

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

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, October 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 Phil Kresge, Matt Auker, Jonah Eastep, Rick Spiegel and Mayor Steve Mitchell. Christine Eshleman and Lenny Heisey were absent and there is one vacancy.
- Also, present were West Hempfield Township Police Captain Doug 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 P. Kresge who then gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was also observed for former Councilperson Harry L. Morgan who recently passed.

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.

**Additions to the Agenda**

- Contract for Dynatech for the EMA generator
  - *M. Auker moved to add the contract to the agenda.* R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Public Comment**

- None

**Recognition of Visitors**

- Swearing of Crossing Guards
  - Crossing Guards Lisa Day and Brenda Eichelman were sworn in by Mayor Mitchell.
- Candidates for Council
  - Dawn Eichen and Lynn Pyott spoke to Council regarding their interest to serve on Council. Theresa Baker had previously attended the September 26, 2022 meeting and spoke to Council at that time.
  - *R. Spiegel moved to nominate Theresa Baker, Dawn Eichen, and Lynn Pyott for the vacant Council position.* M. Auker seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
  - There were no nominations from the floor. *R. Spiegel moved the nominations to be closed.* M. Auker seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried. The Council was then given the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates.
  - President Kresge then called for a vote by a show of hands. The results for the Council vacancy were as follows:
    - Theresa Baker - 4      Dawn Eichen - 0      Lynn Pyott - 0

- With a clear majority, Theresa Baker was appointed to fill the vacant spot on Council. President Kresge addressed the other candidates and encouraged them to apply again if another vacancy occurs, and to serve on other committees and boards in the community.
- *R. Spiegel moved to approve resolution 2022-9 appointing Theresa Baker to Council.* J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

### **Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports**

- *M. Auker moved to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2022, meeting as distributed.* R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
- *R. Spiegel moved to accept the financial reports and fund distributions as presented.* J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

### **Public Safety – Police/Fire**

Chairperson – Vacant

- P. Kresge recognized WHTPD Captain D. Ober who reviewed the report for the month of September 2022.
- P. Kresge recognized Mountville Fire Co #1 Chief Gantz who reviewed the September 2022 monthly report.

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

Chairperson – Lenny Heisey (absent)

- S. Meckley from Rettew Assoc. reported that 2 permits were issued for this reporting period:
  - #2296                      407 E. New St.                      Solar Pannels                      \$ 294.50
  - #2298                      112 N. Church St.                      Deck                      \$ 73.40

### **General Government**

Chairperson – Christine D. Eshleman (absent)

- Budget Discussion
  - Revenues and expenditures for 2023 were reviewed.

### **Public Works – Streets**

Chairperson – Matthew T. Auker

- The Main and Manor project for signal lights:
  - The 4<sup>th</sup> and final easement has been obtained.
  - The advanced WB turn signal criteria has been submitted to PennDot and we are awaiting a response.
  - There was discussion to approve the left turn signal if approved by PennDot, and grant approval in either case, so that we do not have to hold the bidding process waiting for approval by Council.
    - *M. Auker moved to include the advanced left turn signal to the Main/Manor signal project if the signal is permitted by PennDot and if PennDot rejects the proposal then approval would be granted to proceed without the addition of the turn signal.* J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

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

Chairperson – Rick Spiegel

- There are several accounts that are more than \$500.00 in arrears that are eligible for lien.
  - *R. Spiegel moved to direct the Borough Manager to sign the lien paperwork on seven addresses for failure to pay their trash accounts. J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*  
The addresses are as follows:
    - 167 N. Church St., 109 College Ave., 42 Froelich Ave., 156 E. New St., 61 Rockford Rd., 459 Society Hill Circle, 425 Huntington Dr.

**Parks and Recreation**

Chairperson – Jonah M. Eastep

- DCNR grant and Land and Water Conservation Funding
  - There was discussion concerning the Borough Park property and the use of Land and Water Conservation Funds in the 1970's. There may be an "anti-conversion" clause which may prevent us from any development of the park for anything other than recreational space.
  - Questions arose about the currently awarded DCNR grant and the requirement that the Borough will need to acknowledge the anti-conversion agreement for the Borough Park. Currently, the contract with Land and Water Conservation, which was signed in the 1970's, does not specifically restrict the entire property.
  - *R. Spiegel moved to allow Attorney Zuke to investigate our options and pause any work on the current DCNR grant. J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

**Engineers Report** – No Report.

**Manager's Report** – No Report.

**Mayor's Report** – No Report.

**Personnel Committee Report** – No Report

**Unfinished Business**

- Discount for yearly trash payments
  - Does the Borough Council wish to increase the yearly prepay discount for trash to 5%.
    - *M. Auker moved to apply a 5% discount to yearly trash payments if made before the 2<sup>nd</sup> billing cycle of the year. R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*
- Kraft Bags to residents
  - There was discussion about continuing to provide kraft bags to residents. Bulk orders need to be placed before Oct. 19, 2022 to LCSWM if the Council wishes to participate. Also, 15,000 bags have been distributed this year, which is an increase of 7,000 bags over the period three years ago. It is possible that non-Borough residents are using the bags. It was suggested a sign be posted near the bags clearly stating the bags are for Borough residents and the area is monitored. The manager will have a sign made and it will be posted. The Borough will not participate in the bulk purchase in 2023.
- Dynatech Maintenance contract
  - *R. Spiegel moved to pay for the maintenance contract for the EMA/Fire Company contract at a cost of \$505.00. M Auker seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

**New Business**

- Bed Liner for the 2022 Public Works pickup truck

- *R. Spiegel moved to purchase a spray on bed liner from Line-X at a cost of \$600.00. M. Aufer seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*
- Tires for the 2011 Public Works pickup truck
  - The Manager obtained three COSTARS quotes. The lowest COSTARS quote was \$976.83 from Monroe Muffler in Rohrerstown.
    - *R. Spiegel moved to purchase 4 tires from Monroe Muffler at a COSTARS price of \$976.83. J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*
- Equipment purchase for Public Works
  - Three quotes were obtained for a new pressure washer to replace an existing inoperable pressure washer for Public Works. The pressure washers priced were 2700 psi 2.3 GPM or equivalent.
    - Lowe's - \$248.48
    - Home Depot - \$250.09
    - Ace Hardware - \$369.99
  - *R. Spiegel moved to purchase a new pressure washer from Lowe's at a cost of \$248.48. M. Aufer seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*
- Police Contract
  - The Council discussed extending our police contract with West Hempfield Township. The Township is asking us to offset more of the costs for police protection based on population and call volume. The Manager and President Kresge met with representatives from West Hempfield over the last several weeks. It is the recommendation of all involved parties to increase the fee for protection by 15% for the year 2023 and 10% each year thereafter until the final year of the contract in 2027. Using those increases, we would be paying approximately 12%+ of the total police budget for WHTPD in 2027. This would be a "fair" cost to the Borough and the Township. If the Council decided to bid the contract, it may result in doubling or even tripling the costs. There was much discussion which followed the recommendation.
    - *J. Eastep moved to renew the contract with West Hempfield Township as presented with increases as follows: a 15% increase in 2023 (\$405,320.95), 10% in 2024 (\$445,853.05), 10% in 2025 (\$490,438.35), 10% in 2026 (\$539,482.18) and 10% in 2027 (\$593,430.40). R. Spiegel seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.*

#### **Public Comment**

- None

#### **Miscellaneous**

- None.

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2056 hrs.**

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick J. Millhouse  
Manager/Treasurer

Gallery:

Dawn Eichen

Daniel Irwin

Lynn Pyott