

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 11, 2019

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, November 11, 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 and Michael Trimble. Council member Charlie Thomas was absent. Also attending were: West Hempfield Township Police Chief Lisa Layden, 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. President Heisey thanked the veterans in attendance for their service.

R. Spiegel moved to accept the meeting minutes from October 14, 2019. J. Hersh 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.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Safety – Police/Fire/EMS

Chair R. Spiegel recognized Chief L. Layden who had nothing out of the ordinary to report for the month of October. Field of Screams ran smoothly and while there was one report of an assault, no parties wished to press charges. Trick or Treat was uneventful with extra officers on duty. L. Heisey asked if there was any information relating to the accident that occurred on West Main Street on November 5, 2019. Chief Layden reported that an impaired driver report has not filed.

Chief D. Gantz reviewed the October fire company report which included 26 calls for a total year to date of 264 and stated that he believes the total for the year will exceed 300 calls. R. Spiegel asked if that had occurred frequently. Chief Gantz reported calls in excess of 300 have occurred the past two years. Chief Gantz reported that the emergency generator has been serviced and that an invoice in the amount of \$485.00 has been received. After clarification that the invoice is for service in 2019, Chief Gantz will notify the treasurer for payment. The fund drive has reached \$40,400 with 458 donations. The return on average has been 18.48%.

M. Trimble noted that there was not a financial report included with the September minutes. Chief Gantz will remind the Secretary that this report needs to be included with the minutes.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh reported that two zoning permits, one building permit and two certificates of occupancy were issued in October. There is a Nissan Altima located at 234 West Main Street that is inoperable. The owner has been notified and if the vehicle has not been moved by Monday, November 18, 2019, a notice of violation will be served.

L. Heisey reported that two proposals have been received from engineering firms not currently serving the Borough. L. Heisey asked for a committee to review these proposals. The committee consisting of J. Hersh, H. Morgan and P. Kresge will review and discuss these proposals as well as the fees charged by the Borough's current provider. While no one is

interested in seeking a new engineering firm, Council feels a responsibility to be fiscally responsible to the Borough's taxpayers.

General Government

Chair M. Trimble reviewed the year to date finances, noting that at this time the income is higher than expected and the expenses are lower than budgeted. With an increase in the trash contract as well as an increase in tipping fees, the budget presented to Council for review includes a trash fee increase to residents of \$5.00 per quarter per unit to \$55.00 per quarter. With no questions or concerns regarding the proposed budget, M. Trimble moved to advertise the 2020 budget for adoption at the December 9, 2019 meeting. H. Morgan seconded the motion. Council was in accord the motion carried. The 2020 budget reflects revenue of \$1,129,650 and expenses of \$1,196,730.

M. Trimble noted that there is an untouched line item of \$500 for animal control if needed and Council recommended notifying the residents of East Hoover Street of options available to help with stray kittens.

M. Trimble reported that a grant has been applied for to help cover the expense of the planned stormwater update at the Spring Hill Park. Of the \$4,000 allotted to cover this application, there is approximately \$1,400 left. A grant from Growing Greener is now being offered. Kara Kalupson, of Rettew, who is applying on behalf of the Borough, believes that with the use of the remaining \$1,400 and an additional \$1,000 this new grant application can be submitted. M. Trimble moved to approve this expenditure to make the additional application, R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Public Works – Streets

In the absence of Chair C. Thomas there was nothing new to address at this time.

Public Works – Health & Sanitation

Chair H. Morgan reiterated that the trash fee per unit will increase to \$55 per quarter in 2020. Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) is requesting more promotion of the Big Four Recycling Program. This information can be found on the Borough website.

M. Trimble asked if there was any further information regarding the Waste Management truck hydraulic leak. Waste Management reported that their hazardous material staff had the situation under control.

Culture & Recreation

Chair C. Eshleman reported that the bathrooms at the Community Park and the Veterans Memorial Park have been winterized and the water has been turned off. C. Eshleman also reported that there has been vandalism at the Community Park and requested that the Police make more frequent checks.

C. Eshleman, Dave Pott and Ed Benner met with Steve Harrelson of the Mountville Youth Athletic Association (MYAA) to discuss some concerns regarding the ballfield at the Community Park. There is a chain-link fence that is sagging and twisted, an initial replacement cost is \$2,035. If replacing the fence is pursued in the spring, more estimates will be obtained. S. Harrelson also addressed a concern regarding stormwater runoff that is removing the Dymatex installed by the MYAA. C. Eshleman will speak with the Zoning Officer to determine if there is a remedy for the runoff situation.

Special Committee Reports

Borough Hall Renovations Committee

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Personnel Committee

L. Heisey reported that employee David Pott will be obtaining new insurance in 2020 and has requested some reimbursement from the Borough.

Old Business

There is no unfinished business to address.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kresge had nothing new to add. L. Heisey thanked the Mayor for his role in the monitoring of the weather conditions resulting in the delay of Trick or Treat.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary has nothing new to report.

Miscellaneous

A request was received to post a community Thanksgiving meal on the Borough website. After some discussion, Council agreed to post the event. Mayor Kresge will help to write a disclaimer to add to the website for future requests.

Judy Snyder, 335 Huntington Drive, asked if a date has been provided for the completion of the Hill Street overpass. The only information provided reports that the project will be completed by November 29, 2019.

J. Hersh made a motion to cancel the November 25, 2019 meeting, H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

With no further business, J. Hersh moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell
Secretary

Gallery:

Steve Mitchell
Karl Smith
Judy Snyder