

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2019

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, May 13, 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, Jesse Hersh, Council President Lenny D. Heisey, Christine Eshleman, Michael A. Trimble and Charlie Thomas. Also attending were West Hempfield Township Police Chief Lisa Layden, Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief Dean R. Gantz, Jr., Susquehanna Valley Emergency Medical Service (SVEMS) Lieutenant Jonathan Blatman, Mayor Philip S. Kresge, Hempfield Area Recreation Commission (HARC) representative Stephanie Lavenberg and Pamela J. Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer. Council member Harry L. Morgan 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.

J. Hersh moved to accept the April 8, 2019 minutes as distributed. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

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

L. Heisey recognized Gerald Feiler, 25 South Maple Street, who presented photos to Council showing ponding water in his back yard. In 1995, Mountville Borough established an easement for stormwater to the rear of Lockard Park to help with runoff, but it no longer functions as designed. Council will review the easement and have someone look at the problem with Mr. Feiler's property.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Safety – Police/Fire/EMS

Chair R. Spiegel recognized West Hempfield Township Police Chief L. Layden who reviewed the April 2019 report with Council. There were 133 calls, of which 42 were reportable. There will be officers at the Mountville Days Carnival; additionally there will be several officers as well as Chief Layden here for the Memorial Parade. R. Spiegel confirmed that Chief Layden was informed of the parade route.

Prior to the Fire Company Report by Mountville Fire Chief D. Gantz, R. Spiegel asked how the Chief was progressing in the healing of his arm. Chief Gantz stated that he is progressing as expected and is looking forward to a return to light duty.

Chief Gantz reviewed the report which included 36 calls for the month of April, resulting in 104 calls to date.

The Fire Company has not received any further information from the Auditor General's office regarding the Fireman's Relief Fund.

Chief Gantz asked Council to please support the Mountville Days Carnival which runs from Wednesday, May 15, 2019 through Saturday, May 18, 2019.

L. Heisey asked if Council could assist in the continuing false alarm calls to Abel Drive. There is nothing that can be done at this time.

SVEMS Lieutenant J. Blatman reported there were 20 calls in April with 13 transports. The Recruit Academy graduated last month and those employees are working in the field. There will be another Academy held in June.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh reported that there is one junk vehicle left at 2 East Main Street, and the owner is taking action to have it in compliance. A Notice of Violation will be issued if needed May 29, 2019.

A letter has been issued to the property owner at 5 East Main Street regarding the accumulation of refuse which is not properly stored. If there is not any action taken in two weeks, the Zoning Officer recommends issuing a Notice of Violation.

There continue to be multiple high grass complaints. Letters have been sent with some success. The properties in question will be photographed, documenting the time passed after notice. Door hangers will start to be used on those properties that are owner occupied.

A request for release of financial security has been made by BJR Realty for 26 – 28 West Hoover Street. With outstanding work remaining it is recommended that the financial security be reduced by \$5,882.66 leaving a balance of \$5,677.78. J. Hersh moved to reduce this financial security, C. Thomas seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

A request for release of financial security has been made by Manorvest, LLC for the return of funds held for the storage facility at 201 South Manor Street. The as-built review has been completed and the site needs the acceptance of the NPDES Notice of Termination. J. Hersh moved to conditionally accept the plan and release the funds, \$17,824.10 upon the receipt of the NDPDES from the Lancaster County Conservation District. M. Trimble seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

In regard to concerns expressed at a previous meeting of property owners not having access to the rear of their properties, these concerns are of a civil matter and must be addressed by the individual homeowner. The Borough is not able to intervene on the homeowner's behalf when all zoning requirements are acceptable. A letter will be sent to Mr. Rohrer with this information.

The Field of Screams Overlay was discussed extensively. The Lancaster County Planning Commission had recommended that the agreement between Field of Screams and the Borough should be regulated by a zoning overlay. The overlay is to be part of the updated zoning ordinance if possible. A committee representing Borough Council had met with the proprietors as well as their attorney and engineer.

Some of the prohibited items listed as part of the overlay were questioned and some of the items on the list are already in practice at the event. A review will continue and the definitions will be revisited for Council comment.

Sam Meckley advised Council that the County Planning Commission will need to again review the proposed overlay prior to adoption.

General Government

Chair M. Trimble reported that individuals representing the Borough at municipal functions should be reimbursed for their expenses or have the event paid for by Council. Planning Commission Chair, Francis Zimmer will be attending the PSAB Spring Conference at the Borough's expense.

The Lancaster County Conservation District has requested a Memo of Understanding from the Borough. There no substantial changes to the existing document. M. Trimble moved to have the secretary sign the MOU on behalf of the Borough. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

An educational Stormwater Management display will be at the Mountville Days Carnival on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Public Works – Streets

Chair C. Thomas reported that we have received three quotes to repair/replace the truck bed on the Ford 2011 F350. C. Thomas moved to accept the low quote from Rod's Auto Body, LLC of \$4,564.50, which would be paid from the Liquid Fuels account; the bed will be "Rhino-lined" after the repair at a cost not to exceed \$900.00. J. Hersh seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

C. Thomas will speak to Mr. Joel Troutman who had sought a recommendation from Council on controlling a spring that has reactivated on his property at 404 East New Street. Mr. Troutman will need to seek advice from an engineer as the Borough has no control over the problem.

Public Works – Health and Sanitation

In the absence of Chair H. Morgan, there is nothing new to report.

Culture and Recreation

Chair C. Eshleman retroactively made a motion for HARC to maintain the park at Lake Grubb as they have contracted to do with West Hempfield Township for their parks. M. Trimble seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

S. Lavenberg reported that the women's locker room at HARC is in the final stages of renovation.

C. Eshleman has contacted Scoops to participate at the Community Picnic scheduled for Sunday, August 25, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Laser Dome and some of the area churches have expressed interest in participating also. Mayor Kresge will speak with the Lions Club to see if they are willing to provide hot dogs and will coordinate obtaining beverages and chips.

Special Committee Reports

Borough Hall Renovations Committee

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Personnel Committee

There were five applicants for the temporary part-time public works position. The personnel committee interviewed two of the most promising candidates. Ed Benner recently retired from Lancaster City and Kyle Oster a teacher for Hempfield School District.

The personnel committee recommends that Council offer the position to Ed Benner. They also recommended that Kyle Oster be offered the opportunity to work on an "as needed" basis. P. Kresge called Mr. Benner's business references and received very positive comments. M. Trimble asked what the proposed hourly rate will be. The committee recommends offering Mr. Benner \$16.00 per hour and Mr. Oster \$15.00 through the probation period of 90 days. Mr. Benner asked the committee if the position could become permanent, C. Thomas feels that it could be possible. C. Eshleman moved to hire Mr. Benner for the permanent part-time position at \$16.00 per hour and Mr. Oster on an "as needed" basis at \$15.00 per hour. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

C. Thomas asked that for future hiring a physical should be required. P. Kresge and L. Heisey will speak to Dave Pott regarding the hiring's.

Old Business

There is no old business for discussion.

Mayor's Report

Mayor P. Kresge reported attending World's Day of Prayer at St. Anne's Retirement Community on May 2, 2019. Mayor Kresge reported he performed a wedding on May 4, 2019 without payment. P. Kresge will begin providing that information to Council on a regular basis.

P. Kresge attended the Lancaster County Mayor's Association Meeting in Columbia. Josh Parsons was an invited guest.

The Memorial Parade is Saturday, May 25, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Council members should be ready to form at 9:45 a.m. and should wear their navy polo shirts.

Secretary's Report

The secretary reminded Council that they are scheduled to serve ice cream at the June 9, 2019 concert.

Miscellaneous

C. Eshleman moved to cancel the May 27, 2019 meeting as that is when Memorial Day is observed. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

At 8:32 p.m. Council President L. Heisey called for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel concern.

At 8:54 p.m. Council reconvened.

With no further business, J. Hersh moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery:

Gerald Feiler
Steve Mitchell
Jim Schopf
Karl Smith