

MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2021

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 1900 hrs. in the Mountville Borough Hall at 21 E. Main Street, Mountville, PA 17554.

The following Council members were present:

- Vice President Christine Eshleman, Jesse Hersh, Jonah Eastep and Richard Spiegel. President Lenny D. Heisey, Matt Auker, Harry Morgan, and Mayor Phil Kresge were 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 Vice President C. Eshleman who then gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports

- *R. Spiegel moved to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2021, meeting as distributed.* J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- *J. Hersh moved to accept the financial reports and fund distributions as presented.* R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Vice President Eshleman addressed the visitors in the room. She advised that at any time during the meeting if anyone wished to be heard, they could stand, state their name and address, and then address the Council.

Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Project Presentation

Bradley Stewart – Eagle Scout

- Bradley addressed Council, requesting to revitalize certain areas of the Spring Hill Park for his final Eagle Scout project. In his presentation, Bradley explained his project would include refinishing several benches, a picnic table and the pedestrian bridge located in the park. He also requested permission to repaint the lines on the basketball court, which are barely visible at this time. The project would be at no cost to the Borough, and Bradley revealed he had already raised the funds to complete the project. There was a question regarding the Lions Club bench and Council requested Bradley contact the Lions Club for the Club's wishes with the bench. The Council agreed to allow Bradley to perform his Eagle Scout project, and Vice President Eshleman signed his permission slip to do so. Bradley will provide the Borough with a copy of his plan for the Borough files.

Public Safety – Police/Fire

Chairperson – Richard D. Spiegel

- The Chair recognized West Hempfield Township Police Sgt. Doug Ober. Ober reviewed the July 2021 report which had been distributed.
 - Sgt. Ober discussed an increase of fraudulent complaints with the unemployment office.
 - National Night out was a success and was well attended.

- The Chair recognized Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief Gantz. Chief Gantz reviewed the July 2021 monthly report stating that the department responded to 33 calls for service during the month bringing the year-to-date total at 190 calls for service.
 - The Fire Company fund drive stands at approximately \$14,000.00 year to date.
 - No word from the Federal Grant for new radios.
 - Chief Gantz requested permission to close a portion of Lemon St. and Hazel St. for a fundraising event on Saturday, September 11, 2021.
 - *R. Spiegel motioned to allow the Mountville Fire Co. to temporarily close a portion of Lemon St. from Cherry to Hoover and all of Hazel St., on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 8am-8pm . J. Hersh seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*
- The Chair discussed the proposal for a fire tax. Councilperson Spiegel requested any comments, questions, or concerns on the proposed fire tax, which would be adapted from the Marietta Borough tax ordinance, which is very similar to the ordinance we would propose.
 - C. Eshleman mentioned the solicitor should review and adapt Marietta’s ordinance to meet the needs of Mountville Borough.
 - J. Hersh mentioned he would welcome input from the public at future meetings.
 - *R. Spiegel motioned to submit a copy of Marietta Borough’s fire tax ordinance to the Mountville Borough solicitor to develop an ordinance, for a fire tax, for Mountville Borough, utilizing a 0.66 mil rate. C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chairperson – Jesse D. Hersh

- Chair J. Hersh reported that 5 permits were issued.

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| ○ #2230 | 192 Church St. | Keeping of chickens | \$ 35.00 |
| ○ #2231 | 85 Rockford Rd. | Addition to existing deck | \$ 244.50 |
| ○ #2232 | 18 Park Ave. | Keeping of chickens | \$ 35.00 |
| ○ #2233 | 24 E. New St. | 6’ high fencing | \$ 35.00 |
| ○ #2234 | 24 E. New St. | Shed Installation | \$ 35.00 |
- Code Enforcement.
 - 156 E. New St. is now being maintained by the bank. Invoices for mowing have been sent for reimbursement.
 - 18 Park Ave. for keeping chickens without a permit.
 - 192 Church St. for keeping chickens without a permit.
 - 93 Village Drive for accumulation of refuse.
 - 51 S. Manor St. for uncovered/unmaintained in-ground pool.
- The planning commission had nothing to review

General Government

Chairperson – Christine D. Eshleman

- The Chair noted there was no update in regard to the ARPA/LFRF grant.
- The Chair noted we have still not received any letters of interest for the open position with the Borough Authority.
 - The Chair asked Manager Millhouse to reach out to the Authority to see if they have any interest.

- The VFW is requesting a donation from the Borough to offset some of the cost of the honorary banners.
 - The request was tabled until the September meeting to determine where the money could come from in the budget.

Public Works – Streets

Chairperson – Matthew T. Auker

- Vice President Eshleman gave updates on projects in the works:
 - The Main and Manor project for signal lights – No Update
 - ARLE Grant – No Update
- Weed control will be performed within the next few weeks.
- Road sealing – No Update
- Crosswalks - Manger Millhouse reported we would not be permitted to create a mid-block crosswalk on main street without PennDot approval. We could put a crosswalk at Oak Rd., but we would need to create an accessible access onto the sidewalk on the opposite side. All other crosswalks at intersections would be able to be done with piano key style walks, as long as they were performed within the State’s specifications. Contractors have been contacted for pricing, but there is a shortage of paint, and painting may be delayed because of it.
- PennDot snow removal agreement – The agreement is up for renewal. The Borough will receive \$8773.16 for the upcoming 2021-2022 season if renewed.
 - *J. Hersh motioned to renew the PennDot snow removal contract for the 2021-2022 winter season. R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

Public Works – Health/Sanitation

Chairperson – Harry L. Morgan

- Vice President Eshleman advised Council the Waste Management contract is under review by Waste Management to see if they wish to agree to the contract extension. We are awaiting a response from them.
- 3rd quarter overdue trash accounts were sent second notices.

Parks & Recreation

Chairperson – Jonah M. Eastep

- Spring Hill Project – No Update
- No update on the DCNR grant.
- No update on the playground at the Borough Park.
- The chair informed Council there was a mathematical error with the bids submitted for the small pavilion roof repair. The Zimmerman bid was approved last month but was miscalculated by \$590.00. Council discussed the issue and confirmed even with the increase in actual bid, Zimmerman was still the cheapest “apples to apples” bid.
 - *R. Spiegel motioned to approve \$4,730.00 to contract Brian K. Zimmerman to repair the small pavilion roof at the Borough community park. J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

- Community Picnic
 - Plans are in motion. Vision church is going to have a Jenga table and WHTPD will have a presence, in addition to the Lions Club. Still waiting to hear back from other community members.
- Borough Park Use Contract – Manager Millhouse explained to Council that after discussion with Attny Zuke, it was determined a Use Contract is needed for the use of the borough sports facilities at the Borough parks. A use agreement would limit liability on the Borough should anything happen during the use of the facilities by another organization.
- Playground equipment refinishing – The playground equipment is in need of a coat of paint. Millersville University is looking for a project for Lancaster’s Day of Caring Event, on Saturday, September 11, 2021. They would be willing to refinish/paint the equipment as part of that event. The Borough would purchase the paint and supplies and MU would provide the labor.
 - *J. Eastep motioned to approve the purchase of paint and supplies for an amount not to exceed \$500.00 for refinishing the equipment at the Borough Community Park.* R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Old Business

- No old business to discuss.

New Business

- The 2022 budget talks will begin next month. Vice President Eshleman advised Council to bring their ideas to the next meeting or submit them to Manager Millhouse ahead of the meeting.
- The 2017 Ford PW truck is in need of some body repair. After some discussion, Council asked Manager Millhouse to come back to Council at the next meeting with three (3) repair estimates.
- The air compressor at the maintenance garage has ceased working. There are no more parts available for the unit.
 - Three prices were obtained for similar units. They are as follows:
 - Husky 30-gallon vertical compressor - \$569.00
 - Craftsman 30-gallon vertical compressor - \$569.00
 - DeWalt 30-gallon vertical compressor - \$579.00
 - After some discussion, it was agreed the DeWalt was probably of better quality than the other two brands.
 - *C. Eshleman motioned to approve the purchase of the DeWalt 30 Gallon air compressor for an amount not to exceed \$600.00.* J. Hersh seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Mayor’s Report

- Vice President Eshleman reported that Mayor Kresge updated the job description for the position of crossing guard. A copy of the updated description was distributed to Council prior to the meeting.
 - *R. Spiegel motioned to approve the updated job description for school crossing guard as presented to Council.* J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- Vice President Eshleman brought to Council two interested candidates for the position of substitute school crossing guard. Those applicants are Lisa Day and Brenda Eichelman.
 - *C. Eshleman motioned to accept the applications for employment as substitute crossing guards for Lisa Day and Brenda Eichelman, pending their successful background checks.* J. Hersh seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Manager's Report

- Manager Millhouse referred to his report as distributed.

Miscellaneous

- *R. Spiegel made a motion to cancel the August 23, 2021, Borough Council Meeting.* J. Hersh seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2010 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Derrick J. Millhouse
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery:

Steve Mitchell
Bradley Stewart
Sis George
Derik Shelor
Monique MacKenney
Dean Evans