

Mount Joy Borough Council Building Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes April 18, 2022

The Mount Joy Borough Council Building Ad Hoc Committee held a meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022.

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

Roll Call: Present were Chair Deering, Chief Goshen, Borough, Authority Manager Ardini and Councilman Ruschke.

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

Approval of the Minutes:

Ruschke made a motion, seconded by Ardini to approve the April 18, 2022, Building Ad Hoc Committee meeting agenda, with an amendment to remove item 5, approval of the minutes from the March 21, 2022, Building Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input:

No public input.

Discussion on Project:

T. Vukmanic provided and reviewed hand out. He stated that Crabtree has been involved with the Borough concerning the building project since 2009. He reviewed the original feasibility study, which included the options of additions/renovations at existing site, building new on existing site, or moving to another site. He reviewed the deficiencies at the existing E. Main St. site, which include building deficiencies, Borough and Authority program deficiencies, and Police department program deficiencies. He reviewed the options of (1) E. Main St. property renovations and additions, and (2) new building at Grandview site, with cost estimates provided. He said this is all very preliminary. Chief Goshen said that until we would start on an actual plan, we will not know the cost because there are so many variables. Deering said that before we continue any further, we need to present something to Council. He said it should run through the Admin & Finance Committee meeting, which is April 28, 2022, and then Council, which is May 2, 2022. Ruschke stated that it is a lot of money. T. Vukmanic stated that the cost of construction has gone up and will continue to go up, and that the discussion with Council needs to be had. He said he wants to be as transparent as possible. Chief Goshen said that until you start drawing, everything is hypothetical, and so is the cost. T. Vukmanic said that this is part of the process. He said that as we move forward is where we come down to wants and needs. He said the cost estimate at this point, is not only for construction, but for everything, to include permitting, financing fees, furniture, etc., everything. Deering said that no matter what the cost, we need Council to decide on which direction they want to go.

Recommendations for Council or Authority Board:

Deering made a recommendation to Council for the Grandview Site, and to present and review at the Administration and Finance Committee meeting on April 28, 2022.

Public Input:

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., asked about a cost if the Borough/Authority administration stay at the E. Main St. location, and the Police Department move to the Grandview site. T.Vukmanic stated that they did explore that option but found it created redundancy. Deering stated that the committee instructed Crabtree not to pursue that, that they wanted

just one Municipal building. Sterling said that he does not know how much public support will be given for the Grandview site.

Bruce Haigh, Councilman, stated that he thinks Council will want multiple options; they will want a cost to stay at and renovate/add at the E. Main St. location, a cost to move to Grandview, and a cost for the administration to stay at E. Main St. and the Police move to Grandview. He said the hybrid approach should not be taken off the table and that Council will want to see it. He asked if it would run through Admin & Finance Committee first. Deering said yes. Haigh said that prices are only going to go up and it needs to go to Council so we can move one way or the other.

Todd Dohl, 9 E. Main St., stated that the Committee needs to make a recommendation to Council. The Committee needs to say what they feel needs to be done and go in with clear direction. There needs to be a decision and then let Council change direction if they so choose.

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

J Ardini made a motion, seconded by Chief Goshen to adjourn at 6:03 pm. *Motion carried unanimously.*
Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Borough Manager/Secretary