

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2020

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, May 11, 2020 beginning at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM Conferencing.

The following Council members participated: Richard D. Spiegel, Harry L. Morgan, Jesse Hersh, Council President Lenny D. Heisey, Christine D. Eshleman, Jonah Eastep and Matthew Auker. Also participating 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 by Council President Heisey at 7:00 p.m. President Heisey gave an invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

J. Hersh moved to accept the minutes of the April 27, 2020 meeting as distributed. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

R. Spiegel moved to accept the financial reports and fund distributions as presented. C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Safety – Police/Fire

Chair R. Spiegel acknowledged Chief Layden. Chief Layden reviewed the monthly report and noted that there were less calls in March and April. Chief Layden reported that unfortunately there were more domestic and child abuse reports during this period. An Officer will be assigned to the Food Truck Event sponsored by the Mountville Fire Company. This week is National Police Week, but as restrictions continue most of the usual events have been cancelled. Chief Layden is participating in a program taping the readings of books for elementary students to view. A request for traffic control assistance has been received from St. Paul's United Methodist Church which is planning a food distribution program for May 30, 2020. There will be approximately 100 vehicles picking up boxes of food between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Chief Layden will assign an officer to make contact and help with traffic control during the event as needed.

Chief D. Gantz reviewed the April report noting that there have been 90 calls for the year at this time.

Chief Gantz provided information regarding the Food Truck Event which is planned in place of the usual Mountville Days Carnival. The event is currently scheduled to include 10 vendors and will take place on Friday, May 15 from 4 – 8 p.m., Saturday, May 16 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 17 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be another fire company providing coverage so that members may participate in this fund-raising event. A 50/50 Drawing will take place at the closure of the event. There have been 6000 tickets sold to date.

R. Spiegel reported that a burn permit has been approved for 51 East New Street.

At this time, Council President Heisey recognized guests Jeremy and Preston Haines. Preston had requested Council approval for an Eagle Scout Project that would involve placing trash cans specific to dog waste in the Borough Parks.

Public works employee Dave Pott spoke with Jeremy Haines regarding the proposed project and noted that painting of both the pavilion eaves and picnic tables at the Community Park would be more helpful at this time. The proposal would include painting of the BBQ Pit in the same red color as the other park buildings. J. Eastep moved to accept the proposal. C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh reviewed the Zoning Officer's Report which included six zoning permits and one certificate of use and occupancy in April and three zoning permits and one building permit to date in May. Additionally, further action was not required for the inoperable vehicle at 117 Locust Road as it has been removed. A letter has been sent to the owners of 36 South Pearl Street regarding the inground pool which is not entirely enclosed. A response to the letter is requested by May 26, 2020.

J. Hersh reported that he has discussed the possibility of rental registrations and inspections with the Zoning Officer. C. Eshleman asked who would do the inspections and how often the inspections would take place. These details will need to be reviewed before a plan is in place, but the inspections would be through a third party much like the building inspections that are done for new construction. H. Morgan questioned the ability to determine which properties are rental properties. J. Hersh will do further investigating and report at the June 8, 2020 meeting.

General Government

Chair C. Eshleman introduced discussion of Resolution 2020 – 5. L. Heisey read an additional paragraph to the original Resolution used by other municipalities into the record. (The full Resolution is attached as part of these minutes.) This is in response to Governor Wolf's orders and states that Council supports the designation of Lancaster County to "Yellow Phase" from "Red Phase" on May 15, 2020. Council in general was in support of this resolution as the Borough is ready and meets the criteria established. Mayor P. Kresge does not approve of the paragraph added to the original resolution. C. Eshleman and R. Spiegel both stated that continuing in the "Red Phase" is not in the best interests of the Borough and Lancaster County in general. The Borough has complied with all guidelines established thus far. L. Heisey asked to entertain a motion to adopt the resolution with the added paragraph. C. Eshleman moved to adopt Resolution 2020 – 5 with the additional wording. J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Public Works – Streets

Chair M. Auker reported that the Borough street sweeping by Lancaster Township was completed today. The curb spraying for weed control will be done in the next two weeks.

M. Auker reported on the request for "Pedestrian Crossing" signs to be placed at North Church Street and West Main Street and at South Bridge Street and East Main Street. At the traffic lights, the cross walks have the use of buttons to change the traffic control to allow for pedestrians to cross. R. Spiegel recommended that the placement of bus stops also be considered. M. Auker will determine how many signs are needed and the cost.

Sam Meckley of Rettew is working to get quotes for repairs to both Bridge Street and Fridy Street. The Borough is requesting that the quotes be good through 2021.

M. Auker participated in a Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) webinar related to forecasting the need for street projects.

M. Auker reported that the traffic signal at College Avenue and Clay Street was damaged by a box truck negotiating the corner. The driver of the truck denied causing the damage. Council was in consensus that the light needs repaired, and that Signal Service should be contacted.

Public Works – Health/Sanitation

Chair H. Morgan asked if Council has heard from residents regarding yard waste collection. The trash haulers, Waste Management of Lancaster, are refusing to take bags of grass clippings as yard waste although the bags were taken the first five weeks of yard waste collection. H. Morgan will contact Waste Management with the Borough's concerns.

Parks & Recreation

Chair J. Eastep reported that the party who had reserved the large pavilion on May 30, 2020 for a child's birthday party has requested a refund of the \$50.00 previously paid. Council was in consensus to refund the fee.

The swale installed by the Borough at the community park has filled and is creating a runoff onto properties located on North Church Street. Rettew had previously provided recommendations to improve the swale. L. Heisey recommends that the Borough public works staff restore the swale to its original condition as was recently done at Lockard Park. The staff will be asked to address this as time allows.

The status of the Hempfield Area Recreation Commission's Summer Playground Program as well as pavilion rentals in the community park will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the June 8, 2020 Council Meeting.

Old Business

There is not any old business for discussion.

Mayor's Report

Mayor P. Kresge reported that the annual World Day of Prayer hosted by St. Anne's Retirement Community was cancelled this year. Mayor Kresge also reported that the Summer Concert Series held at the Mountville Church of the Brethren has been cancelled for 2020.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary had nothing new to report.

Personnel Committee

The proposed Ordinance #296, establishing the position of Borough Manager, was properly advertised on Monday, May 4, 2020. C. Eshleman moved to adopt Ordinance #296, R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried. C. Eshleman asked if a full job description is in place. P. Kresge asked how soon the position is expected to be started. L. Heisey read the proposed advertisement for the position for Council's thoughts. P. Kresge stated that he feels a full job description should be prepared. L. Heisey feels that the duties specific to the Ordinance are acceptable. C. Eshleman asked if a starting point salary has been considered and recommended checking with other municipalities. C. Eshleman moved to advertise the position, H. Morgan seconded the motion. The advertisement will be placed in the newspaper for one week.

Miscellaneous

The county Election Board has been notified that St. Paul's United Methodist Church will not be available for the primary scheduled for June 2, 2020 and requested use of the Borough Hall as a suitable polling place. Council was in consensus that the request should be accommodated. H. Morgan asked that the offices be closed that day.

H. Morgan moved to cancel the May 25, 2020 Council Meeting as we celebrate Memorial Day that Monday. J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

With no further business R. Spiegel moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery:

Emily Jones, LNP

Jeremy & Preston Haines