

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 10, 2022**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 1900 hrs. in the Mountville Borough Hall at 21 E. Main Street, Mountville, PA 17554.

The following Council members were present:

- President Jesse Hersh, Vice President Christine Eshleman, Lenny Heisey, Phil Kresge, Matt Auker, and Mayor Steve Mitchell. Harry Morgan was absent.
- Also, present were West Hempfield Township Police Captain D. Ober, Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief Dean Gantz, and Borough Manager Derrick Millhouse.

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

**Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports**

- *L. Heisey moved to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2021, meeting as distributed.* C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- *C. Eshleman moved to accept the financial reports and fund distributions as presented.* L. Heisey seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

President Hersh addressed the visitors in the room. He advised that at any time during the meeting if anyone wished to be heard, they could stand, state their name, and address, and then address the Council.

**Public Safety – Police/Fire**

Chairperson – Phil Kresge

- The Chair recognized West Hempfield Police Department Captain Ober. Captain Ober reviewed the police report distributed at the meeting. The police Chief should have the yearend report ready for the next meeting.
- The Chair recognized Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief Gantz. Chief Gantz reviewed the December 2021 monthly report. Chief Gantz also distributed and discussed the fire company yearend report for 2021.
  - Chief Gantz informed the Council the fire company is again seeking a Safer grant. This grant will be in cooperation with nine other departments in the area. The portion of the fee the Mountville Fire Co. would be responsible for is \$1,500.00. The fire company is requesting consideration for the Borough to cover the expense for the fire department.
    - *L. Heisey moved to provide \$1,500.00 in grant writing expenses for Mountville Fire Company, for the Safer Grant.* C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Public Safety – Planning/Zoning**

Chairperson – Lenny Heisey

- Chair L. Heisey reported that 2 permits were issued for period December 2021:
 

○ #2257	120 Rockford Square	Solar Panels	\$ 263.50
○ #2258	409 E. New Street	Fencing	\$ 43.20

- Code Enforcement for the month of December.
  - 504 Hillside Drive - Grass/Weeds - Next step is to file a violation with the District Magistrate
  - 174 Hill Street - Chicken Coop - Permit was denied per the zoning ordinance. A notice of violation will be filed.
- The Planning Commission had nothing to review.
- The Zoning Hearing Board had nothing to review.

### **General Government**

Chairperson – Christine D. Eshleman

- ARPA Funding – It appears the final ruling has not further restricted usage, but has granted more costs which can be reimbursed by the grant.
- HARC Board appointment –
  - *C. Eshleman motioned to appoint Stephanie Lavenburg to the HARC Board.* P. Kresge seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

### **Public Works – Streets**

Chairperson – Matthew T. Auker

- The Main and Manor project for signal lights:
  - ARLE Grant – The Borough did receive the grant in the amount of \$460,953.00.
  - *M. Auker moved to approve Rettew Associates to provide design services for the Main and Manor Street signal upgrade, up to and including preparing specifications and bid documents for the project.* P. Kresge seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- Fridy Street Stormwater: Rettew has developed an anticipated project schedule. The adjacent property owner has agreed to cooperate with the project. Rettew is seeking permission to prepare the bid documents.
  - *M. Auker moved to authorize Rettew Associates to prepare the bid documents for the Fridy Street drainage improvement project.* J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- School Zone sign repair – Still waiting for PPL to provide a new service.
- We will need to consider resurfacing several roadways in the Summit Hills development, as well as N. Lemon St. near the Borough Park.
  - *M. Auker moved to authorize Rettew Associates to prepare estimates and an anticipated project schedule for improvements to the roadways in Summit Hills.* L. Heisey seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- We received only two complaints regarding snow plowing and the winter weather. We also received as many compliments, regarding the snow removal.

### **Public Works – Health/Sanitation**

Chairperson – Harry L. Morgan (absent)

- Trash Accounts in Areams – Resolution 2022-2 and 2022-3 are required to begin the lien process that was approved at the December 2021 meeting.
  - *L. Heisey moved to approve Resolution 2022-2 and 2022-3.* C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

### **Parks & Recreation**

Chairperson – Jonah M. Eastep

- Spring Hill Project – The Borough is utilizing two grants received to fund two projects within the basin. We are awaiting the approval of an amendment to increase the scope of work to include both projects as one project.....
- We have been awarded the DCNR grant to upgrade some facilities at the Borough Park.
- No update on the playground at the Borough Park.
- Part time plow operator
  - Michael Rossi has been recommended by the Borough Manager. Mike has prior experience plowing parking lots but not a large amount of street experience. He will need to be trained on our equipment. An hourly rate was discussed and \$20.00/hr was determined to be fair based on Mike’s experience.
    - *M. Auker motioned to hire Mike Rossi on a part time basis at a rate of \$20.00/hr .* C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried

### **Unfinished Business**

- BIU Agreement – Tabled to the February meeting.

### **New Business**

- Mower purchase:
  - We have two mowers. The oldest mower is 10 years old and needs major repair, if we intend to use it as we currently do, in that the mowers run 5 days a week all summer long. Hollinger’s is willing to give us a minimal trade on the old unit of \$1500.00, but that is all they can offer, due to the cost of repairs to resell it. Hollinger’s is a COSTARS dealer and the price they quoted us on a new SCAG mower is at the state approved municipal price.
    - A public works employee has requested the option of buying the old mower. After some discussion, Council decided it would be best to trade the old unit, because we would have to sell the unit by sealed bid.
    - *L. Heisey motioned to purchase from capital reserve, a new SCAG mower from Eblings/R.S. Hollinger at a cost of \$12,979.00, including the trade in of the old mower.* P. Kresge seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

### **Mayor’s Report**

- Mayor will attend a luncheon on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

### **Manager’s Report**

- Manager Millhouse referred to his report as distributed.
- A thank you was extended from the public works employees to the Council for providing the equipment upgrades and tools they need to do their jobs efficiently, including the new vehicle and new mower.

### **Personnel Committee Report**

- President Hersh reorganized the Personnel Committee for 2022 and appointed the following Councilperson's to the committee:
  - Mayor Mitchell, President Hersh, Vice-President Eshleman and Councilperson Kresge.

### **Miscellaneous**

- *P. Kresge motioned to cancel the scheduled January 24, 2022 Council Meeting.* L. Heisey seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2043 hrs.**

Respectfully submitted,

Derrick J. Millhouse  
Secretary/Treasurer

Gallery:

Karl Smith  
Stephanie Lavenburg