

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
January 4, 2016 Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on January 4, 2016, at the Mount Joy Borough Office.

Mayor Bradley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Roll Call- Present were Councilors Deering, Ginder, Millar, Murray, Reese, Seidel, Youngerman, Smeltz, Glessner and Mayor Bradley. Also present were Borough Manager, Scott Hershey; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Police Chief, Williams; and Codes and Zoning officer, Stacie Gibbs.

Mayor Bradley opened the floor for nominations for the office of President of the Borough Council. Murray nominated Glessner for Borough Council President. Glessner accepted. Seidel nominated Deering for President. Deering accepted the nomination. On a **MOTION** by Murray and a second, the nominations for President were closed. Glessner received 7 votes and was elected President of the Borough Council.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Borough Council. Youngerman nominated Murray for Vice President of Council. Murray accepted the nomination. Seidel nominated Deering for the office of Vice President of Council. Deering accepted the nomination. On a **MOTION** by Seidel and a second by Reese, the nominations were closed. Murray received 7 votes and was elected Vice President of the Borough Council.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of President Pro-Tem of the Borough Council. Glessner nominated Youngerman for President Pro-Tem of the Borough Council. Youngerman accepted the nomination. On a **MOTION** by Reese and a second by Murray, the nominations were closed.

Seidel noted that all those elected were from the Administration and Finance Committee.

Glessner announced there would be an executive session to discuss personnel matters held at the end of the meeting and that no decisions were expected.

Glessner welcomed Jake Smeltz and Jon Millar to the Council. Glessner announced that he was appointing Millar to the Public Works Committee and Smeltz to the Public Safety Committee.

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., asked if the tennis courts near Kunkle Field would be made into a parking lot. Seidel responded that grass would replace the tennis courts.

Sterling asked there was progress on the website. Hershey said the website was in the process of going live. Schell said that the site went live that evening. He said it was fully responsive on all devices. Hershey thanked Schell, Gibbs and Fenicle for all of their work put into the website.

Report of Mayor

Mayor Bradley provided and reviewed a written monthly report for December. Bradley thanked Bill Hall for his service as Fire Chief. Reese asked Bradley if he had met with the Florin Hill residents. Bradley said there is a meeting set for January 26, 2016.

Report of the Chief of Police

Police Chief, Maurice Williams, provided a written monthly report for November 15, 2015 through December 14, 2015. The report showed 41 traffic arrests and 36 criminal arrests for the month. There were 67 UCR reportable incidents and 425 CAD incidents for the month, with a total of 3,966 incidents year to date. Monies collected by the Police Department for the month for tickets, permits, reports, and services totaled \$1,714.83.

Seidel inquired about the money collected from the York County DUI association. Williams explained it was from a joint DUI check point in which Borough officers were involved. The DUI check point was organized and paid for by York County and reimbursement was given to the Borough for the officers' time.

Seidel ask for the breakdown for cold cases. Williams said he would work on it.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

William Hall, Fire Chief, Fire Department Mount Joy, reviewed a written monthly report for December 2015. Hall reported that a recruiting day is set for January 23, 2016 with several other fire departments participating across the county.

Hall thanked Hershey and Nissley for their support during his time as Fire Chief. Hall also noted his appreciation working with Gibbs as the codes officer. He remarked how he was proud of the fire department.

Reese questioned the number of calls in Rapho Township. Hall explained that Rapho Township has increased their contributions to FDMJ over the past few years.

Report of Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ)

A monthly report was provided for November.

Brewer was absent from the meeting. Questions were directed to Dave Schell.

Seidel ask if MSMJ was looking for grants for next year. Schell said yes.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library

No report provided

Report of Codes and Zoning Officer

Stacie Gibbs, Codes and Zoning Officer, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for December 2015.

Gibbs reminded council that flood plain regulations are due by February. Gibbs reported that the website was launched. She explained that citizens will be able to report concerns regarding stormwater through the website. Hershey noted that the concerns and the individual's identity are not required to be shared through a PA Right to Know Law request.

Reese asked if the number of visits to the website can be measured. Schell said yes, through monthly reports.

Deering thanked Schell for his work. He said he used the site and found it easy to navigate.

Reese spoke concerning the historic registry, asking what year is a property considered to be historic. Gibbs said 1940. She stressed that the section of the proposed ordinance concerning historical property is specifically for demolition purposes only. Gibbs also added that there has been lengthy discussion regarding the historic registry over the past 2 years.

Murray asked how residents can get on or off the historical registry list. Gibbs said there is a form one can fill out if they want their property on the list and if one wants their property to be removed from the list, they would have had to bring it before council before the zoning ordinance is adopted, which would have to be tonight. She said that a property owner has to meet two of the four key requirements, which are listed in appendix one at the end of the proposed zoning ordinance. Gibbs said that we used the historic resource inventory from the county and have performed extensive research to develop the list.

Murray stated all of council received a letter from Mr. Coleman of 53 W Donegal Street requesting to be removed from the registry. Glessner said we will continue this discussion during agenda item 9A and at this time resume with reports.

Report of Stormwater Officer

Ken Barto, Stormwater Enforcement Officer, provided a written monthly report for December 2015.

Youngerman said Barto did a good job providing literature about stormwater during Winterfest.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

Authority Manager, John Leaman provided a written monthly report for December 2015.

Report of the Borough Manager

Borough Manager Hershey provided and reviewed a written monthly report for December 2015.

Seidel suggested that the surplus left in the 2015 budget be moved to Capital Fund. He also asked about the Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) liability. Hershey explained that an actuarial study for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), post-employment health care for police officers is in progress. This study is required to be completed every three years and will be available this year with the annual audit. He suggested waiting to consider transferring funds into the Capital Fund until the 2015 Audit is completed. Deering asked if LERTA will be available for Council to review. Hershey said yes.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A **MOTION** was made by Murray, and a second by Youngerman, to approval the minutes from the Regular Borough Council Meeting held on December 7, 2015, and the Special Borough Council meeting held on December 14, 2015.

Bradley asked that the December 14 special minutes be amended. He stated that Deering indicated that he had concerns about the General Fund budget. Bradley wanted the minutes to reflect that Deering refrained from providing further clarification on the things about which he had concerns.

Glessner asked for clarity as to how the wording should be changed. Mayor Bradley asked that the wording be changed to say, "Deering refrained from providing clarification".

Murray amended the **MOTION** to reflect the Mayor's specific wording, Youngerman seconded.

President Glessner called for the vote. *Motion carries with Deering and Reese voting no and Smeltz abstaining.*

Administration and Finance Committee

A **MOTION** was made by Seidel and seconded by Deering to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise a public hearing for the new Zoning Ordinance, the new Zoning Ordinance as revised, and to send notices as required. Discussion followed.

Seidel amended the **MOTION** to revise Section 270-62.NN(c) to say "*For every two units, one additional off-street parking space is required in a shared parking area of common area to be used by visitors and residents of those townhouses and/or row houses*".

Murray seconded the amendment to the **MOTION**. President Glessner called for the vote on the main motion. *Motion carries with Youngerman and Smeltz voting no.*

A **MOTION** was made by Reese and seconded by Smeltz to approve a request from John Coleman to have his property located at 53 West Donegal Street removed from the historic resources list in the new zoning ordinance. *Motion carries with Seidel voting no.*

Report of the Public Safety Committee

There were not items of business from the Public Safety Committee

Report of the Public Works Committee

Nissley provided and reviewed the monthly written report for December 2015.

Nissley discussed plans for the Bridge Boulevard reconstruction project. He also explained that Bruce Ave would be receiving oil and chip.

Deering asked how residents are informed about installing sidewalks. Nissley said the residents are sent letters.

A **MOTION** was made by Seidel and seconded by Ginder to approve the concept plan for water and sanitary sewer easements through Little Chiques Park for the Mount Joy Borough Authority. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 W Main Street., said he is supportive of the Planning Commission's work on the Zoning Ordinance but doesn't believe they've gone far enough. He asked if there was some other way of reviewing demolition permits. He said that the national historic preservation characteristics only require 1 of 4 requirements when adding homes to the historic registry. Seidel asked if Sterling could provide other residences that should go on the registry.

Ferne Silberman, 630 Florin Ave., asked for a copy and map of the zoning ordinances. Gibbs said yes.

Joanne Pinkerton, 127 Park Ave., asked how citizens can see proposed ordinances. Gibbs responded that they are available to the public. Pinkerton also asked if it can be sent to people who want to see it. Hershey said that the information would be on the website. Pinkerton asked if she could subscribe on the website. Youngerman said he would work on that.

Any other matter proper to come before Council

Reese proposed that the Council meeting agenda be revised as needed to place action items near the beginning of the agenda due to companies having to pay for professional's time in attending the meetings. Gibbs agreed. Bradley said the time of the citizens who attend our meeting is also valuable. He said the meetings he has attended at other municipalities have not taken as long as ours. Perhaps we should revisit the entire process.

Deering asked for an update on a pedestrian bridge at South Jacob Street. Gibbs said it is on the agenda for the next Planning Commission.

Authorization to Pay Bills

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Murray, the Council approved paying the bills as presented. *Motion carries unanimously.*

GENERAL FUND	\$	160,048.47
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	40,772.01
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	-
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	13,327.27
TAX ACCOUNT	\$	8,282.25
ESCROW FUND	\$	1,648.70
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	-
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	224,078.70

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

See the blue calendar for the month of January 2016.

Council went into Executive Session at 10:20 PM to discuss personnel matters. Executive session ended at 10:50 PM. No decisions followed.

Adjournment

On a motion by Reese, and a second by Murray, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Hershey
Borough Manager/Secretary