

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 14, 2023**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 1900 hrs. in the Mountville Borough Hall at 21 E. Main Street, Mountville, PA 17554.

The following Council members were present:

- Matt Auker, Theresa Baker, Jonah Eastep, Christine Eshleman, Lenny Heisey, Rick Spiegel and Mayor Steve Mitchell. Phil Kresge was absent.
- Also, present were West Hempfield Township Police Captain Brace, Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief Dean Gantz, and Borough Manager Derrick Millhouse.

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs. by Council vice-president Eshleman who then gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-president Eshleman addressed the visitors in the room. She 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**

- *R. Spiegel moved to add a change order for a schedule change to the agenda for the Spring Hill Basin project.* J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Public Comment**

- Holly Graybill – Notified Council that since the last meeting several vehicles towing campers got stuck on the RR tracks on Spring Street.

**Recognition of Visitors**

- None

**Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports**

- *R. Spiegel moved to accept the minutes of the July 24, 2023, meeting as distributed.* T. Baker seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- *L. Heisey 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 Captain Brace who reviewed the report for the previous month.
- Chairperson Spiegel recognized Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief D. Gantz who presented the monthly report that was distributed to Council earlier.
  - The fund drive has raised just over \$32,000.00 so far.

- The new radios are in operation.
- AFG Grant application request
  - *R. Spiegle moved to approve funding to pay the cost of the fire company AFG Grant application in the amount of \$1750.00.* M. Auken seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

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

Chairperson – L. Heisey

- Chairperson Heisey reported that 7 permits were issued for this reporting period:
 

○ #2327	19 E. New St.	Pool (above)	\$ 430.50
○ #2333	8 Georgetown Ct.	Fencing	\$ 35.00
○ #2335	63 Pennridge Ave.	Roof	\$ 406.15
○ #2336	179 E. Main St.	Fence	\$ 35.00
○ #2337	404 Huntington Dr.	Brick Walk	\$ 35.00
○ #2338	20 Pennridge Ave.	Solar Panels	\$ 309.50
○ #2341	72 S. Pearl St.	Fencing	\$ 75.20
- Zoning Hearing Board met on July 11, 2023 to discuss the property at 120 Fridy St. The Zoning Hearing Board will render a decision on August 23, 2023.
- The properties at 5 E. Main St. and 23 N. Manor St. have been submitted to the District Magistrate.
- Dayspring Christian Academy has issued an extension for the Borough planning Commission, for land development on the property.
- Short term rental discussion. A committee meeting will be held prior to the Sept. 11, 2023 meeting.
- We received a letter from DEP notifying the Borough that the property at 132 Ruby St. is going through the Act 2 process.

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

Chairperson – T. Baker

- No Report

### **General Government - Personnel**

Chairperson – P. Kresge (absent)

- We still need to find a replacement for our representative to the UCC appeals board for the LIMC.
- We will need to find another crossing guard.

### **General Government - Budget**

Chairperson – C. Eshleman

- Please submit any budget items to the Borough Manager before the September Council meeting.

### **General Government – Public Outreach**

Chairperson – P. Kresge

- No Report.

### **General Government – Building Committee**

Chairperson – P. Kresge

- No report.

### **Public Works – Streets**

Chairperson – Matthew T. Auker

- The Main and Manor project for signal lights.
  - No report.
- Huntington Drive/Providence Place and Lemon Street repaving projects:
  - The CFA has approved the additional scope of work requested. The paving project will proceed beginning in a few weeks.
- Spring Street discussion.
  - There are still items that need to be addressed with all the entities involved.
- Village Drive storm water pipe replacement.
  - Work will proceed immediately after the Spring Hill Basin project is complete.
- State snow removal contract is up for renewal. The state contribution for this upcoming season is \$9,127.62.
  - *M. Auker moved to sign a new contract with the state for the state roads.* R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- The signal light at College and Hoover was knocked down from a vehicle accident at that intersection. Temporary lighting is in place. The repair will take several weeks to complete.

### **Public Works - Parks and Recreation**

Chairperson – Jonah M. Eastep

- We wish to send a letter to ERC for the donation of dumpsters to help with the recent storm clean up.
- Spring Hill Basin Project.
  - Flyway is now requesting an extension to Thursday, August 31, 2023, to complete the project.
    - *J. Eastep moved to approve the time extension request from Flyway Excavating for the Spring Hill Basin project to Sept. 1, 2023.* L. Heisey seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- DCNR Park Improvement Grant – Borough Park.
  - No Update.
- Park Bench VFW Project
  - No update.
- Borough Park Security System
  - No update.
- Small Pavilion Roof Repair
  - The small pavilion at the Borough Park was damaged during the last storm.
  - *J. Eastep moved to contract with B. K. Zimmerman Roofing to repair the pavilion at a cost of \$1365.00.* R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- The Community Picnic is on schedule for August 27, 2023.
- HARC representative.
  - Stephanie Lavenberg reviewed the funding request submitted to the Borough last month and recent events at the HARC facility.

- Woodworks
  - Several structural deficiencies have been found in a small section of the woodworks park. The recommendation is to remove the section rather than repair it. The large slide was also damaged beyond repair in the most recent storm.
    - *J. Eastep moved to remove the deficient structural items from the woodworks park.* R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
    - *J. Eastep moved to disassemble and remove the large sliding board.* T. Baker seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Engineer's Report –**

- No report.

**Manager's Report –**

- Report as distributed.

**Mayor's Report –**

- None.

**Unfinished Business**

- Security Cameras in Borough Park - No update.

**New Business**

- None.

**Public Comment**

- Dale Rohrer – Notified Council of his displeasure with the double oil chip and fog seal process which was performed in Summit Hills. He also requested street sweeping be performed.
- Judy Snyder - Notified Council of her displeasure with the double oil chip and fog seal process on Society Hill Circle.

**Miscellaneous**

- R. Spiegel moved to cancel the August 28, 2023, Borough Council meeting. J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2010 hrs.**

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick J. Millhouse  
Manager/Treasurer

**Gallery:**

Ronald Freiberg  
Holly Graybill

Dale Rohrer  
Judy Snyder