**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 10, 2025**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 1900 hrs. in the Mountville Borough Hall at 21 E. Main Street, Mountville, PA 17554.

The following Council members were present:

* Theresa Baker, Lenny Heisey, Phil Kresge, Rick Spiegel and Mayor Steve Mitchell. Jonah Eastep, Christine Eshleman and Danny Good were absent.
* Also, present were West Hempfield Township Police Chief Jason Jay, Mountville Fire Company Fire Chief Dean Gantz 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**

* EMA Coordinator – Nick Oakes – Nick introduced Lara Fenstemaker as his Deputy EMA Director.

**Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports**

* *R. Spiegel moved to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2025, meeting as distributed*. T. Baker seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
* *T. Baker 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 J. Jay who reviewed the report for the previous month as well as the annual report for 2024.
  + Hoping to start a “Coffee with a Cop” program soon.
* Chairperson Spiegel recognized Mountville Fire Chief D. Gantz who reviewed the report for the previous month.

**Public Safety – Planning/Zoning**

Chairperson – L. Heisey

* Chairperson Heisey reported that 1 permit was issued for this reporting period:
  + #2410 24 East New St. Fence $ 35.00

**Public Safety – Health/Sanitation**

Chairperson – T. Baker

* Trash Service
  + 2nd quarter bills to be sent out on March 17, 2025.
  + Requests for smaller toters are still being requested and honored.

**General Government – Personnel**

Chairperson – P. Kresge

* Borough Council received a recommendation from the Authority to appoint Caleb Onasch for the open position on the Authority Board.
  + *L. Heisey moved to appoint Caleb Onasch to the Mountville Authority Board.* R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**General Government - Budget**

Chairperson – C. Eshleman

* No Report

**General Government – Public Outreach**

Chairperson – P. Kresge

* Mountville newsletter – The Borough Manager is asking for consideration to begin sending out newsletters to our Borough residents. This will cost the Borough approximately $2,700.00 more annually than what we currently spend on our newsletter program.
  + *L. Heisey moved to send out the newsletter via USPS to all residents at an additional cost of approx. $2,700.00.* T. Baker seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**General Government – Building Committee**

Chairperson – P. Kresge

* No Report

**Public Works – Streets**

Chairperson – D. Good

* Paving Projects for 2025
  + We are proposing the following streets for mill and pave: N. Manor Street.
  + We are proposing the following streets for an Oil/Chip surface treatment: Spruce and Cherry.
  + We are proposing repairs be made to the following streets: Froelich, Church/Main, Lemon/Main.
  + The estimated cost of performing all the work listed above is approximately $212,190.00. These proposals will be bid as separate line items so if the bids come in too high, we can choose what work to perform. We currently have the funds in Highway Aid to cover the entire cost of all these projects.
    - *P. Kresge moved to approve the generation of the bid documents for the 2025 road repairs and approve the bid documents to be advertised and sent out once they are reviewed and approved by the Borough Manager.* R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Public Works - Parks and Recreation**

Chairperson – J. Eastep

* Borough Park Playground Project
  + We have begun having design meetings based upon the Park Concept Plan. Things will move along quickly to develop a preliminary layout.
  + Community Outreach may be tasked with helping to secure funding through donations for part or all of the project.
* Spring Hill Basin Phase II
  + Hoping to have a pre-construction meeting soon and start the project.

**Engineer’s Report**

* No Report

**Manager’s Report**

* No Report

**Mayor’s Report**

* No Report

**Unfinished Business**

* None

**New Business**

* Lancaster County Conservation District Agreement
  + *T. Baker moved to approve the 2025 Memorandum of Understanding with the Lancaster County Conservation District for the next term of 10 years.* R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Public Comment**

* None

**Miscellaneous**

* *P. Kresge moved to cancel the March 24, 2025 Borough Council meeting.* T. Baker seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Executive Session**

* Executive Session for legal matters
  + Council recessed to an Executive Session to discuss legal matters concerning a possible merger of the West Hempfield Township and Mountville Borough Fire Departments. There was no official action to be taken at this time regarding any of this discussion.

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2026 hrs.**

Respectfully submitted,

Derrick J. Millhouse

Manager/Secretary

Gallery: (listing only those who signed in)

Lara Fenstemaker - EMA

Nick Oakes – EMA

Caleb Onasch

Julissa Rodriguez - LNP