

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 8, 2021**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, November 8, 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, Jonah Eastep, Jesse Hersh, Richard Spiegel, Matt Auker, and Mayor Phil Kresge. Harry Morgan was absent.
- Also, present were West Hempfield Township Police Sgt. D. 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.

**Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports**

- *R. Spiegel moved to accept the minutes of the October 25, 2021, meeting as distributed.* C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- *J. Hersh moved to accept the financial reports and fund distributions as presented.* C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

President Heisey addressed the visitors in the room. He 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.

**West Hempfield Township Police Dept.**

Sgt. D. Ober

- Introduced Council to two of their recently hired officers, Ofc. Geoffrey Hohman and Ofc. Ruhama Lamure.

**Mountville Lions Club**

Jeff Weinman

- Presented a letter from the Lions Club organization asking for consideration for ARPA funding to offset the lost revenue during the COVID restrictions. The letter included a list of fundraising activities which were cancelled and the average income lost for each event.
- Also, he advised Council there will be a food drive on December 7, 2021.

**Public Safety – Police/Fire**

Chairperson – Richard D. Spiegel

- The Chair recognized West Hempfield Township Police Sgt. D. Ober. Sgt. Ober reviewed the October 2021 report which had been distributed.
  - Sgt. Ober also informed Council there will be a few officers retiring soon and they are actively looking to hire replacements.

- The Chair recognized Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief Gantz. Chief Gantz reviewed the October 2021 monthly report stating that the department responded to 41 calls for service during the month bringing the year-to-date total at 291 calls for service.
  - The Fire Company fund drive stands at approximately \$39,142.00 year to date.
  - The Department is looking to reapply for grant money to purchase new radios.

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

Chairperson – Jesse D. Hersh

- Chair J. Hersh reported that 5 permits were issued for period October 9, 2021 to present:
 

○ #2248	311 S. Manor St.	Replace patio and walk	\$ 87.00
○ #2249	150 E. New St.	Addition and Alterations	\$ 429.50
○ #2250	13/15 E. Main St.	Concrete driveway	\$ 35.00
○ #2251	283 Hill St.	Garage extension	\$ 596.10
○ #2252	129 Ruby St.	Concrete walkway	\$ 35.00
- Code Enforcement for the month of October.
  - Follow-ups are in progress
- The Planning Commission had nothing to review.
- The Zoning Hearing Board had nothing to review.

### **General Government**

Chairperson – Christine D. Eshleman

- There is no update for distribution of the ARPA funding.
- A perspective appointment was contacted for the HARC board, but there is no recommendation at this time.
- There are several appointed positions which will need filled for 2022. These include the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board (2 vacancies), the LASA Board and the Vacancy Board.

### **Public Works – Streets**

Chairperson – Matthew T. Auker

- The Main and Manor project for signal lights:
  - ARLE Grant – The Borough should be contacted before the end of the year.
  - An application for the Green Light Go grant will be submitted in the event the ARLE grant is not successful.
- Fridy Street Stormwater: Rettew has begun work on the design.
- School Zone sign repair – Should be completed by month's end
- Road sealing – The majority of the work which is needed is in Summit Hills. There is less work required this year, then in the last few years.
  - *M. Auker motioned to hire Brenneman and Son to seal roadways which require sealing at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00. J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

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

Chairperson – Harry L. Morgan (absent)

- Kraft Bags – The Borough supply is running extremely low and will run out of bags prior to the end of the leaf collection season. East Petersburg Borough does have some extra bags that can be purchased from them at the same cost which they purchased them in January, which is approx. \$0.42/bag.
  - *C. Eshleman motioned to purchase 2,000 bags from East Petersburg Borough at a cost not to exceed \$850.00. R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

### **Parks & Recreation**

Chairperson – Jonah M. Eastep

- Spring Hill Project – Planning and design in progress.
- No update on the DCNR grant.
- No update on the playground at the Borough Park.
- Ballfield Use Agreement – Dayspring has signed the agreement for use of the Borough Park.

### **Unfinished Business**

- 2022 budget discussion –
  - Rental fees for the Pavilions were revisited to have a more accurate budget number.
    - *C. Eshleman motioned to set the pavilion fees for the Borough Park at the following rates; Resident: \$50.00 flat rate large pavilion, \$40.00 flat rate small pavilion; Non-resident: \$100.00 flat rate large pavilion, \$70.00 flat rate small pavilion. R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*
  - Trash fees were discussed to set a more accurate budget number.
    - \$286,000 is the approximate total cost for collection of waste, which includes collection, tipping fees, supplies and special collections.
    - The Manager discussed different rate fees per quarter with Council and the total amount of income which would be generated from each rate.
    - *C. Eshleman motioned to increase our trash collection fee to \$65.00/quarter/unit beginning January 1, 2022. R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*
  - Salary increases were discussed and a budget number determined.
  - Energy costs will increase because our electricity supply contract will expire in 2022. A projected increase in cost was distributed among the buildings, parks, and highways budget.
  - Insurance increases were discussed, specifically worker's compensation costs.
  - *C. Eshleman motioned to have the Borough Manager place an advertisement in the newspaper to advertise the budget vote at the December meeting to adopt the 2022 budget. J. Hersh seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

### **New Business**

- Energy costs are rising and an energy broker from Mantis Innovation has contacted the Borough to become the broker for the Borough's energy costs. The Manager was asked to get more information and speak with other suppliers and brokers to find a suitable program and rate.

### **Mayor's Report**

- R. Lehman is back on the corner on crossing guard duty.

- The Mayor's Association lunch will be held at the Square Mile on November 10, 2021. Mountville is the host for this meeting.

#### **Manager's Report**

- Manager Millhouse referred to his report as distributed.

#### **Personnel Committee Report**

- Manager's contract will need to be renewed.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Re-organization meeting will be January 3, 2022 at 1800 hrs.
- *J. Hersh motioned to cancel the scheduled November 22, 2021 Council Meeting.* C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2049 hrs.**

Respectfully submitted,

Derrick J. Millhouse  
Secretary/Treasurer

#### **Gallery:**

Steve Mitchell

Jeff Weinman

Monique MacKenney-Heckel