

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
December 11, 2023, Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held a Special Budget meeting on December 11, 2023.

President Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

President Hall gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Roll Call- Present were Councilors, Dominic Castaldi, David Eichler, LuAnn Fahndrich, Mary Ginder, David Greineder, Bruce Haigh, Bob Ruschke, Brian Youngerman, and President William Hall. Staff present were Borough Manager, Mark G. Pugliese I; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Codes, Zoning and Stormwater Administrator, Duane Brady, Jr.; Police Chief, Robert Goshen and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley. Absent was Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Director, Jill Frey. Mayor Bradley joined the meeting via Zoom at approximately 6:35 PM.

On a **MOTION** by Ruschke, and a second by Haigh, a request was made to accept the agenda for the December 11, 2023, Borough Council Special Budget Meeting Agenda. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

None

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to approve the 2024 General Budget. *Motion carries 8-1, Youngerman voting No.* Youngerman stated, he feels there are certain items in the budget that are not in the fiscal interest of Mount Joy Borough, therefore he will be voting No. Castaldi commented that he is in favor of the budget but thinks under section 487, that a couple of large line items could be broken out a little better.

On a **MOTION** by Ruschke, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to approve Ordinance 04-2023, an ordinance to levy taxes at a rate of 4.47 mills upon all real property within the Borough for general borough purposes for the year 2024. *Motion carries 8-1, Youngerman voting No.*

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to adopt the 2024 Refuse Fund Budget. *Motion carries 8-1, Castaldi voting No.*

On a **MOTION** by Ruschke, and a second by Greineder, a request was made to adopt the 2024 Capital Fund Budget. *Motion carries 8-1, Youngerman voting No.*

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to adopt the 2024 Highway Aid Fund Budget. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Ruschke, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to adopt Resolution 2023-17, a resolution to establish and amend fees to be charged for the year 2024. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to adopt Resolution 2023-18, a resolution restating annual service charges for Borough refuse and recycling rates for the calendar year 2024 as required annually under the Municipal Waste and Recycling Ordinance. *Motion carries 8-1, Castaldi voting No.*

On a **MOTION** by Ruschke, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to adopt Resolution 2023-19, a resolution reducing employee contributions to the police department pension plan for the year 2024. After some discussion it was determined this is something that should be discussed with legal counsel before making a decision. On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to lay the Motion on the table until the January 2, 2024, Council meeting. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Dale Murray, 120 Farmington Wy., said he agrees with Councilor Castaldi on the budget topic regarding the General Fund section 487 that some larger line item could be broken out a little better. He said he's been asking for this to be done for years.

Any other matter proper to come before Council

Pugliese advised Council that the RACP grant period was now open for applications with a deadline of mid-January.

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Ruschke, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

A large, bold, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MP' or similar initials, written over the printed name.

Mark G. Pugliese
Borough Manager/Secretary