

**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 9, 2022**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, May 9, 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 Doug Ober, Mountville Fire Co #1 Assistant Chief Bryan Duquin, and Borough Manager Derrick Millhouse.

The meeting was called to order at 1902 hrs. by Council President J. Hersh who then gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

An amendment to the meeting agenda was requested for the purposes of a student to present a school project to Council.

- *P. Kresge moved to allow an addition to the agenda for possible action to be taken on a monofilament collection site to be placed at Lake Grubb.* J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

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 –**

- Field of Screams request for alcohol
  - P. Shertzer – Thinks “it’s not a good idea” and asked questions about average age of attendee and the police call logs for the address.
  - B. Hess – “doesn’t see a need for beer”
  - J. Bemserderfer – “do they have current allowances for alcohol on the property” “not in favor of alcohol on the property”
  - L. Martin – “not a good idea for alcohol to be there”
  - B. Metzger – “alcohol is not permitted within 300’ from school property” “believes it’s a place for families to have fun, so there’s no need for alcohol”

**Recognition of Visitors - None**

**Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports**

- *L. Heisey moved to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2022, meeting as distributed.* J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- *P. Kresge 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 – Phil Kresge

- The Chair recognized West Hempfield Police Department Captain Doug Ober. A report was not available for the meeting.
  - Captain Ober advised there have been an increase in Thefts from vehicles and Theft of Vehicles. Captain Ober encourages all residents to lock their vehicles and take the keys with them.
  - Three officers will be assigned to the Memorial Day Parade.
- The Chair recognized Mountville Fire Co #1 assistant Chief Duquin. Assistant Chief Duquin reviewed the April 2022 monthly report.
  - The Carnival is coming the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be no fireworks due to budget constraints.
- Resident D. Schaeffer addressed Council and requested something be done about the speeding on Hoover St.

**Public Safety – Planning/Zoning**

Chairperson – Lenny Heisey

- Chair L. Heisey reported that 3 permits were issued for this reporting period:
 

○ #2271	211 E. New St	Fencing	\$ 35.00
○ #2272	24 E. New St.	Patio and Walk	\$ 152.60
○ #2273	114 E. Main St.	Fencing	\$ 35.00
- Code Enforcement for the month of April.
  - 210 S. Manor St.      Vehicle Parts and Debris
  - 222 Huntington Dr.      High Weeds and Grass
- The Planning Commission
  - None
- The Zoning Hearing Board had nothing to review.
  - The Dayspring project will be coming to the board for review on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**General Government**

Chairperson – Christine D. Eshleman

- ARPA Funding
  - The committee is seeking requests from organizations for donations. Proof of 501,c,3 will be required. They will also have to show details of their losses.

**Public Works – Streets**

Chairperson – Matthew T. Auker

- The Main and Manor project for signal lights:
  - Rettew updated Council on the project. A resolution will need to be adopted for the maintenance of the new signals.

- Fridy Street Stormwater:
  - Work is to begin within the week.
- Road repaving/resurfacing projects:
  - Contract has been signed, but it has not been scheduled.

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

Chairperson – Harry L. Morgan (absent)

- No Report

### **Parks & Recreation**

Chairperson – Jonah M. Eastep

- Monofilament Recycling Project
  - Erik Otto from the Stone Independence School in Lancaster is requesting to place a monofilament collection container at Grubb Lake as part of a school project. Erik presented his ideas and designs for the project.
    - *J. Hersh moved to allow Erik Otto to place one monofilament collection tube at Lake Grubb, to be located at the direction of the Borough Manager. L. Heisey seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*
- Spring Hill MS4 Project – Rettew Associates prepared the bid documents, and they need permission to proceed.
  - *J. Eastep moved to allow Rettew Associates to send documents out to bid and advertise for bidding for the project. L. Heisey seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

### **Engineers Report** – No Report

**Manager's Report** – 3 Council Members and the Mayor will participate in the Memorial Day parade. Blue shirts were chosen to be worn.

### **Mayor's Report** – No Report

### **Personnel Committee Report** – No Report

### **Unfinished Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- Handicapped parking space request.
  - Requested at 204 W. Main St. The parking spot would be located on Fridy St., which is where the entrance to the residence is located. The landlord has signed a letter approving the request and the resident has met the criteria.
    - *C. Eshleman moved to approve the handicapped parking space for 204 W. Main St. J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

- VFW Trust
  - The trust is currently not making enough interest to cover the yearly financial services required to manage the trust. Brad Zuke explained to the Council that under the state’s probate code, which governs trust administration, if the principal of the trust decreases to the point where it no longer makes financial sense to have the trust professionally managed, the trust can be terminated. The funds would then be distributed to the beneficiary. The benchmark for this action is \$100,000.00. The VFW Trust is currently at \$95,000.00. Fulton Financial has recommended terminating the trust, which would require a petition to the State Attorney General. Those funds would then be turned over to the Borough and placed in a separate fund for use at the VFW.
    - *L. Heisey moved to approve resolution 2022-6 which authorizes Fulton Financial to terminate the trust and authorizes the Borough Manager and the Council President to make financial decisions regarding the termination of the trust.* P. Kresge seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
  
- Resolution 2022-7, Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement.
  - *C. Eshleman moved to approve Resolution 2022-7.* M. Auker seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Public Comment –**

- K. Smith – “does the ARPA funding have to stay within the municipality?” .... he read that the ambulance companies in the area are losing funds and wondered if several municipalities could consolidate funds to help them out.

**Miscellaneous**

- *C. Eshleman moved to cancel the next Council Meeting on May 23, 2022.* L. Heisey 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  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Gallery:**

Jim Bemesderfer  
Linda Butler  
Beth Hess  
Daniel Irwin  
Amy Manganella  
Lee Martin  
Bill Metzger  
Erik Otto  
Phil Shertzler

Diane Schaeffer  
Karl Smith