

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 8, 2022**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, August 8, 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, Matt Auker, Jonah Eastep, Rick Spiegel, Phil Kresge and Mayor Steve Mitchell. Lenny Heisey was absent.
- Also, present were West Hempfield Township Captain Doug Ober, Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief Dean Gantz, and Borough Manager Derrick Millhouse.

The meeting was called to order at 1902 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**

- Hempfield Area Recreation Commission (HARC) – Jeff Book and Stephanie Lavenburg spoke on behalf of HARC requesting continued support and to provide Council a status report of the facility and its programs.

**Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports**

- *P. Kresge moved to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2022, meeting as distributed.* C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- *M. Auker moved to accept the financial reports and fund distributions as presented.* P. Kresge seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Public Safety – Police/Fire**

Chairperson – Phil Kresge

- P. Kresge recognized WHTPD Captain D. Ober who reviewed the report for the month of July 2022.
  - WHTPD will be adding two more officers to replace officers who will be retiring soon.
  - Assistance was requested by Council for the Community Picnic on August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- P. Kresge recognized Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief Gantz who reviewed the July 2022 monthly report.
  - 45 calls for service during the month. They have answered 237 calls for the year.
  - No update on the SAFER grant
  - MFC is requesting a letter of monetary support from Council for their County ARPA application.
  - Fund Drive letter should be going out soon.

- Radio's are outdated and are becoming a maintenance issue.

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

Chairperson – Lenny Heisey (absent)

- Chair L .Heisey reported that 3 permits were issued for this reporting period:
  - #2277            120 College Ave.            Modular Classrooms            \$ 519.50
  - #2278            454 Society Hill Cir.            Deck            \$ 270.90
  - #2280            111 Village Drive            Renovations            \$ 702.50
  - #2281            208 E. New St.            Shed            \$ 35.00
  - #2282            412 Hillside Dr.            Fence            \$ 35.00
  - #2283            100 Village Drive            Fence            \$ 35.00
  - #2284            228 E. Main St.            Fence            \$ 35.00
- 10 E. Main St. is establishing a group home classification and has not yet submitted the proper permits.
- Code Enforcement for the month of July 2022.
  - 5 E. Main St.            High Weeds and Grass, Junked Vehicles (continued)
  - 23 N. Manor St.            High Weeds and Grass, Junked Vehicles (continued)
  - 30 W. Main St.            High Weeds and Grass
  - 28 W. Main St.            High Weeds and Grass
- The Planning Commission will have to review the subdivision for 363 W. Main St.
- The Zoning Hearing Board had nothing to review.

### **General Government**

Chairperson – Christine D. Eshleman

- ARPA Funding
  - The committee will be having a meeting to determine the distribution. The distribution recommendations will be brought before Council at the September meeting.
- HARC Funding
  - *C. Eshleman moved to increase the contribution to HARC for 2023 to \$6042.00, which is an increase from the \$5940.00 contributed in 2022. R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

### **Public Works – Streets**

Chairperson – Matthew T. Auker

- The Main and Manor project for signal lights:
  - Rettew updated Council on the project. The easements will be required before PennDOT will issue the permits.
  - *ePermitting* will be required.
  - The bid documents can be developed in anticipation of the easements being completed.

- *M. Auker moved to direct Rettew Assoc. to develop the bid documents for the project. P. Kresge seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*
- Road repaving/resurfacing projects:
  - Martins is still looking to perform the work in Summit Hills in mid-late August.
  - Shentel/Glo-Fiber is behind schedule.
- Parking issues at Huntington Drive and Spring Hill Lane:
  - An amendment to the ordinance will be needed to create the proper amount of site distance at this intersection.
    - *M. Auker moved to direct Attorney Zuke to advertise the proposed ordinance amendment to restrict parking at this intersection. R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*
- Sink Hole:
  - There was a sink hole at the intersection of Spring Hill Lane and Huntington Drive, on the west side of the Summit Hills development. The sink hole was determined to have developed in the roadway and not on private property. S.A. Way and Sons Excavating was contacted to perform an emergency repair. The roadway was excavated, and the hole filled with flowable fill. A portion of sidewalk was removed and replaced to repair a small portion of the sink hole on the resident's property.
    - *M. Auker moved to approve the payment to S.A. Way and Sons Excavating for the emergency repair in the amount of \$5019.89. This payment will be made from the Capital Reserve account. C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*
- Truck traffic on Froelich Ave:
  - There were resident complaints of truck traffic on Froelich Ave. There are ordinances in place preventing such traffic. There is no signage indicating the restrictions at the Manor St./Froelich St. intersection. A sign has now been placed at the intersection prohibiting truck traffic.

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

Chairperson – Rick Spiegel

- Complaints for trash collection have been declining.
- Stoppage of refuse collection on certain properties for failure to pay fees:
  - *R. Spiegel motioned to stop trash collection, beginning September 9, 2022, for the following properties that are in arrears and have not paid the current quarter. J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*
    - *2 E. Main Street*
    - *127 Froelich Avenue*
    - *23 N. Manor Street*
    - *34 N. Manor Street*
    - *13 Park Avenue*
    - *208 N. Church Street*
    - *90 Spring Hill Lane*
  - If these accounts are not settled prior to September 9, 2022, Republic will be notified to stop service.

### **Parks and Recreation**

Chairperson – Jonah M. Eastep

- Spring Hill MS4 Project – No Update
- DCNR Grant/Borough Park – Waiting to meet with DCNR for kickoff.
- Community Picnic is progressing. It will be held on August 28, 2022. The picnic will begin at 4:30 pm with free hot dogs, drinks, snacks, ice cream and kids games. A live band will be performing at 6:00 pm.

**Engineers Report** – No Report

**Manager’s Report** – No Report

**Mayor’s Report** – No Report

**Personnel Committee Report** – No Report

**Unfinished Business**

- None

**New Business**

- None

**Public Comment**

- None.

**Miscellaneous**

- *R. Spiegel moved to cancel the next Council Meeting on August 22, 2022. J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2031 hrs.**

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick J. Millhouse  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Gallery:**

Theresa Baker  
Jeff Book  
Daniel Irwin  
Stephanie Lavenberg