MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
October 5, 2026, Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on October 5, 2026.

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

Roll Call- Present were Councilors, Joshua Deering, David Eichler, Bryan Gruber, Bruce Haigh, Zack Hollcraft, Phillip Kark, Christopher Trave, Brian Youngerman and Mayor Bradley via Zoom. Staff present were Borough Manager, Mark G. Pugliese I, Assistant Borough Manager/Financial Director, Jill Frey; Codes and Zoning Officer, Brett Hamm; and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley. Absent were Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley and Grants, Projects, Community & Economic Development Administrator, Rachel Stebbins.

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

Executive Session – No Executive Sessions were held between August 3, 2026, and September 14, 2026. Council went into Executive Session at 7:02pm to discuss personnel matters. Council came out of Executive Session at 7:24pm.

On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Kark, a request was made to accept the agenda for the October 5, 2026, Borough Council Meeting. An **AMENDMENT** by Youngerman, and a second by Haigh, move that under Pennsylvania Sunshine Act 65Pa.C.S.§712.2 and the Parkland School District Case decision of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, that Council modify the agenda to add section 6b A motion to accept the resignation of Councilor William Hall from Mount Joy Borough Council for the reason that the resignation was known to Council at a late date, and the amended agenda be posted on our website and at this building within 24 hours and that we allow for public comment on it. *Amendment passes.* An **AMENDMENT** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, move that under Pennsylvania Sunshine Act 65Pa.C.S.§712.2 and the Parkland School District Case decision of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, that Council modify the agenda to add section 6c. A motion to advertise to the public to fill the vacancy for the position of Councilor, East Ward for the reason that the resignation was known to Council at a late date and the amended agenda be posted on our website and at this building within 24 hours and that we allow for public comment on it. *Amendment passes.* An **AMENDMENT** by Haigh, and a second by Hollcraft, to add the wording "of Director of Public Works" to 17j after the words job description. *Amendment passes.* An **AMENDMENT** by Youngerman, and a second by Trave, to move 17b, regarding PennDOT and plans for left turn signal at West Main Street and Manheim Street to follow 6c. *Amendment passes. Main motion as amended passes.*

On **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to accept the resignation of Councilor Hall. *Motion carries.*

On **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to properly advertise and fill the East Ward position created from Councilor Hall's resignation. *Motion carries.*

Public Input Period
Bob Jerman, 840 Terrace Ave., spoke regarding the trash collection pick-up days in his area. He does not understand why there are different collection days for different sides of the street and why they are not picked up on the same day. He also spoke about large construction trucks and tractors using the nicely paved streets and he does not want the streets getting beat up from this. He asked if there are weight restrictions.

Mitch Hummer, 624 School Ln., said he is at the meeting tonight to advocate for the proposed stormwater basin at Westview Park. He talked about the emotional impact and financial burden of the people that live in that area due to the flooding.

Bruce Haigh, President of Whittemore and Haigh Engineering, 504 Rose Petal Ln., spoke regarding 17f and the involvement of BMP 125.

On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Trave, a request was made to approve the PennDOT plans for a left turn signal at West Main Street and Manheim Street and to have the Council President or Vice President and Secretary sign the appropriate documents. *Motion carries.*

Michael Mundry with TPD, the engineering firm contracted by PennDOT, joined the meeting via Zoom to go over and answer questions regarding the signal plan for the upcoming detour through Mount Joy due to bridge work on Milton Grove Road.

Pugliese on behalf of the Pennsylvanian State Association of Boroughs, presented a plaque to Mount Joy Borough in recognition of the Borough's 175th Anniversary.

Report of Mayor
The Mayor provided Council with a report for August.

Report of the Chief of Police
Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a monthly written report for August 1, 2026, thru August 31, 2026. The report showed 88 traffic arrests and 25 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 596 incidents for the month of August, with a total of 4,359 incidents year to date.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)
Brett Hamm, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided a monthly report for August 2026.

Report of PSH Life Lion LLC
Provided a report for August 2026.

Report of EMA
Provided a report from 8/19/26 – 9/28/26.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)
Joseph McIlhenney provided a written report for August 2026.

Report of Codes/ Zoning & Stormwater Administrator
Brett Hamm, Codes, Zoning & Stormwater Administrator, provided a written report for September 2026.

Report of Grants, Projects, and Community & Economic Development Administrator
Rachel Stebbins, Grants, Projects, and Community & Economic Development Administrator provided a written report for September 2026.

Report of Public Works Director
Jacob Houck, Public Works Crew Leader, provided a written report for September 2026.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager
Scott Kapcsos, Borough Authority Manager, provided a written report for September 2026.

Report of the Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer
Jill Frey, Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer, provided a written report for September 2026.

Report of the Borough Manager
Mark G. Pugliese I, Borough Manager, provided a verbal report for September 2026.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
On a **MOTION** by Kark, and a second by Eichler, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on September 14, 2026, with minor corrections. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Building Ad Hoc Committee
Deering gave an update.

Pugliese gave an update on the stormwater issues on the police side of the building. He said Joe Crabtree was at the building today and met with the Mayor, Chief and himself regarding these issues.

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to approve the Terms and Agreement between the Borough and the Borough Authority and authorize the Council President or Vice President and Secretary to sign said agreement following the approval and signing by the Mount Joy Borough Authority. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Pugliese told Council that the sale of the Borough owned properties on East Main Street can only be sold two ways. Either by auction or sealed bids. A minimum amount can be set.

175th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee
On a **MOTION** by Eichler and a second by Hollcraft, a request was made to reimburse the audio contractor for a blown speaker in the amount of $379.99 payable to Keith Greenawalt due to power issues during the 175th Anniversary Event. *Motion carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Eichler and a second by Kark, a request was made to donate $200.00 to the FDMJ Fire Police for their assistance during the 175th Anniversary Event. *Motion carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Eichler and a second by Hollcraft, a request was made to donate $100.00 to Mount Joy Boy Scouts/Mount Joy Scouting America Troop 39 for their assistance during the 175th Anniversary Event. *Motion carries.*

Chiques Crossing Ad Hoc Committee Update- Deering said there is nothing new to report. Doing research and getting ready for the next Rapho Township Meeting on October 26, 2026.

Borough Manager Ad Hoc Committee
On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to direct the Borough Manager Ad Hoc Committee to develop a process and timetable for the evaluation and consideration for the interview process for potential manager prospect with input from Borough Council. An **AMENDMENT** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, to add, "and to advertise a weekly meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee at a time to be determined by Borough Manager". *Amendment passes. Main motion as amended carries.*

Administration and Finance Committee
Todd Smeigh with DC Gohn Associates, gave a Sketch Plan Briefing for the American Legion Post 185, 560 Clay Alley and 236 West Main Street.

On a **MOTION** by Gruber, and a second by Youngerman, a request was made to waive the requirement to process a second land development plan for 205 Lefever Rd. and in the alternative, submit a minor Stormwater management plan with the justification that the area of new impervious is less than 1,000 square feet provided that all outstanding comments are addressed to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer, Borough Solicitor and Borough staff. *Motion carries. Haigh voting No.*

Dave Swarnick with David Miller Associates was present and answered questions from Council regarding the land development plan for 205 Lefever Road.

On a **MOTION** by Gruber, and a second by Hollcraft, a request was made to authorize staff to apply for the Susquehanna Greenway Mini-grant in the amount of $25,000 for additional replacements of picnic tables in Little Chiques Park. *Motion carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Gruber, and a second by Trave, a request was made to grant the Final Security Reduction #1 for Florin Hill/CHN as recommended by the Borough Engineer in the amount of $1,902,316.19 which will leave an outstanding financial security balance of $1,312,698.71. An **AMENDMENT** by Haigh, and a second by Trave, to add "and Charter Homes and Neighborhood will provide as built survey data documenting the two-foot separation from the 100-year flood elevation". *Roll call vote, Eichler, Gruber, Haigh, and Youngerman voting yes. Hollcraft, Kark, Trave and Deering voting no. Mayor voting no to break the tie. Amendment fails. Main motion carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Gruber, and a second by Youngerman, a request was made to accept and approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the non-uniform retirement plan in the amount of $165,391.00. *Motion carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Gruber, and a second by Hollcraft, a request was made to the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the police retirement plan in the amount of $246,185.00. *Motion carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Gruber, and a second by Trave, a request was made to to adopt Resolution2026-13, a resolution setting the meeting dates and times for 2027. *Motion carries.*

Public Safety Committee
On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Hollcraft, a request was made to approve application for 2027 Brewfest and noise variance on May 1, 2027. *Motion carries.*

Deering passed the gavel to President Pro-Tem Eichler at this time.

Public Works Committee
On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to permit the Mount Joy ministerium to purchase a nativity scene that would be displayed at Memorial Park. *Motion carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and second by Haigh, a request was made to approve the 5-year street plan. *Motion carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to have the Borough Manager contact the Borough Solicitor to determine what options the Borough has in order to force compliance from an HOA. *Motion carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to file a formal dispute against CRA for Grandview Park Drainage area. An **AMENDMENT** by Deering, and second by Trave, to strikeout "file a formal dispute against CRA" and replace with "have Rettew review the stormwater drainage calculations that K&W did for the Grandview Park drainage area". *Amendment passes. Main motion as amended carries.*

Discussion of appraisal of Public Works Facility and the sale of the property. The neighboring Melhorn business approached the Borough about purchasing the property and provided an appraisal of the property to the Borough. There was discussion on the appraisal and also where the new Public Works Facility would be located and the cost of the new facility. The Manager stated that if the Borough decided to sell the property, it would have to be sold by sealed bids or auction so there would be no guarantee that Melhorn would be the one to purchase the property.

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to approve Resolution 2026-12, a Resolution of the Borough Council of Mount Joy, authorizing the sale of various equipment using MUNICIBID online municipal Auction Service. *Motion carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to continue to permit the use of the Compost Site for leaves and yard waste from Mount Joy Township at a cost yet to be determined. *Motion carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to reject the Connects 2040 grant. *Motion carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to have the Borough Solicitor review the job description and to post it in house for 5 days and then advertise the position until October 30, 2026. An **AMENDMENT** by Deering, and second by Trave, to strike Borough Solicitor and replace with Labor Attorney. *Amendment passes. Main motion as amended carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to authorize the Borough Manager to sign "Letter of Intent to Purchase" for Hako Citymaster 1650. *Motion carries.*

Eichler turned the gavel back over to Vice President Deering.

Public Input
Todd Dohl, 9 E. Main St., spoke regarding the property line issue of the Borough property located right next to his property. He also asked if it would be possible to keep the entrance to the Post Office open during events that close down Main Street. He sees the struggle elderly people have accessing the Post Office when this happens.

Any other matter proper to come before Council
The Mayor spoke regarding the ongoing issues with weeds and the planting of grass seed at the new Municipal Building. He said he has been documenting and has photos of the issues. He said he has been in contact with ECI regarding this issue and has had no success with the issue being resolved. On a **MOTION** by Hollcraft, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to direct Crabtree Rohrabaugh & Associates issue a 7-day letter to ECI regarding the landscaping for the new Borough building. *Motion carries.*

Eichler told Council about a timer/light that the Fish and Game Commission uses when people are speaking at their meetings. He told Council he has a nonprofit that would be interest in the old Borough Council chairs.

Youngerman asked if Council was interested in still having a table at the old location for the downtown Spooktacular event and if so, he would be willing to hand out candy.

The Manager informed Council that the electric will need to be shut off at the Municipal Complex at 300 Orchard Road on Friday, October 16, 2026, for commissioning the electricity. On a **MOTION** by Trave, and a second by Hollcraft, a request was made for employees to work from home on October 16, 2026. *Motion carries.*

Authorization to Acknowledge the Payment of Bills September 2026

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

GENERAL FUND	$	844,818.75
REFUSE/RECYCLING	$	85,581.03
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	$	114,944.37
HIGHWAY AID FUND	$	-
ESCROW FUND	$	41,313.19
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	$	-
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$	1,086,657.34

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

See the calendar for the month of October 2026.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Trave, and a second by Gruber, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 12:03AM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark G. Pugliese I
Borough Manager/Secretary