

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 12, 2024**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 1900 hrs. in the Mountville Borough Hall at 21 E. Main Street, Mountville, PA 17554.

The following Council members were present:

- Theresa Baker, Jonah Eastep, Danny Good, Lenny Heisey, Phil Kresge, Rick Spiegel, and Mayor Steve Mitchell. There was one vacancy.
- Also, present were West Hempfield Township Police Chief Lisa Layden, Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief Dean Gantz, Jr., and Borough Manager Derrick Millhouse.

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

President Kresge 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.

**Agenda Additions**

- None.

**Public Comment**

- None.

**Recognition of Visitors**

- Mike Gieniec – VFW
  - Mike requested consideration for a donation for the Memorial Day Parade, as well as a letter from the Borough to send to PennDot for approval of road closures the day of the event.
    - *D. Good moved to donate the budgeted amount of \$1,000.00 to the Memorial Day Parade.* R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports**

- *R. Spiegel moved to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2024, meeting as distributed.* D. Good seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- *R. Spiegel moved to accept the financial reports and fund distributions as presented.* T. Baker seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Public Safety – Police/Fire**

Chairperson – R. Spiegel

- Chairperson Spiegel recognized WHTPD Chief Layden who reviewed the report for the previous month and explained the end of year reporting.

- Chairperson Spiegel recognized Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief D. Gantz who presented the monthly report that was distributed to Council earlier.
  - The new AFG Grant application would address debt reduction.

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

Chairperson – L. Heisey

- Chairperson Heisey reported that 4 permits were issued for this reporting period:
 

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| ○ #2351 | 1 East Hoover      | Hot Tub                 | \$ 169.50 |
| ○ #2361 | 115 College Ave.   | Deck Enclosure          | \$ 309.50 |
| ○ #2362 | 110 E. Hoover St.  | Elec. Panel and Hot Tub | \$ 209.50 |
| ○ #2363 | 460 Huntington Dr. | Solar                   | \$ 319.50 |
- 120 Fridy St. is asking for approval of all recommendations noted by the Planning Committee based on a letter dated February 12<sup>th</sup> from Rettew Associates.
  - *L. Heisey moved to approve the modifications to 120 Fridy St. recommended by Rettew Associates on a letter dated February 12, 2024.* R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- Brad Zuke, Attorney for the Borough, notified the Borough Council of the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB), for the appeal of the Notice of Violation (NOV) which was issued to Field of Screams (FOS) last year concerning alcohol sales. The ZHB upheld the FOS appeal based on the way the NOV was written. An executive session concerning the details of the NOV and the options of the Borough moving forward will be held at the end of the meeting.

### **Public Safety – Health/Sanitation**

Chairperson – T. Baker

- There are eight properties who we have liens against for failure to pay for trash. Those accounts are also delinquent for the current quarter.
  - *T. Baker moved to suspend trash collection at eight properties which are delinquent for the quarter and are currently lienied for delinquent trash accounts.* L. Heisey seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

### **General Government - Personnel**

Chairperson – P. Kresge

- Borough Council Vacancy
  - Two letters of intent were received. The two interested people were Doug Pryer and Christine Eshleman. Doug currently serves on the Borough Authority and Christine formerly served on Borough Council.
- T. Baker nominated Doug Pryer for the open seat on Borough Council. D. Good seconded. P. Kresge nominated Christine Eshleman for the open seat on Borough Council. R. Spiegel seconded.
  - *R. Spiegel moved to close the nominations with Doug Pryer and Christine Eshleman being the nominees for the open position on Borough Council.* D. Good seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- P. Kresge called for a vote on the nominations for the open seat on Borough Council. A majority vote of Council is required.
  - Members voting in favor of Doug Pryer... Two Council persons voted in favor.
  - Members voting in favor of Christine Eshleman... Four Council persons voted in favor.
  - Having a majority vote of Borough Council, Christine Eshleman has been appointed to the empty seat on Borough Council, pending completion of necessary paperwork.

**General Government - Budget**

Chairperson – (Vacant)

- No Report.

**General Government – Public Outreach**

Chairperson – P. Kresge

- No Report.

**General Government – Building Committee**

Chairperson – P. Kresge

- No report.

**Public Works – Streets**

Chairperson – J. Eastep

- Spring Street RR crossing closure.
  - The meeting with the P.U.C. has been scheduled for March 4, 2024. This is the final step of approval before the closure.

**Public Works - Parks and Recreation**

Chairperson – Jonah M. Eastep

- We are seeking the remainder of the grant money for the phase 1 project.

**Engineer's Report –**

- Main and Manor Signal Project is nearly completed from a punch list standpoint. The closeout process has begun.

**Manager's Report –**

- We are currently working on reimbursement of expenditures through the ARLE Grant for the Main and Manor project.

**Mayor's Report –**

- At the most recent Mayors meeting, a presentation was given about downtown Lititz and Mayor Mitchell suggested there was some good information that could benefit downtown Mountville.

**Unfinished Business**

- None.

**New Business**

- Leaf Collection
  - Public Works needs a new leaf collection box for fall clean up. The Borough Manager suggests the purchase of a leaf collection tarp system which would be used with the dump truck. A single proprietary tarp system made by TARPCO is the system recommended by the Manager.
    - *R. Spiegel moved to purchase the custom manufactured tarped leaf system through TARPCO at a cost of \$2,350.00. D. Good seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

- **Street Sweeping**
  - There has been discussion about increasing the number of sweepings per year. Currently Lancaster Township sweeps the streets twice a year for an exchange of services. The lowest quotation received for sweeping the Borough is \$1,200.00 per sweeping. It is suggested this be tabled until next meeting and obtain a cost or additional exchange from Lancaster Township before making a decision.
- **Internet Upgrade for the Borough Office**
  - The transition to SharePoint has forced us to consider an upgrade to our internet services. The Manager checked with the three high-speed internet providers in the Borough. The three providers are Comcast, GloFiber and Brightspeed. We will require a minimum of 200 mbps. The quotes are as follows and are a “wash” with our current rates for phone and internet:
    - Comcast - \$218.00/mo at 200 mbps
    - GloFiber - \$215.00/mo at 300 mbps
    - Brightspeed is currently unable to deliver the requested speed.
      - *L. Heisey moved to contract with GloFiber for 3-years at a monthly cost of \$215.00/mo for phone and high-speed internet and drop our current service with Brightspeed. T. Baker seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*
- **Relocation of Office Computer Hardware**
  - Flagstream has provided us with an estimate to move the computer hardware for the network to a central location (current lunchroom) which would relocate most of the equipment from the offices to a central location and would make repairs to equipment much easier.
    - *R. Spiegel moved to contract with Flagstream to relocate our computer equipment at a cost of \$1,450.00 utilizing Capital Reserve funds. L. Heisey seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*
- **New Electronic Devices for Council**
  - Council discussed the purchase of new tablets or laptops for Council. The current devices are outdated and are unable to be updated or upgraded. This discussion was tabled until next meeting pending more information.
- **Fourth of July Fireworks Display**
  - The Mountville Community Services Foundation is requesting a donation for the annual fireworks. We do have money budgeted for this request.
    - *R. Spiegel moved to donate the \$2,000.00 budgeted to the Mountville Community Services Foundation for the annual fireworks display. L. Heisey seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

#### **Public Comment**

- Resident Karl Smith inquired into the approval of the 120 Fridy Street plans.

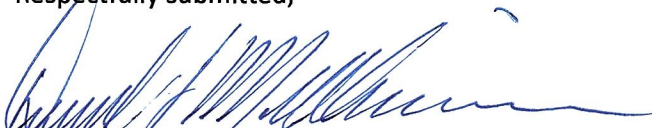
#### **Miscellaneous**

- Council recessed to executive session to discuss a legal matter at 2020 hrs.
  - Council discussed the Zoning Hearing Board decision in regarding alcohol sales at Field of Screams with our attorney Brad Zuke. The findings of the Board and possible future action were discussed and considered. No decisions or plans were entertained during the session.
  - Council reconvened the regular meeting at 2140 hrs.

- R. Spiegel moved to cancel the February 25, 2024, Borough Council meeting. D. Good seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2144 hrs.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Derrick J. Millhouse", written over a horizontal line.

Derrick J. Millhouse  
Manager/Treasurer

Gallery:

Mike Gieniec  
Nick Hughes  
Karl Smith