

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

April 8, 2019

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, April 8, 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. Also attending were West Hempfield Township Manager Andrew Stern, West Hempfield Township Police Chief Lisa Layden, recently retired West Hempfield Township Police Chief Mark Pugliese, Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief Dean R. Gantz, Jr., Doris A. Reisinger, Assistant Secretary 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. Eshleman moved to accept the March 11, 2019 minutes, C. Thomas seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

J. Hersh moved to accept the financial reports and the distribution of funds as presented. H. Morgan seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

At this time, L. Heisey recognized former West Hempfield Township Police Chief Mark G. Pugliese, I. Public Safety Chair R. Spiegel presented Mark with a plaque recognizing and thanking him for his service to the people of Mountville. L. Heisey thanked M. Pugliese for his years of service and the integrity he brought to the position, and noted that it was a pleasure to work with him.

R. Spiegel then recognized the incoming West Hempfield Township Police Chief, Lisa Layden, who will begin her duties on Monday, April 15, 2019.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### Public Safety – Police/Fire/EMS

With no Police Report at this time, Chair R. Spiegel recognized Chief Dean R. Gantz, Jr. who reviewed the Mountville Fire Company Report which included 19 calls in March, for a total of 68 calls for the year.

R. Spiegel stated he was sorry to learn of Chief Gantz' injury to his arm. Chief Gantz reported that he will be off his regular work and Fire duty for four to six months.

Chief Gantz reported that the Relief Fund Audit findings should all be resolved by the April 29, 2019 deadline.

Chief Gantz requested responses to the upcoming Fire Company Recognition Banquet to be held on April 26, 2019.

M. Trimble asked to confirm the Mountville Days Carnival dates. The carnival is scheduled to be held May 15, 2019 through May 18, 2019.

With no one from the Susquehanna Valley Emergency Medical Services in attendance, there was nothing new to report.

At this time, L. Heisey recognized all of the visitors including Andrew Stern, West Hempfield Township Manager.

### Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair H. Hersh reviewed the Zoning Officer's report which included five building permits, four zoning permits and one certificate of use and occupancy. The report also noted that one of the junk vehicles is still at 2 East Main Street and a Notice of Violation is pending.

It was reported that a retaining wall along Hoover Street is encroaching on the street. The owner of the property stated that the wall was installed by and is owned by Mountville Borough.

J. Hersh worked on the language for an updated high grass and weed door hanger. L. Heisey approved of the new wording and asked J. Hersh to distribute the door hanger to the rest of Council.

L. Heisey asked J. Hersh to approach Sam Meckley of Rettew regarding the completion of the updated zoning ordinances.

### General Government

Chair M. Trimble reported that after some further flagpole research, American Flag Shoppe provided the best price which included removal of the old flagpole and installation of a new one at a cost of \$1,218.00. M. Trimble retroactively moved to approve the flagpole purchase from American Flag Shoppe at the cost of \$1,218.00. This purchase will be funded by the Capital Reserve Funds. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

M. Trimble reported that upon review of the first quarter financial comparisons, the budgeted numbers are trending in the right direction.

Some discussion followed regarding the fees being charged by the Borough Engineer, Rettew Associates. Council would like to see more information reported on the invoices and would like to investigate what fees other firms may charge their clients for the same services.

Dale Rohrer, 327 Pennridge Avenue, was in attendance seeking Council's position regarding the enforcement of deed restrictions in Summit Hills. The easements on properties are of vital concern as some residents are losing access to portions of their properties due to the installation of fences.

F. Zimmer, 251 Providence Place, noted that 28 years ago he installed a fence at his property on Providence Place and had to keep the fence out of the easement on his property.

### Public Works – Streets

Chair C. Thomas reported that the "No Trucks" and "No Parking" signs that had been discussed at a previous meeting, were already included in ordinances that are in place and have since been installed. C. Thomas has asked Dave Pott to get prices for a replacement bed on the 2011 Ford pickup truck as it has rusted through. The original bed had not been treated for rust prevention.

C. Thomas will look into 2019 street projects prior to the next meeting and report to Council at that time.

### Public Works – Health & Sanitation

Chair Harry Morgan reported on a program he attended regarding the Lanternfly and the damage it has done and is capable of doing to trees in Lancaster County. There is a program through Penn State to help municipalities with the removal of the insects at various stages of their lives. The Lanternfly is especially devastating to a tree known as the "Heavenly Tree". L. Heisey thanked H. Morgan for attending the program on the Borough's behalf.

H. Morgan also reported that he had attended a meeting at LASA regarding an update to the Act 537 Plan. The Borough's portion of the expense is about 2% or \$2,300.00.

A recycling grant has been applied for on the Borough's behalf in the amount of \$1,552.00.

### Culture & Recreation

Chair C. Eshleman reported that the Borough Solicitor had reviewed the proposed agreement between Mountville Borough and Hempfield Area Recreation Commission (HARC) for the maintenance and use of the park at Lake Grubb. The solicitor found no concerns with the proposed agreement. HARC will now be the provider of maintenance at Lake Grubb. HARC will also be changing the rental fees for the use of the pavilions at Lake Grubb. There will be rates in place for residents and non-residents and there will be a change in the actual rental process with residents having first right to the renting of the pavilions in 2020.

Andrew Stern noted that any residents wishing to reserve the pavilions at Lake Grubb should identify themselves as Mountville Borough residents to receive the lower rate.

C. Eshleman recognized Stephane Lavenberg, Mountville Borough's HARC representative. S. Lavenberg reported that the upgrades to the women's locker room are under way and the new equipment has been installed.

C. Eshleman asked that the tennis courts again be posted by HARC with the days and times that they are using the tennis courts for part of their programming.

### **Special Committee Reports**

#### Borough Hall Renovations Committee

There is nothing new to report regarding the proposed updates to the Borough Hall. L. Heisey asked that if anyone else on Council has an interest in working on this project, that he be contacted.

#### Personnel Committee

C. Eshleman reported on an email sent by Mayor Kresge regarding proposed hiring and noted that it is of most importance that help is found for Dave Pott as we enter the park maintenance and mowing season. C. Eshleman moved to advertise that a temporary part-time position in public works is available. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Also, discussion by the personnel committee recommended the hiring of a Borough Manager sooner than later. Research will be done regarding the wording of the required Ordinance to hire a Manager and the duties of other local Borough Managers.

#### Old Business

There is no other old business for discussion at this time.

#### Mayor's Report

In the absence of Mayor Kresge there is nothing new to report at this time.

Secretary's Report

There is nothing new to report.

Miscellaneous:

With no need for a second meeting in April, H. Morgan moved to cancel the meeting scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2019. J. Hersh seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Council discussed several dates to provide assistance in scooping ice cream at the Summer Concert Series. Council agreed that the date that suited most members was June 9, 2019. Concert Chair John Hess will be notified.

With no further business, C. Eshleman moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell  
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery:

Michelle Hart and son  
Isabelle Heisey  
Stephane Lavenberg  
Steve Mitchell  
Dale Rohrer  
Francis Zimmer