

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
February 7, 2022, Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on February 7, 2022.

President Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call- Present were Councilors, Dominic Castaldi, Lu Ann Fahndrich, Mary Ginder, Bruce Haigh, Eric Roering, Bob Ruschke (via telecommunication), Brian Youngerman, President Hall and Mayor Timothy Bradley, Jr. (via telecommunication). Staff present were Borough Manager, Mark G. Pugliese I; Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Director, Jill Frey; Stormwater Officer, Dave Salley; Codes and Zoning Officer; Stacie Gibbs; Police Chief, Robert Goshen and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley. Absent were Councilor, David Eichler and Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley.

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

President Hall said there are no Executive Sessions to announce at this time.

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Ginder, approval was given to accept the agenda for the February 7, 2022, Borough Council meeting with 11b stating we will remove it from the table before consideration. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Rae Ann Schatz, Schatz Garage, 1090 W Main St., spoke regarding the Melhorn Basin, she said it has been over 90 days since they have been notified and wants to know the timeline and if a deadline has been set to fix the basin. She asked Council to keep this moving along.

Tim Leibfried, 257 Marietta Ave., voiced his concerns of losing parking space at his residence with the required sidewalk installations on Pinkerton Road. He has personal vehicles and work vehicles. He asked where he is supposed to park them.

Ned Sterling, 13 W Main St., asked what the location of the bus stops/shelters are going to be located in the future. He also inquired about metered parking at the Mount Joy Train Station and if it is coming anytime soon. Sterling asked if the Mount Joy Foundation report from last month's meeting is available to the public.

Mike Reese, 318 Locust Ln., spoke regarding the new Borough building. He asked what the investing millions of dollars into a new building would do for the residents of Mount Joy. He feels the Committee should be frozen until Borough Council can come to an agreement on a number.

Josh Deering, 33 Frank St., expressed his disappointment of 11d, Dave Salley leaving the Borough. He also expressed his disappointment with Higher Grounds closing. He hopes that MSMJ did all they could do to try and find another location for them. Deering also commented on the Senior Housing Project at the Gerber-Payne building regarding the parking and commercial space.

Report of Mayor

Mayor Bradley provided a written report for January 2022 via email.

Report of the Chief of Police

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a written monthly report for December 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021. The report showed 18 traffic arrests and 13 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 523 incidents for the month of December, with a total of 8,018 incidents year to date. Monies collected by the Police Department for the month for tickets, permits, reports, and services totaled \$3,666.24.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

Matt Gohn, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for December 2021 and the 2021 Annual Incident report.

Report of PSH Life Lion

No Report.

Report of EMA

No Report.

Report of Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ)

Dave Schell, Executive Director, provided a monthly report for January 2022.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)

Joseph McIlhenney provided a written monthly report for January 2022.

Report of Codes and Zoning Officer

Stacie Gibbs, Codes and Zoning Officer, provided a written monthly report for January 2022, 2021, Year End report and 2021 Annual Zoning report.

Report of Stormwater Officer

Dave Salley, Stormwater Enforcement Officer, provided a written monthly report for January 2022. Salley thanked Council for all the opportunities they gave him. He also thanked staff for all their assistance and hard work. Hall thanked Salley for all he has done for the Borough and wished him the best. Ginder also thanked him and wishes him the best. Haigh commented on the MS4 Program and thanked him for taking a program that did not exist and putting it into something the State found to be a good program.

Report of Public Works Director

Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, provided a written report for January 2022. In Nissley's absence, Salley highlighted a few items on Nissley's report. Purchase orders for a F250 Pickup truck, JD sub-compact tractor with snow blower, front blade and mower and JD 1575 tractor with front mount mower have been processed.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

Joseph Ardini, Authority Manager, provided a written monthly report for January 2022.

Report of the Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer

Jill Frey, Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer, provided a written report for January 2022.

Report of the Borough Manager

Mark G. Pugliese I, Borough Manager, provided a written report for January 2022.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Castaldi, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on January 3, 2022, with a correction to date on page 3 under Administration and Finance Committee. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Building Ad Hoc Committee

Deering commented that the committee would like more direction from Council on location. Deering said there was a lot of comments on the old Grandview location. So, he gave an estimate of what it would cost for construction and land development at that location. Deering asked if they should be looking for other properties in the Borough for the Municipal complex.

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to adopt Ordinance 01-2022 to amend the Mount Joy Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 255, Vehicles and Traffic, to prohibit trucks on a segment of Apple Alley. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to remove from the table the motion from the February meeting regarding the Act 50 letters to our legislators. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and seconded by Roering, a request was made to send a letter to elected state officials reference Act 50. An **AMENDMENT** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, to allow the Manager to disseminate to other organizations seeking similar support or similar letters. *Amendment is agreed to.* An **AMENDMENT** by Youngerman, and seconded by Roering, to change the signature block on the letter to Council President. *Amendment is agreed to. Main motion as amended carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to accept the Letter of Resignation from Mr. Bruce Haigh as the alternate member of the Borough Zoning Hearing Board. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to accept the "Letter of Resignation" of David Salley, Assistant Public Works Director/Stormwater Officer. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to authorize the Borough Manager to attend the PSAB 110th Annual Conference & Exhibition on May 22, 2022, through May 25, 2022, and to pay for and/or reimburse authorized expenses as provided by Section 701 of the Borough Code. (Registration is \$250.00 and the Manager would be driving to and from the Conference each day.) *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to name the Borough Manager, Mark G. Pugliese I as the "Voting Delegate" for the PSAB 110th Annual Conference & Exhibition. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to adopt a Borough Policy of authorizing the Borough Manager to grant five (5) days of regular pay to non-uniform staff who are required to quarantine due to positive Covid-19 test. Time will not be counted against any other accrued time and staff shall be required to provide medical return to work notice from physician. After some discussion, Youngerman withdrew his motion and Council will revisit again at the March Council meeting.

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to release of \$46,690.65 of construction escrow to J. Michael & Wendy Melhorn in reference to 200 South Plum Street Stormwater Management Plan. Amount remaining in escrow account would be \$15,526.07. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to release of \$702,349.10 of construction escrow to Laurel Harvest Labs in reference to facility construction. Amount remaining in escrow account will be \$218,188.75. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Youngerman acknowledged the distribution of the grant tracking.

Councilor Ruschke left the meeting at this time.

Report of the Public Safety Committee

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to adopt Resolution 2022-02, a resolution of the Borough Council showing the Borough's intent to allow the suspension of banners across state Route 230 (SR0230), East Main Street. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Council acknowledged receipt of permit applications for listed events to be acted upon by the Mayor

- I. Paula's 5K Race – April 23, 2022
- II. Make-A-Wish Cornhole Tournament – April 29 & 30, 2022
- III. Mount Joy Memorial Day Parade – May 28, 2022
- IV. MSMJ Art & Craft Festival – June 11, 2022
- V. MSMJ Car Show – July 23, 2022
- VI. MSMJ Blues, Brews & BBQs – September 23, 2022
- VII. Fall Fest/Downtown Trick or Treat – October 22, 2022
- VIII. Winterfest- December 3, 2022

Report of the Public Works Committee

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Haigh, a request was made to allow Donegal Tribe Softball to place advertising banners on upper sections of the backstop at Grandview Park field. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Haigh, a request was made to authorize the Borough Manager to consult with the Borough Solicitor and negotiate with ARRO Consulting, Inc. the standard terms and conditions, charges, expenses, and hourly rates and that ARRO be authorized to proceed under the 2021 rates with an equitable readjustment once the negotiations have concluded. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Dale Murray, 120 Farmington Wy., asked for copy of the needs analyst for the new Borough building project.

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., said he supports the Borough and Authority offices along with the Police Station to remain on Main Street. Preferably at the Wells Fargo location for the Offices and current location for the Police Station. He would like to see the buildings at 13, 15 and 17 East Main Street remain intact and to be part of the historic downtown Main Street façade.

Josh Deering, 13 Frank St., commented on parking in the area of the Senior Housing location. He asked if there was an update on the ARELE grant.

Any other matter proper to come before Council

Mayor Bradley thinks the Borough would benefit from having an advisory board for our Parks that is comprised of individuals with specific specialties. He feels they may be able to provide a wider park vision in terms of full utilization of park space and underutilized parks and helping to guide us in what grants we might want to consider going forward. Hall agrees and the first step would be to put it on the agenda for the next Admin and Finance Committee meeting. Mayor Bradley formally requested this be put on the next Admin and Finance Committee meeting.

Authorization to Pay Bills

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, Council approved paying the bills as presented from January 1 – January 31, 2022.

GENERAL FUND	\$	230,480.75
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	38,615.49
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	20,335.12
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	-
ESCROW FUND	\$	128.31
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	-
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	289,559.67

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

See the red calendar for the month of February.

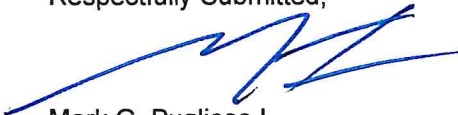
Executive Session

None

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Roering, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark G. Pugliese I
Borough Manager/Secretary