

Mount Joy Borough Council Building Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes March 21, 2022

The Mount Joy Borough Council Building Ad Hoc Committee held a meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022.

Committee Chair Deering called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present were Chair Deering, Council President Hall, Councilor Ruschke, Chief Goshen, Borough Authority Manager Ardini, Authority Board Chair Rebman, and Borough Manager Pugliese.

Todd Vukmanic of Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates was also present.

Approval of the Agenda: Hall made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ruschke. Motion passed.

Public Input:

Ned Sterling commented that he believes we should still consider the Wells Fargo Building.

Dale Murry commented that nobody at the council level has had the opportunity to review the study. He would like the committee and council to consider the current rate of inflation. There needs to be discussion between council and the committee as to what the actual needs are.

Hall commented that he agrees but at this point there are no actual numbers.

Pugliese commented that the committee needs to move forward in order to visually see what we have in the study and where we may be able to eliminate by moving things around.

Bruce Haigh commented that the committee was established by council to advise them on needs, location, etc. Committee has to be given time to do their jobs.

Approval of the Minutes:

Ardini made a motion to approve the minutes from February 22, 2022, seconded by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on Location

Chair asked if there were any comments in reference to building location.

Pugliese stated that he recommended Grandview Park as the location for Borough/Authority and Police. If it is determined that the cost is prohibited, then the committee would need to take a second look at Borough/Authority staying at its current location with a remodel and Police moving to facility at Grandview Park.

Hall mentioned that he likes being downtown in one building, but he has concerns about officer safety. If we moved the site to Grandview, we would have a clean slate. He further mentioned about the possibility of more grant money because of the park. Hall mentioned that Council needs to sign an agreement with Crabtree so we can start visualizing the building. Lastly, he stated that he was against the idea of police and administration being in separate facilities.

Ruschke stated that he to was opposed to two facilities for police and administration.

Ardini stated that it is not going to be an easy renovation of the current structure nothing that the building was already repurposed once.

Rebman stated that wherever the Borough goes, the Authority will go.

Chief Goshen stated that he was in favor of the Grandview site. There are always hidden/unexpected costs with renovations. Grandview checks all the boxes for future needs. Chief further stated that we are putting Vukmanic in a bad situation because intelligent decisions can't be made until we see drawings.

Deering stated that in order to get drawings, Council would need to sign an agreement with Crabtree.

Vukmanic stated that he could continue to run some numbers, but prices continue to rise. He also stated that he may need to talk to individuals to go over some details, but he realizes that there are concerns about a sally port and officer safety.

Deering stated that it appeared as though there is a census of maintaining one building for admin and police and that it should be at Grandview Park.

Recommendations for Council or Authority Board:

No recommendations to Council at this point.

Public Input:

Dale Murray stated that there appears to be three options; stay here with a renovation, move to a facility at Grandview or split the services. He wondered if the departments stay here, couldn't the facades remain?

Bruce Haigh asked what is the contingency? Vukmanic stated it is about 9.25%.

Tod Dohl stated that he appreciates the work that the committee is doing. He further comment that he believes it would be difficult to renovate and remain here.

Kim Bair asked if there have been any traffic studies completed on the Grandview property because it is currently a neighborhood that would be impacted by building a facility at Grandview. Deering stated that we are not yet in a position to do a traffic study.

Dave Schell asked if everything were to go through for the Grandview site, would the Borough be open to donating the site to a non-profit?

Any Other Matter Proper to Come Before Committee

Deering noted that he will not be able to attend the June Ad Hoc Committee meeting. J. Ardini noted that he will not be able to attend the May Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Adjournment

Hall made a motion, seconded by Ardini to adjourn at 5:50 pm. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark G. Pugliese I
Borough Manager/Secretary