

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2019

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, June 10, 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, Council President Lenny D. Heisey, Christine D. Eshleman, Michael A. Trimble and Charlie Thomas. Council member Jesse Hersh was absent. Also attending were West Hempfield Township Police Chief Lisa Layden, Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief Dean R. Gantz, Jr., Zoning Officer Sam Meckley, West Hempfield Township Manager Andrew Stern, Mayor Philip S. Kresge and Pamela J. Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer.

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.

R. Spiegel moved to accept the May 13, 2019 minutes as distributed. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

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

At this time, President Heisey introduced Ed Benner, new public works employee. E. Benner thanked Council for the job opportunity and said that after approximately three weeks, he is enjoying the job.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Safety – Police/Fire/EMS

Chair R. Spiegel recognized Chief Layden who reviewed the April 2019 Police Report which included 139 calls for service of which 53 were reportable incidents. Chief Layden reported that this year West Hempfield Township Police will be joining with East Hempfield Township and Manor Township Police to host National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 from 6 – 8 p.m. at Leisure Lanes. M. Trimble asked if the Chief has had any surprises since beginning the job. Chief Layden said that there was a period of adjustment due to the many differences between her previous position and the position with West Hempfield Township, but things are progressing well.

L. Heisey asked if there was a reason for the barrels that were placed at the Hill Street overpass following an accident on Route 30. Chief Layden will report back on her findings.

R. Spiegel inquired about the recuperation of Chief Gantz. Chief Gantz is in the fourth week of occupational therapy and progressing well.

Chief Gantz reviewed the May report which included 27 calls bringing the year to date total to 131.

Chief Gantz reported that the Fire Company has received a response from the Auditor General's office regarding the Fire Relief audit that satisfies their needs to make the 2019 disbursement. When Chief Gantz has the Auditor's response he will make it available to Council.

Chief Gantz reported that the Fire Company had 900 hours of service for the Carnival with a profit of \$17,754.60. R. Spiegel asked what their goal was for this year's event. Chief Gantz reported that they hoped to raise more funds than in 2018 which was only \$3,000.00. This was the first year for really good weather during the entire event.

Chief Gantz reported that the generator had repairs made and the problems seem to be resolved at this time. There is an invoice for the repairs of \$708.07 that he is asking Council to consider for payment.

L. Heisey expressed his concerns regarding the parking in the neighborhood adjacent to the Carnival. There were vehicles parked on both sides of the streets creating one lane at the intersections. L. Heisey asked if the committee had considered restricting parking to only one side of the streets.

With nothing further to report from Chief Gantz, R. Spiegel made a motion to approve payment of the generator repair bill. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

R. Spiegel reported on meeting with West Hempfield Township Manager Andrew Stern and Police Chief Lisa Layden to discuss the police contract which will expire December 31, 2019. The proposal is for a 5% increase per year for the next three years. If Council is in consensus, the West Hempfield Township solicitor will draw up a new agreement. Council was in consensus that they wished the process to move forward.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

In the absence of Chair J. Hersh, Zoning Officer Sam Meckley reported that nine zoning permits, three building permits and one certificate of occupancy were issued.

The issue of the three inoperable vehicles at 2 East Main Street has been resolved. There continues to be a problem at 5 East Main Street with trash accumulations and yard waste as well as high grass and weeds, which will require an additional letter to be sent.

There is nothing new to report from the Mountville Planning Commission.

Field of Screams Overlay – L. Heisey reported that S. Meckley incorporated everyone's comments into the revised draft and asked if Council had any questions or concerns. M. Trimble noted that he had not had time to read the entire draft document but questioned the proposed scheduling. The schedules will provide something enforceable with an opportunity for discussion with Field of Screams and the Ordinance will provide parameters.

The concerns expressed regarding alcohol consumption on the property will be governed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board standards.

Field of Screams is requesting two changes. In the section regarding grandstands, they would like the word “constructed” added. In the portion regarding fireworks, the request is that it read “Fireworks without Permits”.

The Performance Standards listed as part of the update would treat commercial and industrial zoning equally in regard to such items as noise, light, screening, parking dust, etc. M. Trimble asked if this would affect any existing businesses.

When Council is prepared to move forward, the Lancaster County Planning Commission and the Mountville Planning Commission will review the proposed updates. The Borough solicitor will then advertise the ordinance with a possible adoption on August 26 or September 8, 2019. H. Morgan moved to accept the draft including the rewording request by Field of Screams. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

L. Heisey noted there are two properties with extremely high grass or weeds on Main Street, 2 East Main Street and 109 East Main Street. These will be addressed by letter to the property owners.

Steve Mitchell, 30 Park Avenue, sought to confirm that until the new ordinance is in place the Zoning Hearing Board will continue to comply with the existing ordinance. That is correct.

General Government

Chair M. Trimble reported that there are no functioning Smoke or CO2 detectors in the building at this time. The Fire Company was asked for recommendations and Mike Dickey inspected the units that are in place. His recommendation would be to install a system with monitoring. A less expensive option would be hard wired units without monitoring. The secretary was asked to get estimates for both options. Vector Security, who monitors the regular alarm system, will be contacted.

As we no longer have any employees trained to do the stormwater outfall inspections, M. Trimble has reached out to Rettew to help with inspections and training. C. Thomas asked if any of the outfalls are on private property. Only observation points are on private property. M. Trimble asked if C. Thomas would coordinate the training for the staff with Rettew. M. Trimble moved to contract with Rettew for outfall screening, training and a guide map at a cost not to exceed \$800.00. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Public Works – Streets

Chair C. Thomas stated that he was pleased with the productivity and good working relationship between the two public works employees.

C. Thomas contacted Joel Troutman, 404 East New Street, who has a spring on his property and had asked for guidance from Council. C. Thomas was not able to personally speak with Mr. Troutman but made him aware that the problem is not the responsibility of the Borough and that he should contact an engineer or landscape professional.

C. Thomas reported that D. Pott has scheduled the repair to the Ford pickup truck bed for June 19, 2019. He will supply D. Pott with the information needed to have the truck "Rhino-lined" upon completion of the repair.

Public Works – Health & Sanitation

Chair H. Morgan reported that he has received two complaints regarding the efficiency of the new contracted waste haulers.

H. Morgan reminded everyone that they should be checking for spotted lanternfly. If any are found, they should be destroyed.

Culture & Recreation

Chair C. Eshleman reported that both she and L. Heisey had looked at the condition of the swale in Lockard Park. The swale is no longer functional and D. Pott and E. Benner will be asked to do the work to return it to the original condition.

C. Eshleman will inventory the portions of the Woodworks Playground that can be repaired, and will report those findings at a future meeting. Leathers and Associates have offered to inspect the playground and make recommendations at a cost of \$1,800.00. C. Eshleman does not think that is needed at this time.

The trail at Lake Grubb had a landslide and a portion of it is closed for repairs. Upon the recommendation of Jim Caldwell of Rettew, the damaged trees will be removed as well as some still standing and the trail will be returned to its original condition. West Hempfield Township staff will do the work. The Borough staff will help as needed.

Special Committee Reports

Borough Hall Renovations Committee

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Personnel Committee

There is nothing to address at this time.

Old Business

There is no old business for discussion.

Mayor's Report

Mayor P. Kresge reported that Crossing Guard David Schaeffer retired at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. P. Kresge would like to recognize his service at the July 8, 2019 meeting and asked Council

to consider presenting him with a gift card. C. Eshleman made a motion to purchase a \$100 Visa Gift Card to present to D. Schaeffer as well as a certificate of appreciation. C. Thomas seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

P. Kresge noted that in a recent newspaper article it was reported that East Petersburg will not be utilizing crossing guards in the 2019-2020 school year.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that John Hess wished to thank all those who participated in providing refreshments at the June 9, 2019 Concert.

Miscellaneous

C. Eshleman reported on a possible expansion to the Americold plant on Hempland Road in West Hempfield Township. There could be a 140 foot tall expansion if the project is approved. The building will be used for robotic manufacturing. Andrew Stern noted that there will need to be ordinance changes for the plan to move forward.

With nothing left unfinished at tonight's meeting, L. Heisey asked Council to entertain a motion to cancel the June 24, 2019 meeting. H. Morgan so moved, C. Thomas seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

At 8:30 p.m. L. Heisey called an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Council reconvened at 8:39 p.m. With no further business, at 8:40 p.m. H. Morgan moved to adjourn, R. Spiegel seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery:

Steve Mitchell