

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2019

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, September 23, 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 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.

President Heisey recognized Jeff Book, Hempfield Area Recreation Commission (HARC) Director and Stephanie Lavenberg, Mountville HARC Representative. Mr. Book reviewed the status of HARC and noted that the board of directors is redefining the mission and vision for the future. Mr. Book reported on membership, projects completed and projects planned. The programs held at Lake Grubb this past season were very successful with additional programs planned for this fall. Mr. Book thanked Council for their continuing support. The report reviewed is attached to these minutes.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Safety – Police/Fire/EMS

With no regular reports, the 2020 budget request for the fire company was referenced, but will be further discussed under the General Government budget discussion.

Public Safety – Planning /Zoning

A Zoning Ordinance update has been recommended for years and has now been developed, including new maps, a Field of Screams overlay and performance standards.

Zoning Officer, Sam Meckley, reviewed some of the changes to the new zoning map including the change of the Veterans Memorial Park to “Open Space” and the Mountville Area Community Center to “Town Center”. The goal is to update the ordinance from the original 1975 content by reenactment.

Tara Fitzkee, 302 South Manor, expressed concern that her property will remain in the Industrial District. T. Fitzkee fears that if the property is sold in the future the historical buildings could be demolished. P. Kresge noted that the property could be registered with the Lancaster County Historical Society to ensure protection. Laura Proctor of the Lancaster County Planning Commission would be a good source of information to attain this status.

Jonah Eastep, 21 West Main Street, is discouraged that the former “Residential/Commercial District” along Main Street will have a change in name only and will encourage more businesses. J. Eastep also questioned the change of definition for the Rohrer Farm, 363 West Main Street, to medium density from low density with the concern that development will occur. The Rohrer farm is not preserved and as low

density residential it could have been developed as single family units; medium density allows for multi-unit housing of different types.

Beth Hess, 2 West Main Street, asked how the term “Industrial” differs from “Commercial”. Industrial would include manufacturing facilities and Commercial includes businesses but no manufacturing.

Karl Smith, 234 Froelich Avenue, asked if any progress has been made regarding the clean-up at the former Mountville Wallpaper Factory. Emails have been sent on the Borough’s behalf, but no response has been received at this time.

Paul Kline, 460 Huntington Drive, asked if there is an ordinance that would regulate the fumes from trucks parked at the Rutter Store on Stony Battery Road. Council noted that the Rutter Store is located in West Hempfield Township and Mountville Borough has no jurisdiction over the property.

H. Morgan moved to accept the proposed changes found in Ordinance #294. It was noted that the Ordinance was advertised two times as required and maps were made available for review by residents. J. Hersh seconded the motion, adding that the Ordinance was approved by the Lancaster County Planning Commission, the Mountville Borough Planning Commission and the Borough solicitor. Council was in accord and the motion carried with Council member Christine Eshleman recusing herself from the discussion and the vote.

General Government

Chair M. Trimble reported that there is now an opportunity to apply for a grant to help with the funding required for the MS4 project at the storm drain in Spring Hill Park. The application must be completed by October 23, 2019. As there is still money in the budget for MS4 expenses, M. Trimble moved to have Kara Kalupson of Rettew Associates begin the application process on behalf of Mountville Borough at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. This fee would include meetings with the Lancaster County Conservation District and the Borough engineers as well as the actual grant application.

M. Trimble reviewed the 2020 budget as it is presented at this time showing a deficit of \$71,187. A portion of the overage in expenses is the request for more funding from the Fire Company. M. Trimble would like to see more accountability including details of expenditures. C. Eshleman stated that she is in agreement. C. Eshleman stated that she understands that the volunteers need to spend extensive time training but see that other responders in the area still hold regular events to raise funds. L. Heisey reported that the auditors recommend a minimum of three estimates for repairs prior to the Borough financing the repair. R. Spiegel reminded Council that the Fire Company has experienced a major loss in contributions and membership is down. L. Heisey asked if there is a possibility to meet in the middle for the donation requested. C. Eshleman asked if there are any consequences if the funds donated are not used appropriately. M. Trimble asked R. Spiegel to ask the Fire Company for a tighter use of the funds requested.

The 2020 budget will be further reviewed at the October 14, 2019 meeting with the intent to review and consider for advertising and adoption.

Public Works – Streets

Chair C. Thomas reported that street settlement has occurred on Sylvan Retreat Road as well as Froelich Avenue. Two bids for the two projects were received from providers; Pennsy Supply at \$18,000.00 and B. R. Kreider at \$5,278.00. C. Thomas moved to award the project to B. R. Kreider at a cost of \$5,278.00, J. Hersh seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

L. Heisey reminded all attending Route 30 will be closed to through traffic from the Mountville Exit to the Prospect Road Exit, in both directions, beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2019 and will reopen on Monday, September 30, 2019 at 6:00 a.m. Flagger Force will remain to direct traffic until 11:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Jim Schopf reviewed Field of Screams plans to compensate for the additional traffic during the closure. The detailed Field of Screams information was distributed as an email and is attached to these minutes.

Public Works – Health and Sanitation

There is nothing new to report.

Culture & Recreation

There is nothing new for discussion at this time.

With no further business, L Heisey moved to adjourn at 8:12 p.m., C. Eshleman seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery:

Jonah Eastep
Tara Fitzkee
Beth Hess
Paul Kline
Steve Mitchell
Jim Schopf
Karl Smith
Judy Snyder
Peter Taraborelli, LNP