nothing new to report for health and sanitation. H. Morgan will attend the DEP meeting about Act 537 at Lancaster Area Sewer Authority on March 15, 2019.

## Culture & Recreation

Chair C. Eshleman reported that the annual contract for weed control at the Borough parks is available at a discounted rate of \$3,442.35. C. Eshleman moved to award the contract, H. Morgan seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

C. Eshleman reported that the Memorial Parade committee is seeking permission to close Clay Street, College Avenue and East Main Street to Froelich Park at 350 West Main Street on Saturday, May 25, 2019. The parade is set to step off at 10 a.m. C. Eshleman moved to approve the street closures for the parade, R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

C. Eshleman recognized Stephanie Lavenberg, Mountville Borough's representative to the Hempfield Area Recreation Commission (HARC). Ms. Lavenberg reported that the HARC 2018 year-end review will be provided in the next 60 days. S. Lavenberg reported that the membership has increased from 5,300 members in 2018 to 5,900 members in 2019. There is a "Community Day" scheduled for March 3, 2019. Council members and residents are encouraged to attend to tour the facility. The summer membership drive kicks off on April 1, 2019. Some planned renovations to the facility are updated women's locker rooms and new fitness equipment.

The HARC inter-municipal agreement has been updated and was advertised for adoption by all of the municipalities involved. Therefore, C. Eshleman moved to adopt Ordinance #293, accepting the proposed inter-municipal agreement with HARC. J. Hersh seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Dayspring Christian Academy has requested use of the ballfield at the Community Park for lacrosse and baseball games on a few occasions. If no one on Council objects, C. Eshleman has instructed the Dayspring Sports Coordinator to make arrangements with the MYAA for use of the fields.

It has been recommended following the mold remediation at the concession stand in the Veteran's Memorial Park that a dehumidifier be installed. C. Eshleman moved to purchase a dehumidifier at a reduced cost of \$290.00 (the original cost was \$685.00). M. Trimble seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. A copy of the quote is needed for the records prior to the purchase.

C. Eshleman will prepare a brief notice for the spring newsletter setting the date for the Community Picnic of Sunday, August 25, 2019. The tentative time will be 4 – 7 p.m.

## **Special Committee Reports**

### Borough Hall Renovations Committee

In the absence of Mayor Kresge, the other committee members have nothing new to report.

### Personnel Committee

There is nothing to discuss at this time.

### Old Business

As we are approaching the growing season once again, J. Hersh was asked to prepare door hangers to be used when grass and weeds becomes a nuisance.

### Mayor's Report

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

### Secretary's Report

The Secretary will again email all of Council with the information regarding the State Borough's Association Spring Conference so that registration can be completed in a timely manner.

### Miscellaneous:

C. Thomas reported that D.H. Funk was contacted for snow removal during the last storm and there was an immediate response.

At 7:43 p.m. an Executive Session was called to discuss a personnel concern. At 8:15 p.m. Council reconvened.

At 8:16 p.m., H. Morgan moved for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell  
Secretary/Treasurer

### Gallery:

Matt Auker  
Cory Frick  
Dave and Becky Gerhart with Petros Theodore  
Stephanie Lavenberg  
Steve Mitchell  
Karl Smith  
Francis Zimmer