

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2019

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, December 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. Mayor Philip S. Kresge was 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.

C. Eshleman moved to accept the meeting minutes from November 11, 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. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

L. Heisey recognized Jackson Gates who presented a proposal for improvements at the Veteran's Memorial Park to attain his Eagle Scout status. The proposal includes multiple repairs and replacements. J. Gates requested financial aid for the wall paint and the removal of the old pressure treated picnic tables. H. Morgan asked about the use of 8 to 10 cans of spray paint which will be used for the railings. R. Spiegel asked if the project will be completed with aid from other Scouts. Council collectively thought it was a great project and was well planned. M. Trimble moved to approve the project and provide financial help for the paint purchase. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Tawni Furr, 145 Clay Street addressed Council requesting permission to place a Pop-Up Tiny Library in the area of the Borough garage and park. There would be no expense to the Borough as she and her husband would create the library and be stewards in maintaining the structure as well as the contents. H. Morgan asked if she had any other locations in mind. L. Heisey asked if she would be the contact person, and she would. L. Heisey felt that it would be prudent to ask the solicitor for advice if the placement is to take place at the park. L. Heisey asked if she had considered placing the unit at the Mountville Area Community Center and encouraged her to discuss her project with the Mountville Borough Authority. T. Furr will call the Borough office for Authority contact information.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Safety – Police/Fire/EMS

Chair R. Spiegel gave the floor to West Hempfield Township Police Chief Lisa Layden. Chief Layden addressed the November report which contained nothing unusual. Chief Layden plans to change both the format and the content of the monthly reports in 2020. Chief Layden reported that Officer McKernan is attending accident reconstruction training. The police officers are volunteering for multiple charities including Toys for Tots and collecting gift items for under-privileged students at Farmdale and Mountville elementary schools. H. Morgan asked if the West Hempfield Township Police participate in fund raising via phone calls. The calls that H. Morgan has been receiving are most likely from the Fraternal Order of Police.

R. Spiegel next recognized Mountville Fire Company #1 Fire Chief Dean Gantz. Chief Gantz referred to his end of November report and noted that the Fire Company will most likely surpass 300 calls for the year. The fund drive is

currently at \$42,939.00. With a 20% return rate, this is the lowest fund drive since 2011. Chief Gantz reported that he had emailed R. Spiegel with a list of expenditures made with the \$40,000.00 allocated from the 2019 Borough Budget.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh reviewed the Permit/Enforcement Report which included the following zoning permits:

Permit #2142	75 Spring Hill Lane	Fence	Zoning Fee: \$35.00
Permit #2143	26-28 E Main Street	Porch Posts	Zoning Fee: \$30.00
Permit #2145	46 Spring Hill Lane	Fence	Zoning Fee: \$35.00

The issue with the out of registration vehicles located at 234 West Main Street has been resolved by removal or inspection.

L. Heisey recognized Jim Caldwell of Rettew Associates. L. Heisey stated that Council is not actively looking to make changes with the zoning and engineering currently provided.

J. Caldwell reviewed the history of the relationship between Mountville Borough and Rettew Associates dating to 1996 when engineering services began. In 1999/2000, J. Caldwell became the first appointed zoning enforcement officer for the Borough and the firm looks forward to continuing to serve the Borough in the future. J. Caldwell noted that the rates for services will be the same in 2020 as they are at this time.

General Government

Chair M. Trimble reported that the proposed 2020 budget has been properly advertised. With no further comments or questions from Council, M. Trimble moved to accept the 2020 budget as presented, R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried. F. Zimmer, 251 Providence Place expressed his concerns regarding the increase to the Fire Company. M. Trimble moved to adopt Ordinance #295 setting the real estate tax at 2.07 mills. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. M. Trimble moved to adopt Resolution 2019 – 3 which establishes the municipal trash collection fee at \$55.00 per unit per quarter, a realty transfer tax of 1% and a local service tax of \$52.00 annually. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. M. Trimble noted that the \$55.00 per quarter trash fee is an increase of \$5.00 from the 2019 budget. M. Trimble reported that the computer in the west office was continuing to have problems. M. Trimble retroactively moved to purchase a new computer at a cost not to exceed \$1,400.00. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

M. Trimble reported that the Borough has an opportunity to become a member of the Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium at a fee of \$250.00 per year. M. Trimble moved to join the Consortium, C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

M. Trimble thanked the other members of Council and the staff for working with him in his five years of service on Council. L. Heisey thanked M. Trimble for his commitment and dedication.

M. Trimble noted that he and the Borough secretary have a meeting scheduled on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 with Tim Morrissey to review the Borough's insurance policy.

Public Works – Streets

Chair C. Thomas was called from the meeting for a work emergency, therefore there was no report.

Public Works – Health & Sanitation

Chair H. Morgan had nothing to report.

Culture & Recreation

Chair C. Eshleman also had nothing new to report.

Special Committee Reports

Borough Hall Renovations Committee

There are no updates.

Personnel Committee

The public works staff has requested business cards. Council was in consensus that business cards should be ordered with Borough contact information including names, phone numbers, fax number and the office email address. Council does not want job titles included at this time.

Old Business

There is nothing new to report.

Mayor's Report

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

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reminded everyone that there will be a reorganization meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020. All those elected in November must attend this meeting in order to serve. After a brief discussion it was decided to advertise the meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Doug Pryer and Greg Workman of the Mountville Borough Authority have both expressed interest in being reappointed for another five-year term. C. Eshelman moved to reappoint both D. Pryer and G. Workman, J. Hersh seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

L. Heisey asked to consider cancelling the next meeting scheduled for Monday, December 23, 2019. J. Hersh moved to cancel the meeting, H. Morgan seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

The office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, 2019. The secretary will take a vacation day. If the public works staff wishes to have the day off, they may take time off without pay or vacation. The public works employees will need to remain on call.

President Heisey thanked Council for their service and wished all of Council and the staff a Merry Christmas.

With no further business, M. Trimble moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell
Secretary

Gallery:

Tawni Furr

Jackson Gates

Steve Mitchell

Francis Zimmer