

**MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**September 14, 2020 Minutes**

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on September 14, 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, Joshua Deering, David Eichler, Lu Ann Fahndrich, Mary Ginder, William Hall, Bob Ruschke, Brian Youngerman and Mayor Timothy Bradley, Jr. Staff present were 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 Michael Reese joined the meeting at 7:11 PM.

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

President Hall announced there was an Executive Session held on August 3, 2020, for personnel issues. No decisions were made. There was an Executive Session on held on September 7, 2020, for personnel issues. No decisions were made. There was an Executive Session on held on September 14, 2020, for personnel issues. No decisions were made.

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Castaldi, approval was given to accept the agenda for the September 14, 2020, Borough Council meeting. An **AMENDMENT** by Youngerman, and a second by Ginder, to add to the Agenda a Motion to terminate the employment of Sam Sulkosky as Borough Manger effective immediately and authorize the appropriate Borough Officials to make legally required payment to Mr. Sulkosky for unused vacation time and other required items. Also, to add Resolution No. 21-20, appointing Charles Kraus, III as interim Borough Manager effective September 15, 2020, and establishing compensation for position of interim Borough Manager. *Amendment carries unanimously. Main motion is amended carries unanimously.*

**Public Input Period**

Ale Murray, 120 Farmington Wy., asked when Council thinks the regular in person Council meetings will resume.

Michele Stackhouse, Hershey, said she was there to represent Girls on the Run.

**Report of Mayor**

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

**Report of the Chief of Police**

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for July 1, 2020, through July 31, 2020. The report showed 25 traffic arrests and 39 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 668 incidents for the month of June, with a total of 3,897 incidents year to date. Monies collected by the Police Department for the month for tickets, permits, reports, and services totaled \$5,440.84.

**Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)**

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

**Report of SVEMS**

SVEMS provided a written report for August 2020.

**Report of EMA**

Matt Kratz provided an oral report for the month of August.

**Report of Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ)**

Ave Schell, Executive Director, provided a monthly report for August 2020.

**Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)**

Barbara Basile, Executive Director of Milanof-Schock Library, provided a written monthly report for July 2020.

**Report of Codes and Zoning Officer**

Stacie Gibbs, Codes and Zoning Officer, provided a written monthly report for August 2020.

**Report of Stormwater Officer**

Dave Salley, Stormwater Enforcement Officer, provided a written monthly report for August 2020. Sally stated the Annual MS4 Report was submitted to DEP. Salley said the Creek Stomp was a well-attended event. He also, reported the NFWF grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the stream bank restoration at Little Chiques Park was awarded and will have more information at a later date.

#### **Report of Public Works Director**

Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, provided a written report for July 2020. Nissley reported that the chip seal and fog seal on Church Street and Park Avenue was completed and Spring Alley and Cherry Alley paving is also completed. Nissley stated he is currently reviewing the preliminary plans for the next phase of the Pinkerton Road project which includes all of the stormwater. He told Council he is awaiting an updated schedule from PennDOT on the Marietta Avenue project. Nissley reported on two Grants, stating they are moving forward with ARLE grant and that ARRO is working on the bidding specifications for the project to be put out for bid and looking to be completed by 2021. Also, the 902 Grant gate and fencing installation is underway. Also, the leaf truck is being built and will hopefully be up and running for the leaf season.

#### **Report of the Borough Authority Manager**

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

#### **Report of the Borough Manager**

Samuel Sulkosky, Borough Manager, submitted a written monthly report for August 2020.

#### **Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

On a **MOTION** by Reese, and a second by Eichler, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on August 3, 2020. *Motion carries unanimously.*

#### **Administration and Finance Committee**

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve advertising Council Budget Meetings for November 5, 10 and 17, 2020. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve Resolution No. 17-20 authorizing using Municibid for the sale of a 2002 Ford F-250. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve Resolution No. 18-20, Council Appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board for an unexpired term until 1/1/2021. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to terminate employment of Samuel Sulkosky as Borough Manager effective immediately and authorize the appropriate Borough Officials to make legally required payments to Mr. Sulkosky for unused vacation time and other required items. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve Resolution No. 21-20, appointing Charles Kraus, III as interim Borough Manager effective September 15, 2020, and establishing compensation for the position of interim Borough Manager. *Motion carries unanimously.*

#### **Report of the Public Safety Committee**

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to release 2020 budgeted funds to the Lancaster County Drug Task Force. *Motion defeated 7-2, with roll call vote of Castaldi, Eichler, Fahndrich, Ginder, Hall, Reese, and Youngerman, voting No and Deering and Ruschke, voting Yes.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to approve the Mount Joy Police Department Use Social Media Policy. An **AMENDMENT** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, to remove the words "Borough Manager" from section 322-7. *Amendment is agreed to. Main Motion as amended carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to approve Resolution No. 19-20, authorizing the purchase of a new, 2021 Dodge Charger, through the PA COSTARS Purchasing Contract #013-108 from Susquehanna Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram including upgrades for a price not to exec \$31,861 plus tags. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to adopt Resolution No. 20-20, authorizing the trade-in of a 2014 Ford Interceptor Utility VIN #1FM5K8AR6EGA70625 toward the purchase of a new 2021 Dodge Charger through the PA COSTARS Purchasing Program Contract #013-108 from Susquehanna Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram for a trade-in value of not less than \$6,500. *Motion carries unanimously.*

### **Report of the Public Works Committee**

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to permit Girls on the Run of Lancaster and Lebanon to allow them to use Borough Parks to conduct practices twice a week for 8 weeks starting the week of September 21, 2020. Parks approved for their use are Little Chiques Park, Lakes of Donegal Springs, and Mount Joy Borough Park/Kunkle Field. An **AMENDMENT** by Deering, and a second by Ginder, to add the verbiage "and/or mid-March through mid-May of 2021". *Amendment carries unanimously. Main motion as amended carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to approve a waiver request from 35 Columbia Avenue to allow planting of low growing (4 inches) ground cover. An **AMENDMENT** by Youngerman, and a second by Ruschke, to add the wording "subject to revocation by Council". *Amendment carries unanimously. Motion is defeated.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to approve a waiver request from 35 Columbia Avenue to allow until November 1, 2020 for removal of current planting. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Deering led a discussion of 102 Poplar Street waiver of plant species. Hall feels Council needs to revisit the Ordinance concerning this topic. On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to approve a waiver request from 102 Poplar Street to allow for the planting of Creeping Phlox in the grass strip between the sidewalk and the curb. *Motion was defeated unanimously.*

### **Public Input Period**

Dale Murray, 120 Farmington Wy., expressed his disappointment of the decision made regarding the Drug Task Force.

### **Any other matter proper to come before Council**

Councilor Youngerman thanked Sam Sulkosky for his four years of service with Mount Joy Borough. Sulkosky had a lot of initiatives and new ideas he brought to the Council. The investment policy was Sulkosky's idea and that opened up the opportunity for Youngerman to fulfill his PLGIT initiative which helped the Borough make money on their investments, numerous Grants totaling over \$1M, Health Insurance savings by shopping around and he helped create the Recreation Facility Board and served on that Board.

Deering commented on the Dunkin' Donuts traffic issue at certain times of the day.

Mayor Bradley encouraged all Members of Council to share any issues like the Dunkin' Donuts traffic issues or any other public safety related issue with the Chief or himself via email so that the issue(s) can be dealt with in a timely manner rather than waiting to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

On a **MOTION** by Ruschke, and a second by Youngerman, a request was made to appoint Charles M. Kraus, III as the Open Records Officer for Mount Joy Borough. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to appoint Charles M. Kraus, III as the Secretary of Mount Joy Borough. *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	\$ 125,756.62
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$ 48,681.93
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 11,178.00
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$ 16,964.84
ESCROW FUND	\$ 90.00
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$ -
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 202,671.39

*Motion carries unanimously.*

### **Meetings and dates of importance**

See the Green calendar for the month of September 2020.

No Executive Session was held.

**Adjournment**

On a **MOTION** by Reese, and a second by Castaldi, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Charles M. Kraus, III*

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Interim Borough Manager/Secretary