

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2024**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, April 8, 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, Christine Eshleman, Danny Good, Lenny Heisey, Rick Spiegel, and Mayor Steve Mitchell. Phil Kresge was absent.
- Also, present were West Hempfield Township Police Chief Lisa Layden, Mountville Fire Co #1 Assistant Chief Bryan Duquin, and Borough Manager Derrick Millhouse.

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

Vice-President Spiegel 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

- Renee' Gallagher- Ms. Gallagher is a Trustee of the Lancaster Public Library and delivered a message to Council in support of funding the library. She also gave a brief description of all the programs the library supports and sponsors for the community.
- Lissa Holland – Ms. Holland is the Executive Director of the Lancaster Public Library. She explained that “neither the staff nor the Friends Group of the Mountville Branch played any role in planning the downtown story hour event”. She also explained that she “believes that no one would have considered hosting the event at the Mountville Branch”. Programming is based on the “needs of the distinct community each library serves”. She then informed Council that since 2006, all donations from Mountville Borough have gone to exclusively support the Mountville Branch of the library. She then summarized the upcoming events at the branch and asked Council for their continued support.
- There were no other people offering comment.

Recognition of Visitors

- None.

Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports

- *T. Baker moved to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2024, meeting as distributed.* C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- *L. Heisey moved to accept the financial reports and fund distributions as presented.* C. Eshleman 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.
- Chairperson Spiegel recognized Mountville Fire Co #1 Assistant Chief B. Duquin who presented the monthly report that was distributed to Council earlier.
 - The fire department will not be hanging the banner approved last month due to the time restraints surrounding permitting.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chairperson – L. Heisey

- Chairperson Heisey reported that 2 permits were issued for this reporting period:

○ #2367	191 College Ave.	Ticket Booth	\$2,105.75
○ #2368	401 E. New St.	Shed	\$ 35.00
- Zoning Sub-committee met and we should have a report next month.

Public Safety – Health/Sanitation

Chairperson – T. Baker

- The resident at 102 Froelich Ave., where the most recent fire occurred, is asking the Council to waive the trash billing for the 3rd quarter of 2024. (2nd quarter is already paid). Council discussed similar requests made in the past and concurred with those past decisions due to the fees determined by Ordinance and levied more as a “tax” shared by all residents.
 - *T. Baker moved to deny the request for a waiver of trash billing for 102 Froelich Ave, to remain consistent with previous Council rulings.* L. Heisey seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

General Government - Personnel

Chairperson – P. Kresge

- No Report.

General Government - Budget

Chairperson – C. Eshleman

- No Report.

General Government – Public Outreach

Chairperson – P. Kresge

- Lancaster Area Library Funding.
 - The Council discussed whether the budgeted donation to the library should be distributed, based upon the recent scheduling of a controversial story hour at the Lancaster branch of the library. Some members of Council spoke in favor of deferring funds until a meeting could be scheduled with the library staff to discuss the funds and whether controversial programs would be rescheduled. Some members of Council spoke in favor of distributing this year’s donation as budgeted and discussing the allotment of funds during next year’s budget process.
 - *R. Spiegel moved to suspend Mountville’s 2024 donation to the Lancaster Area Library until such time as a written agreement is in place that ensures the Library will be a non-partisan, apolitical organization, and that events expressing or intending to promote a particular cause or point of view, especially a controversial one, will not be scheduled.* L. Heisey seconded the motion. The motion passed on a majority vote of 4 to 2.

General Government – Building Committee

Chairperson – P. Kresge

- No Report.

Public Works – Streets

Chairperson – D. Good

- Spring Street RR crossing closure.
 - No new updates regarding the timeline.

Public Works - Parks and Recreation

Chairperson – J. Eastep

- Rettew updated Council on the 2nd phase of the Spring Hill Basin restoration project.
- Borough Community Park Master Plan
 - A master plan will help us plan for future upgrades and additions to the Borough Park, without spending money to do things twice, or spending money on something that may have to be changed to accommodate something in the future. Coordination of projects will save money in the long run.
 - *J. Eastep moved to hire Rettew Assoc. to develop a master plan for changes and upgrades to the Mountville Borough Community Park for an amount NTE \$7,800.00. C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

Engineer's Report –

- None.

Manager's Report –

- The AED's are in service and mounted at the Borough office and one at the maintenance building.
- Alwine was chosen to provide fire system monitoring for the Borough office.
- The Fire Tax use report was provided by the fire department. Please make any comments on its content.

Mayor's Report –

- The Mayor thanked everyone for coming out to tonight's meeting.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Roof Repair
 - The Manager recommends repairing the flat roof over the office. It has been leaking for years and the public works personnel have exhausted all attempts to repair it. The Manager worked with Moser Roofing to identify the problem areas and develop a plan for repair. Moser Roofing is a COSTARS company, which allows the Borough to repair the roof without bidding out the job.
 - *C. Eshleman moved to hire Moser Roofing to perform the "emergency" and "remedial" repairs to the roof at a total cost of \$3,573.52 from Capital Reserve. T. Baker seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

Public Comment

- None.

Miscellaneous

- R. Spiegel formed a committee to discuss library funding with the library representatives. The library sub-committee was formed consisting of P. Kresge, T. Baker and R. Spiegel.
- *J. Eastep moved to cancel the April 22, 2024, 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 1953 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick J. Millhouse
Manager/Treasurer

Gallery: (listing only those who signed in)

Marilyn Bradley

Chris Bunce

Fred (unknown last name)

Renee' Gallagher

Michelle Harnick

Lissa Holland

Saundra Hoover

Debbie Keys

Maureen (unknown last name)

Joyce Mille

Cathy Mohtoris