

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 14, 2021**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, June 14, 2021, at 1900 hrs. in the Mountville Borough Hall at 21 E. Main Street, Mountville, PA 17554

The following Council members were present:

- President Lenny D. Heisey, Vice President Christine Eshleman, Matthew Auker, Jonah Eastep, Jesse Hersh, Richard Spiegel, and Mayor Phil Kresge. Councilman Harry Morgan was absent.
- Also, present were West Hempfield Township Police Sgt. Doug Ober, Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief Dean Gantz, and Borough Manager Derrick Millhouse.

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs. by Council President L. Heisey who then gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing for Comcast franchise renewal**

- At 1901 hrs., President Heisey opened a Public Hearing for the Comcast franchise agreement, which is due for renewal. Having no representatives present from Comcast, and no interested persons from the public wishing to speak on the matter, the public hearing was closed at 1903 hrs.

**Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports**

- J. Hersh moved to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting as distributed. R. Spiegel 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.

**Public Safety – Police/Fire**

Chairperson – Richard D. Spiegel

- The Chair recognized West Hempfield Township Police Sgt. D. Ober. Ober reviewed the May 2021 report which had been distributed. He discussed a speed study which was conducted on Clay St. during the previous month and informed Council WHTPD would step up efforts during the times where the most violations occurred.
- The Chair recognized Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief Gantz. Chief Gantz reviewed the May 2021 monthly report stating that the department responded to 20 calls for service during the month bringing the year-to-date total at 133 calls for service.
  - The Fire Company fund drive stands at \$2,237.00 year to date. Fund drive letters will go out soon.
  - This year's carnival netted the Fire Company a total profit of \$40,278.23. This was well above the average profit from previous years. Chief Gantz explained this was probably due to the public's reaction to the pandemic restrictions being lifted and mentioned this will probably not be sustainable in the future.

- The Chair mentioned the agreement for medical service provided by Penn State Health Life Lion, LLC, was signed by all parties and is in effect.
- The Chair opened the floor to any further discussion in regard to the Fire Tax, explaining it would probably be discussed in more detail at the July meeting. There was no further discussion at this time.

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

Chairperson – Jesse D. Hersh

- The Chair reported that 1 building permit and 6 zoning permits were issued.
 

○ #2214	28 E. New St.	Construct shed dormer and remodel	\$ 125.10
○ #2221	198 Rockford Sq.	Construct shed	\$ 35.00
○ #2222	129 Ruby St	Permit extension for addition	\$ 70.40
○ #2223	201 Sylvan Retreat Rd	12 linear feet of fencing	\$ 35.00
○ #2224	9 E. Main St.	Pave 30'x30' driveway	\$ 35.00
○ #2225	501 Hillside Dr.	Enlarge patio to 18'x20'	\$ 52.00
○ #2226	52 Pennridge Ave.	90 linear feet of fencing	\$ 35.00
- The Chair discussed several properties in violation of the Grass, Weeds and Vegetation ordinance. The Borough Manager will contact these owners by mail, and if no response or action is taken, the Borough will contract a mowing service to mow the property at the owner's expense.
- Mountville Planning Commission had nothing new for review.

### **General Government**

Chairperson – Christine D. Eshleman

- The Chair noted the Shentel agreement is in place and there is a meeting scheduled with zoning to begin the engineering design of the infrastructure.
- The Chair noted we have still not received any letters of interest for the open position with the Borough Authority.
- The Chair noted the public hearing for the Comcast franchise agreement was held earlier in the meeting. Voting on the contract renewal will be tabled to a later date.
- The Chair asked Manager Millhouse for an update on the military banners. Millhouse explained the current hanging banners will be replaced first, but the remaining banners will have to await permission from the utility.
- The Chair deferred to Manager Millhouse for the explanation of an ARPA/LFRF grant, which the Borough has applied.
  - This is the money available from the Federal Government for COVID relief which was distributed from the Federal Government to each of the States. The States are distributing the money to each municipality within the state, for distribution to the end users at their discretion.
  - Manager Millhouse provided the Council with the criteria for disbursement.
  - The Borough will be receiving \$297,982.82. It will be distributed in two separate payments.

### **Public Works – Streets**

Chairperson – Matthew T. Auken

- The Chair gave updates on projects in the works:
  - The Main and Manor project for signal lights – No Update
  - Line painting is complete on Hoover St.
  - ARLE Grant – Rettew is working on it. There will be required information that the Borough will need to furnish to Rettew.
    - Deadline for submittal is July 1, 2021.
  - Paving projects are complete on Bridge St. and at Fridy St.
    - Line striping will need to be considered and completed.
  - Commerce St. has been patched.
  - Backhoe repairs have been completed.
    - The emergency brake may need replaced. This was not part of the original repair.
  - Street sweeping was completed.

### **Public Works – Health/Sanitation**

Chairperson – Harry L. Morgan

- President Heisey acknowledged the absence of Chairperson Morgan. President Heisey explained there are 41 trash accounts which are now overdue.
  - Councilperson Spiegel moved to send the 41 overdue trash accounts for collection. Councilman Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

### **Parks & Recreation**

Chairperson – Jonah M. Eastep

- The Chair advised Council that we were still in need of a representative to serve on the Hempfield Area Recreation Commission. The Chair sent Councilperson Morgan information on the job duties for the position but has not heard back.
- The Chair advised Council that there are no updates for the Spring Hill Park MS4 project.
- The Chair advised Council that there is no update for the DCNR grant for the Mountville Community Park Rehabilitation Project. Council should be notified by early fall as to whether or not the Borough's proposal is accepted and monies awarded.
- The Chair updated Council on the wood works playground, located at the Community Park.
  - A meeting was held with the community to get their ideas. The ideas gathered at the meeting can be used to help finalize the design of the park.
  - A small discussion followed about how to get the community more involved.
- The Chair informed council the small pavilion roof is still in need of repair or possible replacement.

- Two estimates received. Shea Roofing and Greenawalt Roofing both bid the project. The pricing for both a repair and a full replacement from both contractors was announced.
  - A discussion followed and it was decided to seek more bidders on the project in the hopes we may find a lower price to perform the work.
  - A determination will also be made by the Borough Manager as to how old the current roof is, and if the entire roof is in need of repair.
- The Lantern Flies are back. The Council discussed the preferred methods of trapping them.
    - General consensus was that the tape is the preferred method.
    - Councilperson Eastep moved to purchase Lantern Fly trap supplies for an amount not to exceed \$500.00. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Eshleman. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

### **Old Business**

- No old business to discuss.

### **New Business**

- President Heisey mentioned the milling at the VFW park had been spread and a topcoat of stone was needed to complete the parking lot project. The cost of stoning the top of the parking lot was estimated to cost between \$1,500.00 and \$2,000.00 depending on the number of loads required. Manager Millhouse expected the final amount to be on the low end of the estimate.
  - Councilperson Hersh moved to purchase enough 2A modified stone to complete the parking lot project at the VFW park for an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. Councilperson Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion passed.

### **Mayor's Report**

- The Mayor reported we will be down one full time crossing guard and one part time crossing guard for the 2021-2022 school year.
  - There was a brief discussion about possible options for the Borough in the future.
- The Mayor suggested Neil Herr's name be added to the Honor for Service plaque in the borough hall.
  - President Heisey moved to add Neil Herr to the wall plaque. Councilperson Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion passed.
- The Mayor would like to organize a community group to be able to exchange information, ideas, events and fundraisers with each other. He believes this would help inform the residents of Mountville of the happenings in Mountville, as well as increase attendance to organizations' events.
  - The biggest concern from Council was to make sure the Borough is kept separate from the leadership of the group, so there are no concerns of favoritism from the community.

### **Manager's Report**

- Manager Millhouse referred to his report as distributed to Council earlier. Millhouse informed Council the addition of Pam Mitchell in a parttime role has been invaluable.

### **Executive Session**

- Borough Council entered into executive session at 2027 hrs. to discuss a personnel matter. All persons were asked to step outside of the borough chamber until the executive session ended.
- Executive session ended at 2049 hrs. All persons who were present for the meeting prior to the session had left the premises. The regular meeting was then reconvened.
  - Councilperson Eshelman moved to increase the pay rate of Public Works employee Edward Benner to \$22.18/hr., retroactive to June 1, 2021. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Spiegel. Council was in accord and the motion passed.

### Miscellaneous

- President Heisey made a motion to cancel the June 28, 2021, Borough Council Meeting. Seconded by C. Eshleman. Council was in accord and the motion passed.
- Mayor Kresge reminded the Council of the fireworks July 3, 2021, with a July 10, 2021 rain date.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 2054 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Derrick J. Millhouse  
Secretary/Treasurer

### Gallery:

Steve Mitchell  
Karl Smith