

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
November 2, 2015 Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on November 2, 2015, at the Mount Joy Borough Office.

Council President Glessner called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Bradley gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Roll Call- Present was: Present were Councilors Deering, Ginder, Metzler, Murray, Reese, Seidel, Youngerman, and President Glessner. Councilor Mowrer arrived at 6:55pm. Also present were Borough Manager, Scott Hershey; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Police Chief, Williams; Authority Manager, John Leaman, and Codes and Zoning officer, Stacie Gibbs.

Glessner announced there would be an executive session held at the end of the meeting.

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., asked for an update on police regionalization. Metzler said there is no update; the department would need to find a partner.

Sterling asked when the train station project will start. Hershey said the hope is for the train station project to start next year. He said there are agreements that need to be worked out and signed.

Sterling asked when the traffic signalization will start. Metzler said there is a paperwork issue with PennDOT's legal department.

Sterling asked if Council is interested in the Transit Revitalization Investment Districts (TRID) program. Glessner said it was discussed at the Administration and Finance Committee meeting on October 28, 2015, and the general consensus was that it is not a viable option for the Borough.

Wyatt Hall, 103 Talbot St., asked if there have been any actions taken to address the problems at Florin Hill development. He asked if there has been a more realistic counter offer to Charter Homes for the Borough to take dedication of the streets. Mayor Bradley said he facilitated and attended a meeting with the residents of Florin Hill concerning these issues. Hall said he was not able to attend the meeting. Mayor Bradley said there were a number of creative options proposed and that he will speak to Mr. Hall at a later time and let him know what was discussed.

Hall asked Chief Williams how he should handle the residents that do not stop at the stop signs and if he should personally approach them about it. Chief said no, and asked Mr. Hall to contact him when there is a problem. He said he has met with Justice Albert to see if there is a possibility of alternative charges on private property and undedicated streets and at this point no changes have been made to the law.

Hall asked why Phase I has not been paved, at least the inner streets of the development. Hershey responded that using a private street to access the public street creates a liability for the Borough.

Glessner said he would discuss the results of the resident meeting and possible solutions for the problem with the Borough manager and present the different ideas to Council.

Report of Mayor

Mayor Bradley provided and reviewed a written monthly report for October 2015. Bradley complimented the Donegal Field Hockey team on a job well done.

Report of the Chief of Police

A written monthly report was provided for September 15, 2015 through October 14, 2015. The report showed 34 traffic arrests and 39 criminal arrests for the month. There were 92 UCR reportable incidents and 401 CAD incidents for the month, with a total of 3904 incidents year to date. Monies collected by the Police Department for the month for tickets, permits, reports, and services totaled \$1,076.68.

Seidel asked if the Public Safety Committee could develop an additional matrix report that would better measure and assess the police force and asked if the Committee would be willing to do this. Mayor Bradley stated that this would have to be created as a positive usable tool. Deering said it will be put on the next Public Safety Committee meeting agenda.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

William Hall, Fire Chief, Fire Department Mount Joy, reviewed a written monthly report for October 2015.

Report of Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ)

No report provided.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library

No report provided.

Report of Codes and Zoning Officer

Stacie Gibbs, Codes and Zoning Officer, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for October 2015.

Report of Stormwater Officer

Ken Barto, Stormwater Enforcement Officer, provided a written monthly report for October 2015.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

Authority Manager, John Leaman provided and reviewed a written monthly report for October 2015.

Report of the Borough Manager

Borough Manager, Hershey provided and reviewed a written monthly report for October 2015.

Reese asked if the Borough will receive funding for the Jacob Street bridge removal before the budget is passed. Hershey said that the expense incurred early on in the project will be for Amtrak's review of the removal plans and that the funding for the actual removal will come in 2017.

Glessner announced Mary Ginder as the new Council member for the West Ward to replace former Council member, Josh Bower, and stated that she will sit on the Public Works committee.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On a MOTION by Reese, and a second by Deering, approval was given for the minutes from the Regular Borough Council Meeting held on October 5, 2015, as amended. Metzler abstained due to being absent at the meeting, and Ginder abstained due to not being a council member for the October meeting. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Administration and Finance Committee

On a MOTION by Youngerman, and a second by Murray, approval was given to enact Ordinance #6-15, approving the guaranty of indebtedness up to \$4,900,000, for the Mount Joy Borough Authority Guaranteed Water Revenue Note, Series of 2015.

Leaman reviewed the refunding opportunity for the Authority for the 2010 water bonds and introduced Stephen Flaherty, with RBC Capital Markets. Flaherty gave a written report to all Council members and a brief oral presentation concerning the 2010 Mount Joy Borough Authority water bond refunding opportunity. He asked if Council had any concerns with the proposal. Seidel stated that Council should be aware that the Authority has contracts to supply water to surrounding areas outside the Borough boundaries. On a roll call vote, *motion carries unanimously.*

Youngerman announced discussion on the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Ordinance (LERTA).

Hershey stated that this was discussed at the Administration and Finance Committee meeting. The Committee recommended moving forward with finalizing the LERTA Ordinance. The Committee also suggested that the Transit Revitalization Investment District (TRID) program is not a good fit for the Borough. He asked Council if the Borough staff has permission to move forward with the solicitor's review finalizing of the LERTA Ordinance.

Gibbs stated that an additional vacant property was discovered by the storm water officer in Cornerstone Business Park and will be added to the LERTA Ordinance property list.

Deering said that it is not a good idea to have every business in the Main Street corridor included in a LERTA Ordinance. Gibbs said that Mount Joy Planning Commission suggested to keeping the LERTA area broad and they did not see the harm in having the entire corridor included.

Hershey asked for permission to continue moving forward. Council unanimously agreed.

Report of the Public Safety Committee

On a MOTION by Metzler, and a second by Deering, approval was given for a request by Main Street Mount Joy to close Delta Street between East Main Street and East Henry Street from 1:30 PM to 8:00 PM, on Saturday December 5, 2015, for the Winterfest Event. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Report of the Public Works Committee

Nissley provided and reviewed the monthly written report for October 2015.

Nissley reported that the Marietta Ave. bridge project is still planned to be completed by late this year. Staff is awaiting results from the Borough's request for funding for the Marietta Ave. pedestrian improvement project and the Jacob Street bridge removal project. Staff is also awaiting agreements from Amtrak.

Public Input Period

Bill Hall, 209 Marietta Ave., asked if there are any updates on the train station project. Hershey said that PennDOT is negotiating agreements, and plans to start work in 2016.

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., asked if there have been any new demolition permits issued. Gibbs said no.

Any other matter proper to come before Council

Reese stated that the budget at this time of year should be 83.3% expended. He said there are three different areas that are over that percentage and that the rest seem to be right on target. Youngerman reminded Council that all budgets are on the website and encouraged members to look over them and become familiar to them going into budget meetings.

Mayor Bradley stated that in June of 2014 Council passed a motion to have Public Works Committee look at the possible sale of the Florin Station. He asked if any action was taken. Seidel said that no action was taken. He said Councilor Bower was taking the lead with the research of that and Public Works Committee decided that the building is too valuable to sell. Mayor Bradley said that a motion was made in June to do research and report to Council and there was no report given. Youngerman said that Councilor Bower was the one authorized to research and report and that he is no longer here. Councilors Murray, Reese, Deering, Ginder, and Mayor Bradley stated that there should be research done and a report given. Seidel said it will be put on the Public Works Committee meeting agenda for further discussion.

Authorization to Pay Bills

On a MOTION by Youngerman, and a second by Murray, the Council unanimously approves paying the bills as presented:

GENERAL FUND	\$	712,432.34
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	44,256.08
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	687.50

HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	25,827.89
TAX ACCOUNT	\$	6,476.45
ESCROW FUND	\$	386.50
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	14,435.30
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	804,502.06

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

See the red calendar for the month of November 2015.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:43pm to discuss possible litigation. Executive session ended at 8:53pm. No decisions followed.

Adjournment

On a motion by Reese, and a second by Murray, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Hershey
Borough Manager/Secretary

