

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 11, 2022**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, March 14, 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, Harry Morgan and Mayor Steve Mitchell.
- 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 J. Hersh who then gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hersh 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**

- Borough Authority
  - Information was provided that the Authority is exploring reversing a reverter clause for the property. Council had few questions at this time and offered their support to pursue it. More information will be forthcoming soon.
- Sager Swisher and Company, Auditors
  - The 2021 annual audit was presented to the Council.

**Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports**

- *P. Kresge moved to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2022, meeting as distributed.* J. Eastep 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.

**Public Safety – Police/Fire**

Chairperson – Phil Kresge

- The Chair recognized West Hempfield Police Department Chief L. Layden. Chief Layden reviewed the police report distributed at the meeting.
  - Chief Layden advised they have hired two more officers and promotions were made.

- The Chair recognized Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief Gantz. Chief Gantz reviewed the March 2022 monthly report.
  - Fund drive has begun. They have received approx. \$1200.00 to date.
  - The Safer and AIG grants are currently under review.
  - Carnival in May

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

Chairperson – Lenny Heisey

- Chair L .Heisey reported that 8 permits were issued for the March 2022 reporting period:
 

○ #2260	209 S. Manor St.	Radio Antennas	\$ 100.00
○ #2264	209 S. Manor St.	Removal of Cell Equipment	\$ 100.00
○ #2265	18 Rockford Rd.	Shed	\$ 58.40
○ #2266	29 E. Main St.	Enclose porch and balcony	\$ 683.90
○ #2267	205 Froelich Ave.	Interior/exterior renovations	\$1938.35
○ #2268	198 Rockford Rd.	Fencing	\$ 35.00
○ #2269	350 W. Main St.	Electrical	\$ 159.50
○ #2270	460 Huntington Dr.	Shed	\$ 35.00
- Code Enforcement for the month of March.
  - None
- The Planning Commission
  - None
- The Zoning Hearing Board had nothing to review.
  - The Dayspring project will be coming to the board for review.

### **General Government**

Chairperson – Christine D. Eshleman

- Memorial Day Parade – Saturday May 28, 2022. The Council will attend the parade. Candy will be purchased to hand out during the event.
- ARPA Funding
  - The Manager sent out information regarding reporting of the distribution of the funds. There are concerns from the Auditor and our Attorney regarding distribution. There are concerns about the fairness of distribution and questions that may arise from our residents with how and where the funds are distributed.
  - The committee is still working on the best means of distribution. They are accepting letters requesting funding for lost revenue.
  - The Federal Government has granted municipalities the option to use a standard deduction for reporting the use of the funds. Council is currently undecided how we should report funding. The deadline for the initial ARPA report is April 30, 2022.
  - Council tabled this discussion until the April 25, 2022 meeting.

**Public Works – Streets**

Chairperson – Matthew T. Auker

- The Main and Manor project for signal lights:
  - Rettew updated Council on the project. Survey work is completed. They are starting signal design. They are hoping to have documents ready to submit to PennDot by the end of the month.
- Fridy Street Stormwater:
  - The agreements are documented and signed. We will need to schedule a pre-construction meeting.
- Road repaving/resurfacing projects:
  - The resurfacing project for Summit Hills did go out to bid and the following were the results of the bid:
    - Martins Paving = \$103,592.00
    - Russell Standard Corp. = \$158,200.00
  - The original estimate was \$100,000.00
  - *M. Auker moved to accept the bid from Martins paving at a cost of \$103,592.00 for the Summit Hills resurfacing project and to fund the project from Capital Reserve.* L. Heisey seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Public Works – Health/Sanitation**

Chairperson – Harry L. Morgan

- White Goods collection will be on Friday, April 22, 2022.

**Parks & Recreation**

Chairperson – Jonah M. Eastep

- Spring Hill MS4 Project – Rettew Associates reported the bid documents are currently being drafted in the hopes we can move to proceed with the bid at the May 9th meeting.
- DCNR Project Borough Park – The grant award celebration was held on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Engineers Report** – No Report**Manager's Report** – No Report**Mayor's Report** – No Report**Personnel Committee Report** – No Report**Unfinished Business**

- None

### New Business

- Fulton Bank Vandalism Account – This account is no longer being utilized. There is \$539.41 in the account. The account type has changed, and we are now receiving bank charges on the account. The Borough Manager has recommended the balance be transferred to the General Fund and the account be closed.
  - *H. Morgan moved to transfer \$539.41 to the General Fund and close the Fulton Bank Vandalism account.* M. Auker seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- PLGIT Banking Accounts
  - Several accounts are earning dismal interest. The Borough Manager is asking to move some money into a different class account to earn more interest on our money.
    - *P. Kresge moved to transfer from the following funds: From the Sale of the Water Company Account, \$500,000.00 from the PLGIT Class account to a 6-month PLGIT Term investment account; From the Sale of the Water Company Account, \$114, 045.04 from the PLGIT Reserve account to a PLGIT Prime account; From Capital Reserve, \$504,957.25 from the PLGIT Reserve account to a PLGIT Prime account.* C. Eshleman seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- Trick or Treat Resolution 2022-5.
  - The LIMC is recommending Trick-or-Treat night be officially held on October 31<sup>st</sup>, regardless of day of the week or weather.
    - *P. Kresge moved to approve Resolution 2022-5, Trick or Treat Resolution.* H. Morgan seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Public Comment** – Claudia Shenk, the attorney for Field of Screams (FOS), gave a brief proposal for the use of alcohol and a mark up of the current zoning ordinance. They were limited by time and were looking for feedback from Council, to see if they should proceed further. The Mayor clarified the median age of attendees at around 30 y.o., which Jim Schopf confirmed. Three Borough residents spoke in opposition of allowing alcohol at FOS. Councilperson Heisey indicated he felt there was little support for the zoning change. This will be added to the May 9<sup>th</sup> agenda.

### Miscellaneous

- None.

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2044 hrs.**

Respectfully submitted,

Derrick J. Millhouse  
Secretary/Treasurer

### Gallery:

Derle Williams  
Lee Martin  
Craig Trisolin

Jim Schopf  
Karl Smith  
Daniel Irwin

Beth Hess  
Claudia Shenk