

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
January 6, 2020 Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its reorganizational and regular meeting on January 6, 2020, at the Mount Joy Borough Office. Mayor Timothy Bradley, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Roll Call- Present were Councilors Dominic Castaldi, Joshua Deering, David Eichler, Lu Ann Fahndrich, Mary Ginder, William Hall, Michael Reese, 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; Police Chief, Maurice Williams and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley. Codes and Zoning Officer; Stacie Gibbs was absent.

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

Mayor Bradley collectively administered the Oath of Office to newly elected and re-elected Borough Council members, Castaldi, Eichler, Hall, and Ruschke.

Reorganization of Borough Council

Mayor Bradley introduced the reorganization of the Mount Joy Borough Council. Mayor Bradley opened the nominations for Council President. Youngerman made a motion to nominate Hall; the nomination was seconded by Fahndrich. Hall accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mayor Bradley closed the motion for nominations for Council President. Roll call vote for Hall for Council President. *Motion carries 8-0-1, Hall abstained.*

Mayor Bradley opened the nominations for Council Vice President. Hall made a motion to nominate Youngerman; the nomination was seconded by Reese. Youngerman accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mayor Bradley closed the motion for nominations for Vice President. Roll call vote for Youngerman for Council Vice President. *Motion carries 8-0-1, Youngerman abstained.*

Mayor Bradley opened the nominations for President Pro-Tem. Ginder made a motion to nominate Deering; the nomination was seconded by Hall. Deering accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mayor Bradley closed the motion for nominations for President Pro-Tem. Roll call vote for Deering for President Pro-Tem. *Motion carries 8-0-1, Deering abstained.*

Mayor Bradley passed the gavel to President Hall to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

President Hall made appointments to the Administration and Finance Committee. Chairman, Brian Youngerman, Councilman Mike Reese and President William Hall.

President Hall made appointments to the Public Works Committee. Chairperson, Joshua Deering; Councilwomen, Mary Ginder and Councilman Robert Ruschke.

President Hall made appointments to the Public Safety Committee. Chairwomen, LuAnn Fahndrich; Councilman, Dave Eichler and Councilman, Dominic Castaldi.

President Hall made appointments to the Municipal Building Design Committee. Chairman, Joshua Deering; Councilman, William Hall, Councilman, Robert Ruschke and non-voting members, Manager, Sam Sulkosky and Chief Maurice Bill Williams.

On a **MOTION** by Reese, and a second by Ginder, approval was given to accept the agenda for the January 6, 2020, Borough Council meeting. An **AMENDMENT** by Fahndrich, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to add 14d, consider a new MOU for Chief Williams. *Amendment carries unanimously. Motion, as amended, carries unanimously.*

President Hall announced that an executive session was held on December 2, 2019, to discuss personnel. A decision was made to extend current Police Chief's contract until January 6, 2020. He also announced that there was an executive session held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Presentation of Presidential Citation to Harold Billow by County Commissioner Josh Parsons and Mayor Tim Bradley.

Report of Mayor

Mayor Bradley provided and reviewed a written monthly report for December 2019. Special thanks to Lu Ann Fahndrich for all of her hard work that she did behind the scenes to make the Harrisburg events for Harold Billow possible. The Mayor said he will be working with the Library to facilitate the coordination of events to memorialize the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII.

Hall informed Council of a change he will be making going forward regarding Agenda Items and Changes. If there is an item that comes from the Committee to the full Council, it should be listed under the business of that Committee and listed on the draft agenda from staff. If a member of Council wishes to individually place an item on the agenda, that too should be submitted to staff to be placed on the draft agenda under the "Any Other Matters...." section. This will allow the public the opportunity to comment on the item during the regular public comment period.

If a member has an item come up after the printing of the draft agenda, they can bring it forth to be included in the agenda as an amendment to be included under the "Any Other Matters..." section. This will also allow the public the opportunity to comment on the item during the regular public comment period.

Finally, if for some reason an item comes to the attention of a member after the agenda is adopted, this can still be brought forth under the "Any Other Matters..." section at that point on the agenda. Since this is not on the adopted agenda and because we would have passed the public comment period, it will be necessary to allow for public comment at that time on the subject only. For transparency and for brevity, it is best to avoid these non-agenda items when possible. If the item is necessary, we must deal with them but inclusion on the agenda is the preferred route.

Public Input Period

Raeann Schatz, 24 Fairview Ave., Marietta, asked if the results were back yet from the third-party engineer and if so, Schatz asked if she could get a copy. Hall asked if any Council members would be opposed to making the third-party engineer report available as a public record; no councilor objected. Sulkosky provided Schatz with a copy during that evening's Council meeting.

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., said the Historical Society wants to know where they can find information on curbs and sidewalks.

Dale Murray, 120 Farmington Way, inquired about OPEB and would like to know how it effects the budget. He wants to make sure the Borough is on top of it and does not get blindsided.

Report of the Chief of Police

Maurice Williams, Police Chief, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for November 1, 2019, through November 30, 2019. The report showed 45 traffic arrests and 25 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 616 incidents for the month of November, with a total of 6,721 incidents year to date. Monies collected by the Police Department for the month for tickets, permits, reports, and services totaled \$3,690.59.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

Matt Gohn, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for November 2019.

Report of SVEMS

Candy Blanchflower provided a written monthly report for December 2019.

Report of EMA

No report provided.

Report of Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ)

Dave Schell, Executive Director, provided and reviewed a monthly report for December 2019. Schell said Winterfest was great. They had the largest number of vendors and over four thousand people which he believes was the highest crowd so far at Winterfest. Schell also reported that Main Street Mount Joy received a \$50,000 Façade Grant from DCED. Deering asked Schell if MSMJ is doing anything with the Memorial Day Parade this year. Schell said MSMJ is not actively doing anything. Schell said he is trying to get a meeting with the Committee Chairperson to find out what they are doing and what they may need MSMJ to help with. Deering asked if there is enough funding. Schell said as far as he knows they are not having an auction and they feel comfortable with their funding.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)

Barbara Basile, Executive Director of Milanof-Schock Library, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for November 2019. Basile reported new lighting has been installed in the main area of the Library with the grant money they received from the State. Also new shelving has been ordered. Basile invited Council to some upcoming events at the Library -

January 25 Youth Art Walk where the high school students will be showing and talking about their art at the Library and on January 27 a DHS teacher will be there talking about his trip through Poland and the Holocaust being this is the 75th anniversary year of end of WWII.

Report of Codes and Zoning Officer

Stacie Gibbs, Codes and Zoning Officer, provided a written monthly report for December 2019 and 2019 Annual Zoning, Code & Planning Reports.

Report of Stormwater Officer

Dave Salley, Stormwater Enforcement Officer, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for December 2019.

Report of Public Works Director

Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for December 2019. Nissley announced the Borough received the DEP 902 Recycling Grant in the amount of \$299,000. The funds will be used towards the purchase of leaf collecting equipment and new upgrades to the compost site.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

Joseph Ardini, Authority Manager, provided a written monthly report for December 2019.

Report of the Borough Manager

Samuel Sulkosky, Borough Manager, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for December 2019. Sulkosky reported two grants were submitted in December; DCED H2O and DCED Small Water and Sewer Program, submitted electronically 12/12/19 and delivered to DCED on 12/13/19 and DEP Growing Greener Plus Grant submitted 12/19/19. Sulkosky reviewed the Budget Report for the period ending 12/31/2019 where the general fund budget reflected a small surplus of revenue over expenditures. Sulkosky did note that the budget report is unaudited so the numbers will change slightly with adjusting entries. Sulkosky thanked staff for the fiscal discipline throughout 2019 so we will end up with a small surplus or a small deficit. We will not need to use the \$160,000 in fund balanced that is in the 2019 budget.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Deering, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on December 2, 2019. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Reese, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to approve Resolution No. 1-20; reducing employee contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2020. *Motion carries 8-1, Youngerman voting no.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve Resolution No. 2-20; Council Appointments to Planning Commission and Mount Joy Borough Authority. An **AMENDMENT** by Youngerman, and second by Fahndrich, a request was made to insert the name Paul Ruffini to the opening of the Mount Joy Borough Authority for the remaining one-year term to expire January 1, 2021. *Amendment carries unanimously. Main Motion as amended carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made authorize the Fire Department Mount Joy and Fire Police to assist other departments and community organizations for non-emergency activities for calendar year 2020 conditional upon proper notification of the Borough. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve the Preliminary/Revised Land Development Plan for Reist Seed Company located at 113 Manheim Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Report of the Public Safety Committee

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to approve the request from Paula's School of Dance for a 5K Run on April 18, 2020, from 9:00 am to 12:00 am using the identical route that they utilized in 2019. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to advertise Ordinance 1-20; amending Sections 255-33, Vehicles and Traffic, to allow for a right turn at the Stop Intersection eastbound on Martin Avenue at Farmview Lane. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Fahndrich led a discussion of potential Borough Facebook page. Fahndrich asked for comments from Council. Fahndrich feels it should be more for informational purposes and not interactive purposes. Deering asked who would maintain it. Reese asked if she checked with other Boroughs or Township that have a Facebook page to see if they have had success

or failure and if it has been a positive thing. Eichler told Council that the Mayor said he gets more hits on his Mayoral Facebook page than the Borough gets on their website. Fahndrich said if the interest is to gather more information that is something they would do. Castaldi said he would not be opposed to having a Borough Facebook page and feels it is something that should be pursued. Hall commented they have a Facebook page where he works, and it works well for them and he does not feel it would take a lot of time to keep it updated. Hall feels we could portray the Borough in a positive light. He suggests since Public Safety Committee started this discussion, they should grab it, run with it, come up with a proposal and bring it back to Council.

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough and Chief Williams effective today until his retirement from the Mount Joy Borough Police on or before July 1, 2020. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Report of the Public Works Committee

Deering led a discussion of Street Projects Notification. Due to the Ordinance changes and the new notification timeline, the Public Works Committee is looking to get some guidance from Council on what to do regarding the street project notification letters that have already been sent to residents concerning installation of curbs and/or sidewalks. Letters were sent to North Angle Street on March 27, 2018, North Angle Street/ Bernhard Avenue on August 28, 2018, and Pinkerton Road on March 26, 2019. Deering asked if Council wants those letters to serve as the 24-month notification or does Council want to start the clock over? Fahndrich questioned if the information in the letters that were previously sent is correct. Reese has concerns about pushing back some projects that need done for another 24-months. Hall feels the answer is to start the clock over to avoid any legal issues. Nissley said Public Works could do seal coating in areas that need to be done. Reese is concerned about Pinkerton Road and the condition it is in.

Hall called an Executive session at 8:53 pm to discuss a legal matter related to this topic. Council came out of Executive session at 9:02 pm.

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to move all street project under the new Ordinance with the 24-month notification process. *Motion carries 8-1, Reese voting no.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to release the road bond and escrow to Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (Transco) for Eby Chiques Road from Main Street to a point 155 feet south of Main Street. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to approve Res. No. 3-20; authorizing listing John Deere 310SG backhoe minimum bid of \$22,500. John Deere 413 Rotary mower, New HollandT4055 Tractor minimum bid \$6,700 on Municibid. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to approve Res. No. 4-20; authorizing the purchase of a 2020 John Deere 310SLHL backhoe through COSTARS contract #118482. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Beth Brelja, 550 N Angle St., asked questions and commented on the Borough having a Facebook page.

Dave Schell, 214 E Main St., suggested that the Borough contact him to set up and maintain the Borough Facebook page if that is something the Borough decides to do. He commented that he maintains a lot of business's Facebook pages.

Ken Ober, 621 Water St., stated he missed the December meeting and asked if there were any decisions made regarding bituminous asphalt walks.

Ned Sterling, 13 W Main St., said he noticed something regarding a Liquor Control Board application on the Sales Report and wanted to know what that was.

Dale Murray, 120 Farmington Way, told Council he heard that as part of the train station parking, PennDOT would require our Police Department to have license plate scanner and patrol the parking lot for parking violations. He wanted to know if this was correct. He would urge Council to say no to license plate scanners.

Any other matter proper to come before Council

Hall appointed a Committee to hire a new Police Chief. The Committee will be Chairperson, David Eichler; Councilor, LuAnn Fahndrich; Councilor, William Hall; and Councilor, Brian Youngerman.

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

GENERAL FUND	\$	195,163.23
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	46,035.19
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	46,539.06
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	-
ESCROW FUND	\$	4,852.63
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	-
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	292,590.11

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

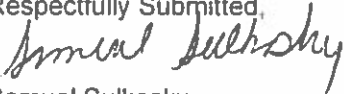
See the white calendar for the month of January 2020.

Council went into executive session at 9:30 PM for legal and personnel issues. Executive session ended at 10:00 PM. No decisions were made.

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Ginder, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Samuel Sulkosky
Borough Manager/Secretary