

## **MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

August 12, 2019

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, August 12, 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: Jesse Hersh, Council President Lenny D. Heisey, Christine D. Eshleman, Michael A. Trimble and Charlie Thomas. Council members Richard D. Spiegel and Harry L. Morgan as well as Mayor Philip S. Kresge were absent. Also attending were West Hempfield Township Police Chief Lisa Layden, Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief Dean R. Gantz, Jr. 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.

J. Hersh moved to accept the July 8, 2019 minutes, C. Thomas seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

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

At this time Council President Heisey recognized Lissa Holland, interim director of the Lancaster County Public Library System, who was accompanied by Cindy Farley. After distributing 2018 library statistics, L. Holland thanked Council for the continued financial support but asked if they would be willing to consider an increase in the yearly donation. L. Holland stated that the Mountville branch is currently paying \$37,500.00 per year for the lease at the Mountville Area Community Center (MACC) and most other libraries have little to no costs for the properties used. L. Holland noted that the Mountville Welfare Association pays \$22,000.00 of the lease fee. The library's lease with the Mountville Borough Authority lease is set to be renegotiated in March 2020. Steve Mitchell, 30 Park Avenue, asked how the lease and square footage compare to the other libraries. L. Holland stated that the space currently being used is adequate and the library system is happy with the location.

L. Heisey next acknowledged David Winters, representing Scout Troop 90 from Concordia Church. The Troop is requesting Council's permission to use the Community Park for a campout on November 15 and 16, 2019, the weekend of their annual food drive. While Council welcomes the use of the park, the restrooms will have been winterized and unusable. Council recommended that the Troop seek use of the restrooms at the Mountville Church of the Brethren for this event.

L. Heisey referred to an email received from a resident of Providence Place regarding the unpleasant living conditions in her neighborhood including excessive noise, drugs, fighting and lack of pride in property maintenance. L. Heisey and Chief Layden will address the resident's concerns.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### Public Safety – Police/Fire/EMS

In the absence of Chair R. Spiegel, L. Heisey recognized Chief L. Layden who reviewed the July report with Council. Chief Layden presented Council with the speed summary report from the study done on Huntington Drive. The study indicates that the higher rates of speeds documented occurred during the morning and evening rush hour. The study shows that most drivers are driving within a few miles an hour of the 25 mile per hour posting.

Chief Layden reported that National Night Out, held on August 6, 2019 at Leisure Lanes, was well attended.

Chief D. Gantz reviewed the July Fire Company Report with Council which included 36 incidents, for a total of 201 incidents year to date.

As of August 1, 2019 the annual fund drive was at \$27,800.00 or about 12.5%, Mountville residents have donated 6.75%. This is the second worst total received as of August 1 in any year.

The 1995 engine suffered a mechanical failure resulting in a \$5,200.00 repair bill. Any financial assistance from Borough Council for the repair would be appreciated. M. Trimble noted that only half of the budgeted donation of \$40,000.00 has been sent to the Fire Company at this time. M. Trimble made a motion to release \$5,000.00 of the remaining budgeted donation of \$20,000.00 to help cover this repair expense. C. Thomas seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Chief Gantz also reported that the voice pagers currently being used by the Fire Company volunteer members will be phased out at the close of 2020. At a cost of \$650.00 each, twenty units will be needed. The Fire Company has addressed this financial strain with the Lancaster County Commissioners and hoped for some financial assistance on a county level, the Lancaster Intermunicipal Committee (LIMC) has also requested some financial assistance from the county but at this time there is no indication of promising news.

The breathing apparatus received with the aid of grant money is scheduled to be put into use in the near future.

### Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh reported that the proposed updated Zoning Ordinance has now been reviewed by the Lancaster County Planning Commission and will be addressed by the Mountville Planning Commission on Monday, August 19, 2019.

Zoning Officer Sam Meckley accompanied an agent from the West Nile Agency to investigate a stagnate pool at 22 Park Avenue. The results of the inspection are not available at this time.

Chair Hersh reported there were six zoning permits and one building permit issued in July as well as five Use and Occupancy Permits.

The hedge that is limiting sightlines at the intersection of South Manor Street and Froelich Avenue has been addressed with the property owner and J. Hersh encouraged them to cut the hedge down or at least trim it back for better visibility.

#### General Government

Chair M. Trimble reported that three bids have been received for the installation of smoke and CO2 detectors in the Borough Hall. Vector Security proposed a system installed at \$8,445.00 with monthly monitoring fees of \$42.00, Able Security proposed an installation at \$6,532.00 with a monthly maintenance fee of \$21.50 per month. The third proposal was for a standalone, unmonitored system proposed by D & H Electrical Construction at a cost of \$335.00. C. Eshleman made a motion to accept the Able Security proposal with the cost of the installation being paid through the Capital Reserve Funds and the monthly monitoring fee coming from the general fund. C. Thomas seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Chair Trimble reported that a credit card for use by the Public Works Department should be secured. Council was in consensus to obtain one card to be used by the staff.

Chair Trimble noted that the budget comparison at July 31, 2019 indicates that the expenses are in check and the income is doing better than anticipated. Chair Trimble asked Council to prepare their budget requests so that he and the treasurer can begin the 2020 budget. The fees paid to Rettew for engineering and zoning are considered high and Council will review the current Service Agreement prior to investigating the fees for these services from other providers.

#### Public Works – Streets

Chair C. Thomas reported that the Borough has received three proposals for herbicide application at the curb; Tomlinson Bomberger - \$2400.00, Grounds Guys - \$2,250.00 and Lawn Care Pros of Lancaster – not to exceed \$1,000.00 per application. The only other alternative would be the use of propane torches which is only a temporary solution. C. Thomas moved to use the services of Lawn Care Pros of Lancaster at a proposed cost of \$850.00 for one application, not to exceed \$1,000.00. M. Trimble seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. Other options for this service will be considered for 2020 including the possibility of an Intermunicipal agreement.

Parts for repairs to the battery containment box on the backhoe were originally expected to cost \$793.79. This expenditure was approved at the July 8, 2019 meeting with the Borough staff to make the repair. It has since been determined that the parts ordered for the repair were inadequate and the cost for additional materials to make the repair is \$1,814.96. C. Thomas made a retroactive motion to approve the additional expense of \$1,814.96 to complete the repair. J. Hersh seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Chair Thomas would like to repair Bridge Street in 2020 with funding available from the Borough's Liquid Fuels Fund. ADA compliance will need to be addressed on each street upgrade as they occur. C. Thomas will investigate the availability of grants for that expense.

#### Public Works – Health & Sanitation

In the absence of H. Morgan, there was nothing new for discussion.

#### Culture & Recreation

Chair C. Eshleman reported that the roof of the concession stand at the Veteran's Memorial Park is leaking and a new roof is needed. Three proposals have been received. Klausmar Construction at \$5,665.00, Greenawalt Roofing at \$4,232.04 and May's Roofing at \$4,745.00. After some discussion, C. Eshleman moved to award the project to Greenawalt Roofing at a cost of \$4,232.04. J. Hersh seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Chair Eshleman reminded Council that the Community Picnic is scheduled to be held on Sunday, August 25, 2019 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Park. Some food and beverages will be provided and games and special events are planned.

#### **Special Committee Reports**

##### Borough Hall Renovations Committee

There is nothing new to report.

##### Personnel Committee

L. Heisey informed Council that the Personnel Committee met on August 7, 2019 in advance of the 90 day probation date for new employee, Ed Benner. E. Benner has expressed interested in full-time employment. C. Thomas noted that he is very pleased with the addition of E. Benner to the staff. C. Eshleman made a motion to offer Mr. Benner full-time employment and an increase in wages to \$18.00 per hour upon his 90 day probation completion on August 20, 2019. M. Trimble seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

L. Heisey stated that the hiring of a Borough Manager is still a consideration, but does not have to be immediately addressed. L. Heisey requested that the job descriptions for other county municipal managers be acquired and distributed to the members of the Personnel Committee.

##### Old Business

There is no old business for discussion.

##### Mayor's Report

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

Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing new to report at this time.

Miscellaneous:

With all business addressed at this time, L. Heisey entertained a motion to cancel the August 26, 2019 meeting. J. Hersh moved to cancel the meeting, C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

At 8:32, C. Eshleman moved for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Gallery:**

Steve Mitchell  
Karl Smith  
David Winters