

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2020

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, January 13, 2020, 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, Jesse Hersh, Council President Lenny D. Heisey, Christine D. Eshleman and Jonah Eastep. Council members Harry L. Morgan and Charlie Thomas as well as Mayor Philip S. Kresge were absent. Also attending were: West Hempfield Township Police Sergeant Kunkle and Officer Johnson, 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.

R. Spiegel moved to accept the meeting minutes from December 9, 2019 and January 6, 2020. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

J. Hersh 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.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Safety – Police/Fire/EMS

Chair R. Spiegel recognized West Hempfield Township Police Sergeant Kunkle at this time. As the December report was distributed at the meeting of January 6, 2020, Sergeant Kunkle had nothing new to report. R. Spiegel asked about the status of investigations into vehicle break ins. This is an ongoing investigation although some arrests have been made.

R. Spiegel next recognized Mountville Fire Company Chief Gantz who reported 28 calls in December 2019 bringing the year end total of calls to 317. Chief Gantz read the year end report opening letter into the record. (see attachment) L. Heisey again stated that he hopes that Council and the Fire Company can have a good working relationship in the future. Chief Gantz did not have any new Fund Drive information to report.

R. Spiegel reported that a burn permit has been issued for Dayspring Christian Academy to hold a fire training event on January 20, 2020.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh reviewed the Zoning Officer's report which included four zoning permits, three building permits and one certificate of use and occupancy. There has been a request for information regarding the placement of "tiny homes" in the Borough. J. Hersh will encourage the Mountville Planning Commission to investigate using the template for this zoning used by Lancaster County.

Permit #2144	217 Ruby Street	Solar Panels	Fee:	\$65.00
Permit #2145	46 Spring Hill Lane	Fence	Fee:	\$35.00
Permit #2146	331 Huntington Drive	Egress window	Fee:	\$30.00
Permit #2147	14 Park Avenue	Home based business	Fee:	\$35.00
Permit #2148	16 Georgetown Court	Sunroom	Fee:	\$87.60
Permit #2149	128 East Hoover Street	Shed	Fee:	\$35.00

General Government

Chair C. Eshleman reported that a quote is being sought for the weed control at the Community Park. The low bid for the repair of the damaged pavilion roof is from Greenawalt Roofing at \$508.33. C. Eshleman moved to award the project to Greenawalt Roofing, R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

C. Eshleman retroactively moved to approve the purchase of ceiling tiles for the meeting room at a cost of \$516.78. These tiles will be installed by the Borough staff. J. Hersh 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 report. L. Heisey remarked that he felt the staff's response time during the recent snow event was adequate and feels that the process will improve with experience. It was noted that there were no complaints from residents.

Public Works – Health & Sanitation

With Chair H. Morgan absent, L. Heisey noted that there are still bags of leaves at the curb and would like the staff to remove them when they have time.

Culture & Recreation

Chair J. Eastep reported that Jeffrey Book, Hempfield Area Recreation Director, has requested a meeting with him in a few weeks.

Old Business

Dayspring Christian Academy has again requested use of the Community Ballfield for lacrosse. Their use of the fields is acceptable, but they must make arrangements with the Mountville Youth Athletic Association to work out a schedule.

Mayor's Report

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

Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing new to report.

Miscellaneous

When all Council members are present, L. Heisey would like to revisit the improvements that need to be made to the Borough Hall. An updated Personnel Committee also needs to be addressed.

With no unfinished business, J. Hersh moved to cancel the meeting of January 27, 2020. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell
Secretary

Gallery:

Emily Jones, LNP
Isabelle Heisey
Steve Mitchell
Karl Smith