

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2020

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, August 10, 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 Chief Dean R. Gantz, Jr., Mayor Philip S. Kresge and Pamela J. Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order by Council President L. Heisey at 7:00 p.m. who gave an invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

R. Spiegel moved to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2020 meeting as distributed. C. Eshleman seconded the motion, Council was in accord and the motion carried.

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

At this time, President Heisey recognized residents Chad and Nicole Rieker, 1 East Hoover Street. C. and N. Rieker expressed their concern regarding the volume of traffic and the speeds of traffic on Hoover Street. They purchased a radar detector and did research to conduct a traffic study. This study was presented to Council (see attachment to minutes). Mr. & Mrs. Rieker requested that traffic be denied in some form, such as signage that states, "No Thoroughfare" or speed tables. T. Birdner of 29 North Manor Street spoke, he also has concerns with the volume and speed of the traffic but does not understand how you can deny traffic traveling on Borough streets. L. Heisey asked Chief Layden if a patrol car could be parked somewhere on the street. Chief Layden stated it is unlikely she could have someone there at this time as there are currently two officers off work, in quarantine. R. Spiegel asked if there might be a way to make the use of Hoover Street less desirable. S. Mitchell, 30 Park Avenue, stated that there are already multiple vehicles that travel on North Lemon Street to Park Avenue and then use North Church Street to return to Hoover Street. In addition, many of those vehicles do not obey the stop signs. Mayor Kresge stated that Hoover Street has had this ongoing problem for many years and speed tables may be the only viable option. A possible solution may be speed tables that are portable and could be removed for plowing and other maintenance. L. Heisey asked M. Auker to address this option with Rettew. L. Heisey thanked T. Birdner and C. and N. Rieker for attending.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Safety – Police/Fire

Chair R. Spiegel recognized West Hempfield Township Police Chief Lisa Layden at this time. Chief Layden reviewed the July report and informed Council that she will provide a year-end report.

Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief Dean Gantz reviewed the July report which included 28 calls for the month. Donations for the annual Fund Drive have started to be received and the current balance is \$6,500.00. The two food truck events raised nearly as much money as the 2019 Mountville Day's Carnival.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chair J. Hersh reviewed the Zoning Officer’s Report which included four zoning permits, four certificates of use and occupancy and zero building permits.

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| #2157 | 19 East New Street | Child Group Day Care | \$70.00 |
| #2181 | 50 Pennridge Avenue | Fence | \$58.50 |
| #2183 | 57 Spring Hill Lane | Paver Patio | \$56.00 |
| #2184 | 298 Spring Hill Lane | Stamped Concrete Patio | \$60.00 |

J. Hersh reported that work continues in the development of rental property registration. The list currently available will be provided to Sam Meckley and a draft of the ordinance should be ready by September.

There is currently a vacancy on the Unified Construction Code (UCC) Board of Appeals. J. Hersh offered to fill this vacancy. Council was in consensus.

General Government

Chair C. Eshleman reported that some preliminary work has been done for the 2021 Budget. Some items, such as the trash contract fees, will not be available before the end of September. C. Eshleman asked Council members to give thought to any major financial needs planned for 2021.

C. Eshleman reported that the annual contract with Diversified Technology needs to be renewed. This contract provides the service and remote back up of the utility billing system. C. Eshleman moved to renew the contract at a cost of \$895.00, J. Hersh seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Public Works – Streets

Chair M. Auker addressed the concern expressed by the Public Works staff regarding the safety of maintaining Spring Street, particularly when plowing. The use of a mirror to aid in viewing oncoming traffic is being investigated but closure of the street permanently is not an option. Council will consider if the street should be closed when winter weather occurs with signage placed at College Avenue and Oak Road.

A request for streetlights on Clay Street has been received. There are some streetlights close to the park and Borough garage driveway as well as at the Mountville Area Community Center. Council was asked to take a drive on Clay Street after dark to help determine if there is a need for more streetlights.

M. Auker reported on the planned street projects. The public works staff with Sam Meckley will meet with paving contractors to examine Bridge Street and Fridy Street. That meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2020. M. Auker spoke to a new contact at CNH regarding the Fridy Street project. CNH is not willing to expend any funds to help with the paving and is concerned that the project will not be completed in the spring of 2021. M. Auker reported that it was recommended to have the public works staff address the badly damaged portion of Fridy Street with cold patch now to prevent as much further damage as possible from winter weather conditions. M. Auker made a motion to have the staff use cold patch, not to exceed \$1,000.00 for these partial repairs. C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

M. Auker noted that several emails and phone calls were received during and after the heavy rain that occurred on Friday, August 7, 2020.

Public Works – Health/Sanitation

Chair H. Morgan reported that a check in the amount of \$2,666.59 has been received from Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority for a hauler rebate.

Parks & Recreation

Chair J. Eastep reported that the Borough staff will begin the restoration of the Community Park swale on August 24, 2020, weather permitting. Preston Haines, who proposed an Eagle Scout project of painting at the pavilions, will start his project on August 28, 2020.

Old Business

There is no old business for discussion.

Mayor's Report

Mayor P. Kresge had nothing to report.

Secretary's Report

The secretary has nothing new to report.

Personnel Committee

The personnel committee will conduct interviews for the Manager's position and report their recommendation to the rest of Council at the meeting of August 24, 2020.

Miscellaneous

Several individuals have questioned if the community yard sale will take place this year. The community event which is intended to allow residents to hold a single yard sale per year without the benefit of a permit will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020.

Karl Smith, 122 Froelich Avenue, thanked Council for the mowing that is being done at the vacant Mountville Wallpaper Company. K. Smith noted that it is a great improvement.

Barry Gilbert, 36 South Pearl Street, addressed a letter he received from the Borough's Zoning Officer. Mr. Gilbert stated that he was threatened with fines if the standing water on his pool cover was not removed. Mr. Gilbert also stated that he has had a pool since 1984 that has never been completely enclosed by a fence. He has bushes, shrubs and a pool house that contains the pool from the public. He had considered seeking a Zoning Hearing but felt that the \$600.00 fee was entirely too high compared to the cost of installing the fence as required. Mr. Gilbert asked for the name of whoever made a complaint. L. Heisey informed Mr. Gilbert that the Borough does not have someone who spends

time looking for violations and problems and that action is only taken when a complaint has been lodged. Complaints that are made anonymously are not pursued.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery:

Tim Birdner
Barry Gilbert
Emily Jones, LNP
Steve Mitchell
Chad and Nicole Rieker
Karl Smith