

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

March 9, 2020

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, March 9, 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, Harry L. Morgan, Jesse Hersh, Council President Lenny D. Heisey, Christine D. Eshleman and Jonah Eastep. There currently is a vacancy on Council. Also attending were: West Hempfield Township Police Chief Lisa Layden, Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief Dean R. Gantz, Jr., Sager Swisher and Company, LLP Auditors Michael Reiner and Alissa Harrison, 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.

J. Hersh moved to accept the meeting minutes from February 10, 2020. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

C. Eshleman moved to accept the financial reports and distribution of funds as reported. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

L. Heisey welcomed all the guests and asked that they state their name and address if they wished to address Council.

L Heisey welcomed Francis Zimmer and Matthew Auker who are both interested in filling the vacancy on Council. Both F. Zimmer and M. Auker addressed Council some personal information and their interest in serving the community. C. Eshleman asked if F. Zimmer is currently serving the Borough in any capacity, he is currently serving as the Mountville Planning Commission Chair. With no further questions, H. Morgan moved to nominate M. Auker to fill the vacancy, J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried. Mayor Philip S. Kresge administered the Oath of Office to Matthew Auker who then joined Council for the remainder of the meeting. L. Heisey thanked both F. Zimmer and M. Auker for their willingness to serve the Borough.

At this time, L. Heisey recognized Mike Reiner of Sager Swisher and Company, LLC who introduced Audit Manager Alissa Harrison and presented the results of the 2019 audit. With no questions or concerns from Council, H. Morgan moved to accept the audit report as presented. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. L. Heisey noted that the capital funds have a healthy balance and asked what projects could be financed from these funds. M. Reiner stated that the capital reserve funds could be used for any capital project including street, building or park repairs, upgrades or purchases.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Public Safety – Police/Fire**

Chair R. Spiegel recognized Chief L. Layden who reported that there were 123 calls for service. There was one overdose death, one report of child abuse and one report of sexual assault against a child. Authorities are pursuing legal action against the person responsible for providing the drugs in the overdose. There are two new officers training on the units that indicate vehicle speeds. The annual report will be available in April. The proposed repair to the alarm system at Lake Grubb was resolved with an inexpensive fix made by the township public works employees. L. Heisey asked if the

numbers on the monthly report are only for the Borough. Chief Layden reported that the provided is only for the Borough. L. Heisey asked that the report reflect Mountville Borough in the title to avoid confusion. R. Spiegel asked if the party responsible for providing the drugs is local, the person is local.

Chief D. Gantz reviewed his report which included 50 calls for January and February 2020. The 2020 Fund Drive already has had 14 donations for a total of \$3,500.00. A church dedicated a Sunday service collection to the Fire Company which accounts for a portion of the total. A 2020 spending plan has been provided for Council's review. Mayor Kresge asked if the Fire Company offers installation of smoke detectors. Chief Gantz reported the Fire Company does not have funding available for multiple installations but installs the units occasionally. Mayor Kresge if there are education programs in place in the school system. Most elementary school programs have ceased, due in part to security concerns. The Fire Company has programs for preschools and childcare centers available.

R. Spiegel noted that the Fire Company has an accidental death insurance policy has been financed by Council for the last several years. The plan is a three-year policy totaling \$2,060.00. R. Spiegel moved to pay the \$2,060.00 premium to Provident Agency, Inc. on behalf of the Fire Company. J. Hersh and C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

### **Public Safety – Planning/Zoning**

Chair J. Hersh reported that the curbside weed control is again available this year at the same single application rate of \$850. After discussion regarding number of treatments needed, J. Hersh moved to have one application at \$850.00. H. Morgan seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried. C. Eshleman asked if pre-emergent material could be used.

A minor stormwater plan has been received from D & R Charles Construction for 209 East New Street. The plan has been reviewed by the engineers and they have recommended approving the plan with two conditions. One for the use of a non-erosive sheet flow for runoff and one requiring proof of recording of the Operation and Maintenance agreement which must be received before a zoning permit can be issued. J. Hersh moved to conditionally approve the minor stormwater plan. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

There weren't any zoning permits issued in February. There were two inoperable vehicles located at 117 Locust Road. One vehicle has been removed. The remaining vehicle must be removed by March 23, 2020 to avoid a Notice of Violation.

### **General Government**

Chair C. Eshleman reported that a Borough representative to the Lancaster Intermunicipal Committee is needed. Harry Morgan agreed to serve in this capacity. The secretary will report his participation and get details regarding upcoming meetings.

L. Heisey called attention to the new lighting and tile installation in the meeting room. L. Heisey stated he is very pleased with the public works staff involvement and time commitment to get the project properly completed.

### **Public Works – Streets**

Chair M. Aufer inquired about the procedure for snow removal, and his involvement in the process. M. Aufer will be given further information regarding the snow removal contract in place and the response time of the Borough staff.

Mayor Kresge referred to a prior complaint of snow being pushed on the sidewalks on Main Street when PennDot plows are clearing curb to curb. Mayor Kresge contacted Brett Miller and has been advised that PennDot would partner with the Borough in snow removal including payment for Borough staff plowing. Bill Davis, PennDot District Manager, will begin contract renewals in the spring for the next snow season and should be contacted if Council would be interested in the partnership.

### **Heath & Sanitation**

Chair H. Morgan reported that Pennsylvania will be putting guidelines in place for the coronavirus situation.

### **Parks & Recreation**

Chair J. Eastep reported that some minor repairs have been made at the Woodworks Park. Specifically, the suspension bridge has been repaired.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Kresge noted that the Fire Company Banquet is scheduled for this weekend. The recognition dinner held by Dayspring Christian Academy was held last weekend, but due to a family emergency he was unable to attend. P. Kresge will also be unavailable for the upcoming breakfast with Brett Miller.

### **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary reminded Council that they had given permission for the county's Active Transportation Advisory Committee to hold a meeting in the Borough Hall on Thursday, March 26, 2020 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Some Council members had previously offered to attend and take care of securing the building after the meeting. L. Heisey, H. Morgan or the Secretary will be available to do so.

### **Personnel Committee**

L. Heisey reported that copies of job descriptions for managers from other municipalities have been received and he will contact the Borough Solicitor to move forward with an ordinance allowing for the hiring of a manager when appropriate.

### **Miscellaneous**

L. Heisey reported that J. Eastep had sent photos of the conditions at the former Mountville Wallpaper Company. L. Heisey and the secretary held a phone conference with Kevin Hardy of the Federal Small Business Administration (SBA) which owns the property. The SBA has offered the property to the Borough at no cost. H. Morgan expressed concerns that the property is considered a "brown zone" and would be the responsibility of the Borough for the indefinite future. After some discussion regarding the offer, L. Heisey was authorized to have the Borough Solicitor investigate the choices available. It was suggested that the Borough may have the right to condemn the property forcing the SBA to demolish the building and secure the property.

There is another round of grants becoming available for stormwater management projects. After some discussion, H. Morgan moved to have Rettew Associates apply for any available grants on behalf of the Borough. R. Spiegel seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Council agreed to participate at the summer concert series on Sunday, June 7, 2020.

With no unfinished business, L Heisey entertained a motion to cancel the March 23, 2020, C. Eshleman moved to cancel the meeting, J. Hersh seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Gallery:**

Ron Freiberg  
Emma Heisey  
Emily Jones, LNP  
Steve Mitchell  
Karl Smith  
Judy Snyder