

**MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**October 7, 2024, Minutes**

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on October 7, 2024.

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

Roll Call- Present were Councilors Matthew Crider, David Eichler, Lu Ann Fahndrich, Mary Ginder, David Greineder, Bruce Haigh, William Hall, Philip Kark, Brian Youngerman and Mayor Timothy Bradley, Jr. Staff present were Assistant Borough Manager/Financial Director, Jill Frey; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Codes and Zoning Officer, Brett Hamm; Chief Robert Goshen and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley. Absent were Borough Manager, Mark G. Pugliese I and Grants, Projects, and Community & Economic Development Administrator, Rachel Stebbins.

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

Executive Session – There were no Executive Sessions held by Council between September 9, 2024, and October 7, 2024. Council went into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter regarding the hiring of an individual to be sworn in as a police officer for the Borough at 7:02 PM and came out of Executive Session at 7:07 PM.

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to hire Andrew Bolan as a police officer with the Mount Joy Borough Police Department. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Mayor Bradley performed the swearing in ceremony of the new Officer, Andrew Bolan.

On a **MOTION** by Kark, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to accept the agenda for October 7, 2024, Borough Council meeting. An **AMENDMENT** by Kark and a second by Greineder, a request was made to strike items 10 a, b, and c from the agenda. *Amendment passes. Motion carries as amended unanimously.*

**Public Input Period**

Fred Bean, 1112 Collina Ln., said he lives one house away from where Phase 3 begins and there are few a things he would like to comment on. The first one is the street width. He said he is not in favor of the 34 feet. His concern is making it compatible with the current development, so it doesn't look totally out of whack. The second thing is Stormwater. He said he is fully supportive of making sure the standards are met and make sure it is incorporated in the agreement.

Dale Murray, 120 Farmington Wy., asked Council if they ever considered the property located at 350 W Main Street that is for sale. He said it has a building and a used car lot next to it. He feels that would be extra space for expansion.

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., thanked the Codes Department for the inspection of 15 W Main St. He said for the most part all the junk on the side porch and the back porch has been removed. He thanked the Public Works Department for contracting with Bill Torres to paint 13 and 15 E Main St. He asked if Gateway Park is on the list of shovel ready projects for the grants.

**Report of Mayor**

Mayor Bradley provided a written monthly report for September 2024.

**Report of the Chief of Police**

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a written monthly report for August 1, 2024, through August 31, 2024. The report showed 46 traffic arrests and 17 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 635 incidents for the month of August, with a total of 5,392 incidents year to date.

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

Brett Hamm, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for August 2024.

**Report of PSH Life Lion LLC**

Scott Buchle, Director, provided a written report for August 2024.

**Report of Municipal Emergency Services Authority (MESA)**

No report provided.

**Report of EMA**

Phil Colvin, provided a written report for August 2024.

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

Joseph McIlhenney, provided and reviewed written report for August 2024.

**Report of Codes/ Zoning & Stormwater Administrator**

Brett Hamm, Codes, Zoning & Stormwater Administrator, provided a written monthly report for September 2024.

**Report of Grants, Projects, and Community & Economic Development Administrator**

Rachel Stebbins, Grants, Projects, and Community & Economic Development Administrator provided a written monthly report for September 2024.

**Report of Public Works Director**

Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, provided a written monthly report for September 2024.

**Report of the Borough Authority Manager**

Scott Kapcsos, Authority Manager, provided a written monthly report for September 2024.

**Report of the Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer**

Jill Frey, Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer provided a written monthly report for September 2024.

**Report of the Borough Manager**

Mark G Pugliese I, Borough Manager, provided a written monthly report for September 2024.

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

On a **MOTION** by Kark, and a second by Ginder, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on September 9, 2024. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Building Ad Hoc Committee**

Deering said it has been a very busy month. They are still looking for any cost saving opportunities and looking at different items that potentially can be bid as an alternate bid item. He said we are on schedule to release bids next week and advertisement should be hitting the papers next week. The date you should see the ad will be October 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Administration and Finance Committee**

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to accept the Pre-Construction and Construction Agreement for the Little Chiques Creek Stream Restoration Project as presented by RETTEW Engineering in the amount of \$56,000.00 and to authorize the borough manager to execute said agreement. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to appoint Mitchell Scordo as an alternate member of the Borough Planning Commission. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Council reviewed the projected end of year budget worksheet provided by Pugliese.

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to take needed balance out of the General Fund Reserves for the 2024 Street Projects with the understanding when the borrowing becomes available, we will reimburse the reserves from the proceeds of the borrowing. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to acknowledge receipt of Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO) for 2025 for uniform (police) and non-uniform pension plans that were submitted by the 9.30.2024 deadline. Non-uniform - \$128,484 and Uniform/Police – \$198,949. An **AMENDMENT** by Youngerman and a second by Haigh, a request was made to change the non-uniform MMO to the correct amount of \$128,784. *Amendment passes and Main Motion as amended carries unanimously.*

**Report of the Public Safety Committee**

No business

**Report of the Public Works Committee**

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Haigh, a request was made to accept the proposal from Bill Torres Painting, LLC to paint the façade of 13 & 15 of East Main Street in the amount of \$6,000.00. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to waive the 24-month street project notice for 2026 projects and have property owners' complete repairs/replacement of sidewalks/curbs by June 30, 2026. *Motion carries on 7-2 on a roll call vote with Eichler, Fahndrich, Greineder, Ginder, Haigh, Youngerman and Hall voting yes, and Crider and Kark voting no.*

**Public Input Period**

Josh Deering, 33 Frank St., said he hasn't seen any email or communication from the director of EMA and asked if there is still an EMA support staff. He commented and gave his opinion of the Façade and the Heritage Grants. He asked if there are any grant opportunities for Hemp Street, Second Street and Strawberry Aly.

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., asked why the public is not getting the compliance and violation report in the public packet.

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

Hall mentioned some upcoming events and dates to be aware of:  
The Borough Authority's Employee Appreciation Golf Outing – October 25, 2024  
Mount Joy Borough's Employee Holiday Dinner – December 13, 2024  
Downtown Spooktacular Event – October 25, 2024  
Winterfest – December 7, 2024

Mayor Bradley asked for insight and the process of updating the employee handbook.

Haigh asked if the Admin and Fin Committee compared the handbook with other municipalities of like size and location?

Youngerman would like to set up a table in front of the Borough Office to hand out candy at the Spooktacular event.

**Authorization to Acknowledge the Payment of Bills**

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

GENERAL FUND	\$	121,373.28
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	113,360.17
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	109,945.25
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	-
ESCROW FUND	\$	6,469.23
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	-
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	351,147.93

*Motion carries unanimously.*

**Meetings and dates of importance**

See the orange calendar for the month of October 2024.

**Executive Session**

None

**Adjournment**

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Eichler, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark G. Pugliese I  
Borough Manager/Secretary