

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2024**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, June 10, 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, Phil Kresge, Rick Spiegel, and Mayor Steve Mitchell. Lenny Heisey was absent.
- Also, present were West Hempfield Township Police Chief Lisa Layden, Mountville Fire Company #1 Chief, Dean Gantz, Borough Zoning Officer Sam Meckley, Hempfield recCenter Borough Representative Stephanie Lavenburg 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

- None

Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports

- *R. Spiegel moved to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2024, meeting as distributed.* T. Baker seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- *C. Eshleman moved to accept the financial reports and fund distributions as presented.* R. Spiegel 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 shared highlights of the report for the previous month that was distributed to Council. Chief Layden informed Council that the department is planning on hiring a new officer and is accepting applications through the end of June. P. Kresge noted that this would be the Chief's last meeting and thanked her for her service to the Mountville Community.
- Chairperson Spiegel recognized Chief Gantz who referenced the April and May fire company reports. With no questions from Council, he reported the Carnival netted a profit around \$24,000.00 with a final figure not available

at this time. Chief Gantz also shared information regarding potential legislation that could directly impact the fire company in the areas of personnel, finances, planning, management, and training.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chairperson – L. Heisey

- Sam Meckley reported there were 2 building permits, 8 zoning permits, and 1 certificate of occupancy issued for this reporting period.
- Discussion took place regarding the Notice of Violation for the 2 junked, abandoned vehicles on the property at 2 East Main Street. The dates for action to be taken by the owner of the vehicles have passed with little or no movement on the part of the owner. Two options are possible at this point for resolution of this situation: 1. File a civil complaint with the District Magistrate; 2. Tow the vehicles from the property at the owner's expense.
 - *C. Eshleman moved to authorize the filing of a civil complaint with the District Magistrate to assess fines for the two cars at 2 East Main Street. R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*
- S. Meckley shared a summary of the proposed amendments to the current Chapter 27 (Zoning) Ordinance drafted by Brad Zuke (Borough Solicitor).
 - *R. Spiegel moved to move forward with having the Borough Solicitor draft the proposed amendment changes to the Zoning Ordinance. C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

Public Safety – Health/Sanitation

Chairperson – T. Baker

- T. Baker shared that the third quarter trash bills will be sent out at the end of the month.

General Government - Personnel

Chairperson – P. Kresge

- No Report

General Government - Budget

Chairperson – C. Eshleman

- C. Eshleman reported she will be meeting with the Borough Manager in July or August to begin preliminary discussions on next year's budget.

General Government – Public Outreach

Chairperson – P. Kresge

- Mountville Business Center Sign
 - P. Kresge noted that the Lion's Club may be interested in rehabbing the sign at the intersection of College Avenue and Main Street. He may also speak with the VFW to see if there is any interest on their part.
 - P. Kresge mentioned that this corner could use some upgrades. He encouraged Council to share any ideas with either him or T. Baker.

General Government – Building Committee

Chairperson – P. Kresge

- No Report

Public Works – Streets

Chairperson – D. Good

- Spring Street RR crossing closure

- A contractor has been scheduled and it should be closed during the week of July 15, 2024.

Public Works - Parks and Recreation

Chairperson – J. Eastep

- Spring Hill Park Stormwater Project
 - S. Meckley from Rettew updated Council on the 2nd phase of the Spring Hill Basin restoration project. The Borough is working on the maintenance of Phase One with the public works crew presently taking care of this.
- DCNR Borough Park Project
 - Information is still being gathered on projected costs with preliminary estimates appearing to far exceed the initial cost estimates.
- Park System Regionalization
 - The Borough Manager and Council President met with HARC representatives and a proposal is expected. It will be reviewed to see what the financial impact would be to the Borough.
 - P. Kresge feels it would be a good thing to pursue and there would be flexibility and the chance to design it based on the needs of the Borough.
- Community Park Grass Maintenance
 - The grass in and around the baseball field outfield needs some maintenance and weed control. Tomlinson Bomberger recommended aeration and seeding as well as post application care and supplied a quote to the Borough Manager for this work.
 - Discussion centered around the time of year to have the work completed and the scope and the type of work to be undertaken.
- *C. Eshleman moved to contract with Tomlinson Bomberger for fall aeration and seeding of the Borough Park Ballfield at a cost of \$2,100.00. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

Engineer's Report

- S. Meckley reported that the document from the Cohen Law Group concerning wireless communication will affect Chapter 21 of the Borough Code - streets and sidewalks. This will require ordinance changes to this chapter and those will be addressed after the Zoning Ordinance Amendments have been completed.

Manager's Report

- Vacation is scheduled for June 12 through June 20. An unplanned family event will require vacation days on June 27 and 28.

Mayor's Report

- None

Unfinished Business

- Borough Park Video System
 - Vector Security furnished two options for a security upgrade at the park.
 - A. Open Eye Video System - \$3,500.00 for recorder, \$1,100.00 for new cameras, \$55.00/month + \$10.00/month cloud management (\$45.00 total)

- B. Alarm.com Video System - \$4,600.00 for recorder, \$800.00 for new cameras, \$55.00/month cloud management
- o Discussion and questions from Council included information on the features and differences between the two proposed systems and the need for two additional cameras.
 - C. Eshleman moved to utilize Vector Security to upgrade the security system at the Borough Park with funds from Capital Reserve to the Alarm.com Video System at a cost of \$4,600.00 for the recorder installation, \$55.00/month for cloud management and for the installation of two additional cameras at \$800.00 for a total of nine cameras at this point in time. R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

New Business

- Sale of 2011 Pick Up Truck, Plow and Salt Spreader
 - o Bidding on the truck concluded on Thursday, June 6th. The bids received did not meet the reserve (\$12,000.00) placed on the listing, with \$11,700.00 being the highest bid.
 - o Two options were discussed on how to proceed: Offer it to the highest bidder who can accept or refuse the offer OR not offer it to the highest bidder and relist it on Municibid at a lower reserve.
 - D. Good moved to offer the sale of the truck to the highest bidder on Municibid at \$11,700.00. If the highest bidder does not wish to purchase it, the truck should be relisted for sale on Municibid at a reserve price of \$10,000.00. T. Baker seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Public Comment

- Karl Smith commented he is glad to see the Borough is working on addressing issues relating to the beautification of Mountville. He also reported on a property in the Borough with some junked cars. The Borough Manager asked the Borough Zoning Officer to send a letter to the property owner regarding this concern.

Miscellaneous

- P. Kresge made note of the following:
 - a. Lake Grubb paving has been completed and encouraged Council members to check it out,
 - b. The upcoming fireworks and concert featuring the Saints Band on June 29, and
 - c. The Memorial Day Parade, commenting on the need to attempt to increase attendance.
- R. Spiegel moved to cancel the June 24, 2024, Borough 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
Manager/Treasurer

Gallery: (listing only those who signed in)

Angel Albring (LNP)
Karl Smith