

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2019

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, September 9, 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 Police Sergeant Timothy Coyle, Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief Dean R. Gantz, Jr., 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.

C. Thomas moved to accept the August 12, 2019 minutes, C. Eshleman 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. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

President Heisey recognized Bill Metzger, 119 Opal Court, who has concerns regarding the high grass and weeds found on many properties, particularly those along Main Street. B. Metzger also reported that the "OPEN" sign at the Square Mile hangs very low over the sidewalk, hindering walkers. Mr. Metzger was recently bit by a neighbor dog. Upon reporting the incident to West Hempfield Township Police, he learned that the township has an ordinance that addresses dogs who bark for long periods of time. B. Metzger also expressed concern regarding the use of fireworks in close proximity to other homes.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Safety – Police/Fire/EMS

Chair R. Spiegel noted that West Hempfield Township Police Chief Layden was unable to attend, but the August report was distributed to Council earlier today. R. Spiegel asked if Council had any questions or comments for Sgt. Coyle. With no further comments, R. Spiegel recognized Fire Chief Gantz.

Chief D. Gantz reviewed the August Fire Company report which included 17 calls bringing the total calls year to date to 218. As of September 1, 2019 the fund drive total was \$31,047. P. Kresge stated that public awareness of the fund drive in progress needs to be increased.

The new air packs are to be put into service later this week.

L. Heisey asked if the truck has been repaired and it has.

L. Heisey moved to hire Randy Leaman as a permanent full-time school crossing guard. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. P. Kresge reported that the hazard of crossing the students, particularly at the Clay Street/Hoover Street/College Avenue intersection is becoming greater.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh reported that there were three zoning permits, one building permit and three certificates of use and occupancy issued in August 2019. Two other issues relating to junk cars and stormwater concerns are being investigated.

J. Hersh noted that the Mountville Planning Commission has approved the proposed overlay and updated ordinance. The intent to adopt is advertised in today's LNP and will again be advertised on Monday, September 16, 2019. A public meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for public comment and adoption of the ordinance if appropriate.

General Government

Chair M. Trimble asked that Council give some consideration to employee wages and other details particular to their chairs in preparation of the 2020 budget. R. Spiegel would like Council to consider two increases. Line item #411.501 – Contributions/Fire Company \$40,000 to \$60,000 and line item #411.504 = Fire Company Building Maintenance \$5,000 to \$10,000. A discussion followed regarding the merit of a fire tax and how it would be administrated. There will need to be more consideration of that option for the future. M. Trimble noted that the increase R. Spiegel is requesting would be 25%.

Public Works – Streets

Chair C. Thomas reported that there is a depression on the east side of Sylvan Retreat Road just north of Huntington Drive that the staff has been asked to check for a probable cause and repair.

C. Thomas noted that the Hill Street overpass construction meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 here at the Borough Hall beginning at 5 p.m. P. Kresge plans to attend; L. Heisey and C. Thomas will also attend if their schedule permits.

The public works crew had requested new signage cones for no parking for specific events. C. Thomas is in discussion with Dave Pott regarding borrowing similar cones from John Hess who uses his for the concert series.

Public Works – Health & Sanitation

Chair H. Morgan had nothing new to report and hopes to have budget numbers for trash rates by the end of September.

Culture & Recreation

Chair C. Eshleman reported that Jeff Book and Stephanie Lavenberg, representing the Hempfield Area Recreation Commission, will attend the September 23, 2019 meeting. C. Eshleman reported that the Community Picnic was well attended by approximately 300 people.

Special Committee ReportsBorough Hall Renovations Committee

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Personnel Committee

There is nothing new for consideration at this time.

Old Business

There is no old business for discussion.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kresge noted that he has had a busy summer and will be more available in the future.

Secretary's Report

There is nothing new to report.

Miscellaneous:

The office staff was given a presentation by Verizon for a multilevel phone system for the Borough. The proposal will be tabled for future discussion as there is not a need or funding for the system at this time.

At 8:00 p.m. an Executive Session was called to discuss personnel issues. At 8:14 p.m. Council reconvened and with no further business, J. Hersh moved to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery:

Stephanie Lavenberg
Bill Metzger, Jr.
Steve Mitchell
Karl Smith
Peter Taraborelli, LNP