

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 14, 2022**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 1900 hrs. in the Mountville Borough Hall at 21 E. Main Street, Mountville, PA 17554.

The following Council members were present:

- President Jesse Hersh, Vice President Christine Eshleman, Lenny Heisey, Phil Kresge, Matt Auker, and Mayor Steve Mitchell. Harry Morgan was absent.
- Also, present were West Hempfield Township Police Captain 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 J. Hersh who then gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hersh addressed the visitors in the room. He advised them of the public comment sections of the meeting, and if anyone wished to be heard during those times, they could stand, state their name, and address, and then address the Council.

**Public Comment** - None

**Recognition of Visitors**

- Field of Screams (FOS)
  - Jim Schopf from FOS addressed the Council in reference to potentially serving alcohol at the event.
    - They currently have permission to sell alcohol during catered events only.
    - They are requesting to amend the overlay agreement for alcohol to include the sale during any FOS event.
    - Drinking would be confined to a specific location on the premises and drinks would be limited to a certain amount per customer, which would be tracked by wrist bands.
    - Sales would end one hour prior to close or midnight, whichever would come first.
    - A certified responsible vendor would be used to serve the alcohol.
    - Mr. Schopf stated the reason for the request is to deter the illegal use of alcohol, such as drinking in their vehicle or sneaking alcohol into the event.
  - Council questions and comments included the following:
    - Confirming midnight would be the latest alcohol would be served. Mr. Schopf agreed.
    - Asked if a trial period could be implemented? Mr. Schopf was willing to discuss.
    - What is the average age of attendees? Mr. Schopf stated the average is around 34 yrs.
    - How would a successful implementation be measured? They would judge it by the number of alcohol related incidents.
    - How many people could fit into the designated area? No determination has been made. Mr. Schopf stated it may be 50 people or so.....
    - How would the designated area be secured? This was unclear. Mr. Schopf did mention the area would be a fenced area, but a final determination has not been made on security. Council would need to see a plan.

- Council requested the Schopf legal team reach out with an overview of how most of the legal issues would be handled.
  - How will a vendor be picked? Mr. Schopf stated they would choose the vendor they feel would be the most responsible.
- No action could be taken tonight on this. It will require a petition to the zoning ordinance and associated procedures.

### **Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports**

- *P. Kresge moved to accept the minutes of the February 28, 2022, meeting as distributed.* C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- *P. Kresge moved to accept the financial reports and fund distributions as presented.* J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

### **Public Safety – Police/Fire**

Chairperson – Phil Kresge

- The Chair recognized West Hempfield Police Department Captain D. Ober. Captain Ober reviewed the police report distributed at the meeting.
  - Captain Ober mentioned there will be some promotions made over the next month or so.
  - Several on going parking issues have been addressed.
- The Chair recognized Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief Gantz. Chief Gantz reviewed the March 2022 monthly report.
  - WHTPD has donated a retired vehicle to the fire department to be used as a utility car for trainings and errands.

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

Chairperson – Lenny Heisey

- Chair L .Heisey reported that 4 permits were issued for period February 2022:
 

○ #2261	89 Spring Hill La	Screened Porch	\$ 540.30
○ #2262	409 E. Main St. Lot 1	replacement of mobile home	\$ 829.50
○ #2263	436 Hillside Dr.	Fence	\$ 70.00
○ #2265	18 Rockford Rd.	Shed	\$ 58.40
- Code Enforcement for the month of February.
  - None
- The Planning Commission
  - Dayspring School Project
    - Rettew discussed the review letter and planning commission comments.
    - Amanda with Harbor Engineering presented the sketch plan of the project to Council.

- The Zoning Hearing Board had nothing to review.

### **General Government**

Chairperson – Christine D. Eshleman

- ARPA Funding – The committee met in February and are discussing distribution. Some letters have been received requesting funding. Several options were brought to Council, but no decision has been made for dispersal. Council would like to wait until April 30<sup>th</sup> to receive any more letters, then a decision can be made for dispersal.

### **Public Works – Streets**

Chairperson – Matthew T. Auker

- The Main and Manor project for signal lights:
  - Rettew updated Council on the project. Right of Way surveys are being conducted. The right of way needs to be determined to continue with design.
- Fridy Street Stormwater:
  - Bid opening was on March 9, 2022. The result was as follows:
    - JVI Group, Inc - \$48,050.00
    - Farhat Excavating, LLC - \$58,250.00
  - *M. Auker moved to accept the bid from JVI Group, LLC.* C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- School Zone sign repair – PPL has restored service and the sign is operational.
- Road repaving/resurfacing projects:
  - Rettew has put together bid documents for the double oil chip and fog seal for a large portion of the roadways in the Summit Hills area. The roadways to be resurfaced with this process will include the following:
    - Spring Hill Lane: Huntington Drive to Township Line Rockford Square; Huntington Drive to Parking Area Rockford Road; Spring Hill Lane to Huntington Drive Fairmont Terrace; Parking Area Pennridge Avenue; Rockford Road to Cul-de-sac Society Hill Court; Pennridge Avenue to Cul-de-sac Georgetown Court; Pennridge Avenue to Cul-de-sac.
  - *M. Auker moved to authorize Rettew to advertise and distribute the bid documents for the Summit Hills resurfacing.* L. Heisey seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- Statewide Local Share Grant Application – The Borough Manager identified a last-minute grant opportunity for the Borough. The grant would qualify for all the roadwork to be completed in Summit Hills, as well as the Lemon Street project. A resolution will be needed to approve the development of the grant application and the fee is \$100.00. The submission will be for \$545,220.00 for roadway repairs and resurfacing.

- *M. Auker moved to accept resolution 2022-4 to permit the application submittal and pay the \$100.00 fee for the Statewide Local Share Grant. C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

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

Chairperson – Harry L. Morgan (absent)

- Trash Collection - There are 51 first quarter 2022 delinquent accounts.
  - *C. Eshleman moved to send the 51 overdue accounts to Creditech for collection. J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

### **Parks & Recreation**

Chairperson – Jonah M. Eastep

- Spring Hill MS4 Project – Rettew Associates reported the bid documents are currently being drafted in the hopes we can move to proceed with the bid at the April meeting.
- DCNR Project Borough Park – No Report.

**Engineers Report** – No Report

### **Manager’s Report**

- ID tags have been printed for the Manager and PW employees for “official” identification when in public.
- Hollinger’s submitted a “Thank you” for the mower purchase.
- Facebook Page – Would like to develop an “official” government FB page for the Borough.
  - *P. Kresge moved to develop an official Borough Facebook page named “Mountville Borough, PA”. C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried*

**Mayor’s Report** – No Report

**Personnel Committee Report** – No Report

### **Unfinished Business**

- Fleece tops for Borough Council and Employees – Council wished to purchase the clothing which would include the Borough logo. The clothing would need to be purchased and the embroidery set up for application. The cost will be approx. \$462.00.
  - *C. Eshleman moved to purchase the Fleece tops for a Not to Exceed price of \$500.00. P. Kresge seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

### **New Business**

- None

**Public Comment** - None

**Miscellaneous**

- *P. Kresge moved to cancel the March 28, 2022 Borough Council Meeting.* L. Heisey seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2059 hrs.**

Respectfully submitted,

Derrick J. Millhouse  
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery:  
Karl Smith