

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2020

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, June 8, 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, Jonah Eastep and Matthew Auker. Also attending were West Hempfield Township Police Chief Lisa Layden, Mountville Fire Company #1 Deputy Chief Andrew Kalbach and Pamela J. Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer. Mayor Philip S. Kresge was absent.

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 May 11, 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 recognized West Hempfield Township Police Chief L. Layden who proceeded to review the May report. Chief Layden noted that charges were filed for two child abuse cases in the Borough and reported that she has been in discussion with R. Spiegel regarding the current situation in Lancaster City and the role that West Hempfield Township Police have taken. L. Heisey asked if there could be a greater police presence at the rear entrance to Froelich Park as there has been some suspicious activity reported. This would be the entrance from the rear of the park off Ruby Street. Chief Layden also reported that there has been an arrest related to a drug delivery that resulted in death.

Deputy Chief A. Kalbach noted that Council had received the Chief’s May report which included 23 calls for service. A. Kalbach addressed the 431 hours of non-emergency time listed in the report which was volunteer time preparing for and working at the Food Truck Fund Raiser. The fund raiser was successful and raised nearly 80% of the funds raised in 2019 at the Mountville Days Carnival. It also served as a means for the public to get acquainted with some of the company members. The Fire Company will be holding a “live” meeting this evening. The 2020 fund drive will begin within the next few weeks.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh reviewed the Zoning Officer’s report which included six zoning permits, three building permits and one certificate of occupancy.

#2154	209 East New Street	Duplex home	\$921.50
#2167	18 East Hoover Street	Fence	\$ 50.00
#2168	1 East Hoover Street	Chicken Coop	\$ 35.00
#2169	3640 Clear Stream Drive	Replace deck/add stairs	\$ 92.10

#2170	216 Providence Place	Deck	\$113.00
#2173	142 East Main Street	Garage	\$ 96.00

J. Hersh reported he has been in discussion with the Zoning Officer regarding the implementation of rental property registrations. The office staff is composing a list of known rental properties and when appropriate, Rettew could prepare the ordinance required. Ordinances from some other municipalities will be reviewed. The proposal would require yearly registration fees with inspections bi-yearly per unit. A third-party inspection agency would do the inspections and be paid directly by the property owner.

General Government

Chair C. Eshleman noted that Lancaster County has been moved to the “yellow” stage of operation related to the COVID-19 Pandemic and asked if Council thought it would be appropriate to rescind the Emergency Declaration. L. Heisey stated that he did not see a negative to retaining the Emergency Declaration until the county has been determined to be “green”, in the event the emergency status may still be needed. Council was in consensus and the decision will be tabled until the next meeting.

C. Eshleman reported that construction has started in West Hempfield Township on the Americold project. The project should have little or no impact on the Borough.

Public Works – Streets

Chair M. Auker reviewed a proposal to purchase Crosswalk/Pedestrian signs for two designated crosswalks that are difficult to safely navigate. These crosswalks are at the intersection of West Main Street and Church Street and at East Main Street and Bridge Street. Four signs would be needed at a cost of approximately \$600.00. M. Auker moved to purchase the signage and any post kits needed at a cost not to exceed \$650.00. H. Morgan seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

The damaged traffic signal at College Avenue and Clay Street has been repaired. The Borough’s deductible of \$250.00 was met and the insurance provider paid the remaining \$147.32 of the repair bill.

Public Works – Health/Sanitation

Chair H. Morgan reported a rebate of \$2,212.07 for 216.87 tons of trash has been received. H. Morgan has received some negative comments from residents regarding the services provided by Waste Management and asked if other Council members had heard of any comments or complaints.

Parks & Recreation

Chair J. Eastep reported that the Mountville Youth Athletic Association (MYAA) plans to begin their baseball season on Monday, June 22, 2020. J. Eastep will further review the possibility of clearing the swale in the community park and will review the project with the public works employees.

C. Eshleman reported on a request from the MYAA received in 2019 for some regrading of the field at the community park. No action will be taken at this time.

The parks have reopened to the public and an email alert will be sent notifying residents.

Old Business

There is no old business for discussion.

Mayor's Report

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

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported the staff will celebrate the July 4th holiday on Friday, July 3, 2020.

Personnel Committee

L. Heisey asked the personnel committee to review the applications received for the Manager position and be prepared to choose those that would be most appropriate for the committee to interview in July or August.

Miscellaneous

L. Heisey will be out of town for a month beginning June 19, 2020 and will be working for another company upon his return. L. Heisey provided Council with his new contact information. C. Eshleman will be available to lead meetings and will be accessible for any concerns that may arise during his absence.

H. Morgan moved to cancel the meeting of June 22, 2020, J. Hersh seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery:

Steve Mitchell