

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2023**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, May 8, 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, Phil Kresge and Mayor Steve Mitchell. Rick Spiegel was absent.
- Also, present were West Hempfield Township Police Chief Lisa Layden, Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief Dean Gantz, and Borough Manager Derrick Millhouse.

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs. by Council president 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.

Public Comment

- None.

Recognition of Visitors

- None.

Agenda Additions

- None.

Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports

- *C. Eshleman moved to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2023, meeting as distributed.* J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- *T. Baker 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

- President Kresge recognized WHTPD Chief L. Layden who reviewed the report for the previous month.
 - They are starting a tracking map to track incidents and traffic complaints.
 - They will provide two officers for the Memorial Day parade.
- President Kresge recognized Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief D. Gantz who presented the monthly report that was distributed to Council earlier.
 - The fire company received a SAFER grant for recruitment and retention.

- The new radio purchase will be happening soon.
- Mountville Days Carnival is this month.

Public Safety – Planning/Zoning

Chairperson – L. Heisey

- Chairperson Heisey reported that 3 permits were issued for this reporting period:
 - #2316 49 Park Ave. Shed \$ 35.00
 - #2317 116 N. Church St. Fence \$ 58.80
 - #2318 10 Carriage Drive Shed/Fence \$ 70.00
- Planning Commission met regarding Dayspring Christian Academy. There is nothing further needed by Council at this time.
- 120 Fridy Street submitted plans for review by the Planning Commission.
- A final letter was sent to the properties at 5 E. Main St. and 23 N. Manor St. regarding violations. They have until May 24th to respond.

Public Safety – Health/Sanitation

Chairperson – T. Baker

- Delinquent trash accounts
 - There are 10 properties currently in lien that have not paid their 2nd quarter trash bill. The manager recommends stopping collection at those properties.
 - *T. Baker moved to stop trash collection for the 10 unpaid trash accounts currently in lien, until they are paid current.* L. Heisey seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

General Government - Personnel

Chairperson – P. Kresge

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

General Government - Budget

Chairperson – C. Eshleman

- No Report.

General Government – Public Outreach

Chairperson – P. Kresge

- Memorial Day Parade is May 27, 2023 at 10:00 am. The Council will participate.

General Government – Building Committee

Chairperson – P. Kresge

- The committee met on April 24th. Several different options were discussed. They will be gathering ideas and will make a list of “wants and needs”.

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:
 - A pre-con meeting is scheduled for the paving project.
 - We need to reach out to Martin’s regarding the Fog Seal.
- Spring Street discussion
 - Open discussion
 - We should approve a date for public input

Public Works - Parks and Recreation

Chairperson – Jonah M. Eastep

- Spring Hill Basin Project
 - No Update.
- DCNR Park Improvement Grant – Borough Park.
 - No Update.

Engineer’s Report –

- Spring Hill Park project construction should begin in early June. Hopefully we can coordinate all the projects in Summit Hills, so they are not all working in the area at the same time.

Manager’s Report –

- Report as distributed.

Mayor’s Report –

- Faith Friendship used the ARPA funding we provided them to fix their roof.

Unfinished Business

- None.

New Business

- General Code
 - Our Zoning Ordinance was never codified and integrated as part of our Code of Ordinances. It has been a separate code since approved in 2019. It is recommended to integrate this separate section with our current Code of Ordinances.
 - *C. Eshleman moved to approve codifying and integrating our current Borough Zoning Code into our current Borough Code of Ordinances. Funding for the project to be paid out of the Capital Reserve account at a cost of \$6,625.00. J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*
- Tree Trimming
 - The budget line item is not sufficient to cover the amount of tree trimming required this year in the Borough. PPL “damaged” several trees during their line trimming that will force us to take the trees down.

There are still other trees, especially at the VFW park that need some attention, and there are two stumps that require grinding. The additional financial requirement for the work is \$2,050.00. The total quote for the work is \$5,650.00.

- *L. Heisey moved to approve an additional \$2,050.00 in funding to complete the necessary tree trimming and removal in the Hoover Street Cemetery and Borough Parks.* C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- Support for the Watershed-based Stormwater Management Plan (Act 167)
 - This is for a letter of support for a County wide approach and solution to the stormwater issues in the County.
 - *M. Auker moved to approve a letter of support for Act 167.* T. Baker seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

Public Comment

- K. Smith stated he thinks a public meeting to discuss Spring Street is a good idea. He also appreciates Council suggesting the public should have input on the decision.

Miscellaneous

- S. Meckley commended the Borough Manager for his efforts to acquire the Local Statewide Share funding for the Borough road projects.
- *C. Eshleman moved to cancel the May 22, 2023 meeting.* L. Heisey seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2011 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick J. Millhouse
Manager/Treasurer

Gallery:

Karl Smith