**MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**June 9, 2025**

A meeting of the Mountville Borough Council was held on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 1900 hrs. in the Mountville Borough Hall at 21 E. Main Street, Mountville, PA 17554.

The following Council members were present:

* Jonah Eastep, Danny Good, Lenny Heisey, Rick Spiegel and Mayor Steve Mitchell. Theresa Baker, Christine Eshleman and Phil Kresge were absent.
* Also, present were West Hempfield Township Police Chief Jason Jay, Mountville Fire Company Fire Chief Dean Gantz and Borough Manager Derrick Millhouse.

The meeting was called to order at 1905 hrs. by Council Vice President R. Spiegel who then gave an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Spiegel 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.

**Agenda Additions**

* None

**Public Comment**

* None

**Recognition of Visitors**

* None

**Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports**

* *D. Good moved to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2025, meeting as distributed*. L. Heisey seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
* *L. Heisey moved to accept the financial reports and fund distributions as presented*. D. Good seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Public Safety – Police/Fire**

Chairperson – R. Spiegel

* Chairperson Spiegel recognized WHTPD Chief J. Jay who reviewed the report for the previous month.
* Chairperson Spiegel recognized Mountville Fire Chief D. Gantz who reviewed the report for the previous month.
	+ The name for the new fire department as part of the merger will be Iron Ridge Fire and Rescue.

**Public Safety – Planning/Zoning**

Chairperson – L. Heisey

* Chairperson Heisey reported that 4 permits were issued for this reporting period:
	+ #2424 127 N. Church St. Pergola $ 35.00
	+ #2427 288 College Ave. Fence $ 49.00
	+ #2428 9 E. New St. Shed $ 35.00
	+ #2429 194 Hill St. Driveway Expansion $ 35.00
* The Right-of-Way Ordinance and updates to the Solid Waste Ordinance are being worked on. They should be ready to be advertised for the June meeting.

**Public Safety – Health/Sanitation**

Chairperson – T. Baker

* There are 21 trash accounts that are overdue for the second quarter.
	+ *D. Good moved to send the overdue accounts to Creditech for collection.* J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
* There are 15 accounts which are more than $300.00 in arears and we should lien those properties for the unpaid balances.
	+ *J. Eastep moved to lien 15 properties for those accounts which are more than $300.00 in arrears for trash collection*. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
* We are currently exploring bidding our trash collection as a joint contract with West Hempfield Township.

**General Government – Personnel**

Chairperson – P. Kresge

* No Report

**General Government - Budget**

Chairperson – C. Eshleman

* No Report

**General Government – Public Outreach**

Chairperson – P. Kresge

* No Report.

**General Government – Building Committee**

Chairperson – P. Kresge

* No Report

**Public Works – Streets**

Chairperson – D. Good

* Spring Street Discussion
	+ Currently there is a pause placed on moving forward with the vacation. Discussions are currently in progress with FOS properties and the adjoining landowners.
	+ If the vacation falls through, we do have several low-cost options that can be discussed at a later date.
* Road Maintenance
	+ No schedule yet for the 2025 paving projects.

**Public Works - Parks and Recreation**

Chairperson – J. Eastep

* Park System Regionalization
	+ Discussions continue with HARC and the neighboring municipalities.
* Borough Park Improvement Plan
	+ The Manager met with Rettew Associates. We are hoping to hear something back soon to determine a budget number.
* Veteran’s Memorial Park Improvements
	+ The manager reported the proposed work should be performed during the weekend of June 21st.
	+ Public works personnel have been prepping and repairing the facility for the work party.
	+ Council members were encouraged to stop during the project. If any Council members are interested in volunteering to assist with the project, they should contact Manager Millhouse.
* Spring Hill Stream Restoration
	+ The project is complete and the final inspection has been performed. We will need to approve a change order. We have not yet received the final bill.
* Lake Grubb Clean Up
	+ A resident asked if they could clean up the shoreline using a kayak. Due to liability, Council is not willing to entertain this idea currently.

**Engineer’s Report**

* + No Report

**Manager’s Report**

* No Report

**Mayor’s Report**

* No Report

**Unfinished Business**

* None

**New Business**

* Change Order #2 for the Spring Hill Stream Restoration
* *J. Eastep moved to approve Change Order #2 to Greem Team Industries in the amount of $6,600.00 for removal of construction debris found at the excavation site and the new stormwater pipe.* D. Good seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.
* Proposed changes to Chapter 20 and 21 of the Borough Code of Ordinances.
* Council discussed changes to the solid waste collection ordinance to reflect our current contract with our trash hauler and address some items of concern with collection practices.
* Council discussed changes to the right-of-way ordinance concerning communication facilities and cleaning up the current language to reflect current Borough policy.
	+ *L. Heisey moved to advertise the changes to Chapter 20 and 21 so that they can be voted upon at the July 14th meeting.* J. Eastep seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**Public Comment**

* None

 **Miscellaneous**

* *L. Heisey moved to cancel the June 23, 2025, Borough Council meeting.* D. Good seconded the motion. Council was in accord and the motion carried.

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2046 hrs.**

Respectfully submitted,

Derrick J. Millhouse

Manager/Secretary

Gallery:

Julissa Rodriguez – LNP

Sam Meckley – Rettew Associates

Ronald Freiberg

Stephanie Lavenberg

Dale Rohrer

Michael Rossi

Judy Snyder