

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
August 3, 2020 Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on August 3, 2020. In light of the Coronavirus Emergency Declarations issued by the Borough of Mount Joy, the Governor of Pennsylvania and the President of the United States, this public meeting was held as a virtual meeting.

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

Roll Call- Present were Councilors Dominic Castaldi, David Eichler, Lu Ann Fahndrich, William Hall, Bob Ruschke, Brian Youngerman and Mayor Timothy Bradley, Jr. Staff present were Borough Manager, Samuel Sulkosky; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Stormwater Officer, Dave Salley; Codes and Zoning Officer, Stacie Gibbs; Police Chief, Robert Goshen and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley. Councilor Mary Ginder was absent. Councilor Joshua Deering joined the meeting at 7:02 PM.

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

President Hall announced there was an Executive Session held on July 6, 2020, for personnel issue(s). During the public session, Council approved a motion to send a letter to the former Police Chief affirming sick leave calculation made by the Borough. On August 3, 2020, an Executive Session was held for legal issues. No decisions were made.

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Reese, approval was given to accept the agenda for the August 3, 2020, Borough Council meeting. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., commented on an email from Gibbs regarding the old Darrenkamp store located at 13 E Main St. and asked Council to go and look at the current condition of the property.

Dale Murray, 120 Farmington Wy., commented on item 10c on the agenda regarding the grant for the Mount Joy Borough Municipal Building Expansion Project.

Report of Mayor

Mayor Bradley provided and reviewed a written report for July 2020.

Report of the Chief of Police

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for June 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020. The report showed 43 traffic arrests and 14 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 700 incidents for the month of June, with a total of 3,229 incidents year to date. Monies collected by the Police Department for the month for tickets, permits, reports, and services totaled \$1,692.13.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

Matt Gohn, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for June 2020.

Report of SVEMS

SVEMS provided a written report for July 2020.

Report of EMA

Matt Kratz provided an oral report stating he had a meeting with PEMA regarding the CARES money.

Report of Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ)

Dave Schell, Executive Director, provided a monthly report for July 2020.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)

Barbara Basile, Executive Director of Milanof-Schock Library, provided a written monthly report for June 2020. The Library opened for curbside delivery called "Grab and Go" in early June then opened to the public June 22nd with limited amount of people allowed in at a time. They are holding Storytime and other summer activities both virtually and outside. The Library's annual book sale will be held at Kraybill Mennonite.

Report of Codes and Zoning Officer

Stacie Gibbs, Codes and Zoning Officer, provided a written monthly report for July 2020. The Borough's Walking, Biking and Transit Survey has been re-initiated and is back on the Borough website and Facebook with additional questions post COVID shutdown. Moving forward with the Complete Street Guide.

Report of Stormwater Officer

Dave Salley, Stormwater Enforcement Officer, provided a written monthly report for July 2020.

Report of Public Works Director

Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, provided a written report for July 2020.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

Joseph Ardini, Authority Manager, provided a written monthly report for July 2020.

Report of the Borough Manager

Samuel Sulkosky, Borough Manager, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for July 2020. Sulkosky highlighted the following items: RACP application period, FEMA COVID-19 expense estimation report, 2021 Budget Calendar.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on July 6, 2020. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve a request from D&R Charles Construction LLC for a time extension until October 5, 2020, of Council's August 6, 2018 partial relief of the July 16, 2018, Property Maintenance Violation Letter for 240 W. Main Street, conditioned upon an extension of the contract of sale being executed and with the condition that if S&A aka Poole Anderson Properties does not complete the purchase, D&R Charles Construction LLC will be required to comply with the July 16, 2018, violation notice of blight and will be required to board up the exposed floors with solid sheathing within 60 days. *On a roll call vote, Castaldi, Eichler, Fahndrich, Reese, Ruschke, and Youngerman voting yes. Deering and Hall voting no. Ginder absent. Motion carries 6-2.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve the Revised Subdivision Plan for Phase 1 and 2B – Blocks F & M, conditioned upon detailed calculations of the required open space indicating all variations from Sheet 3 of the Revised Site Plan submitted as part of the hearing which resulted in the 2006 Decision. *Motion carries 7-1, Deering voting no. Ginder absent.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve Resolution No. 16-20; approve applying for a RACP Grant from the PA Office of Budget per Act 36 for the Mount Joy Borough Municipal Building Expansion Project. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Report of the Public Safety Committee

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to re-position the stop line governing northbound traffic on South Barbara Street at East Main Street from 21 feet to 40 feet prior to currently marked crosswalk. Re-align sensor for traffic light governing this lane if necessary. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Report of the Public Works Committee

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to approve a request from Dennis and Janet Lehman, 114 Columbia Avenue, to allow for retaining brick in the grass strip per section 232-60(A)(7). *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to approve a request from Brandon and Angie Meyers, 116 Columbia Avenue, to allow for retaining brick in the grass strip per section 232-60(A)(7). *Motion carries unanimously.*

Deering opened a discussion of the Locust Lane Stormwater Basin. Nissley stated this basin has been a source of a lot of sinkholes over the years. The basin is owned by three different property owners and two of three have been handed over to the Tax Bureau. In the last four to six months the Borough has done emergency repairs to the basin at least twice. Nissley feels it would be in the best interest of the Borough to take ownership of the basin for safety reasons. If the Borough would have ownership of the basin it can be maintained to be sure it is operating properly. Nissley said this basin would be a great candidate for stormwater BMP in the future. Salley stated the sinkholes are a major concern and how they could affect the structure of the basin. He also stated that the owner of area of the sinkholes is deceased and the Tax Bureau

took over ownership and is not required to maintain or make repairs to the property. Salley said the Borough would apply for grants for that area.

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., asked for clarification and the maintenance and possible demolishing of the old Darrkenkamp property located at 15. E Main St.

Mike Green, 401 Sagamore Hl., thanked Council for supporting the residents regarding the Florin Hill Development issue.

Any other matter proper to come before Council

On a **MOTION** by Hall, and a second by Deering to repaint the boards and smudges on 13 E Main Street to be matching to the rest of the façade. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Authorization to Pay Bills

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, Council approved paying the bills as presented.

GENERAL FUND	\$	176,616.85
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	54,867.27
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	59,986.98
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	30,180.97
ESCROW FUND	\$	4,298.75
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	-
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	325,950.82

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

See the Blue calendar for the month of August 2020.

Council went into Executive Session at 9:01 PM for personnel reasons. Council came out of Executive Session at 9:45 PM.

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Youngerman, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles M. Kraus, III

~~Samuel Sutkosky~~

~~Borough Manager/Secretary~~

Interim Borough Manager/Secretary