

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
November 6, 2023, Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on November 6, 2023.

President Hall called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call- Present were Councilors, Dominic Castaldi, David Eichler., Mary Ginder, David Greineder, Bruce Haigh, Bob Ruschke, and President William Hall. Staff present were Borough Manager, Mark G. Pugliese I; Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Director, Jill Frey; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Codes, Zoning and Stormwater Administrator, Duane Brady, Jr.; Police Chief, Robert Goshen and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley. LuAnn Fahndrich joined the meeting via phone at approximately 6:12 PM. Brian Youngerman joined the meeting in person at approximately 6:54 PM and Mayor Timothy Bradley, Jr joined the meeting in person at approximately 6:57 PM.

President Hall gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

President Hall announced there was no Executive Session by full Council held outside of regular Council meeting between October 2, 2023, and November 6, 2023. There will be an executive session under item 19 of the agenda.

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to accept the agenda for the October 2, 2023, Borough Council Meeting Agenda. An **AMENDMENT** by Fahndrich, with a second by Castaldi, a request was made to add 13b, Resolution 2023-14, to the agenda. *Amendment passes.* An **AMENDMENT** by Haigh, and a second by Ginder to add 12e, Chiques Crossing in Rapho Township discussion to the agenda. *Amendment passes. Main Motion as amended carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Dale Murray, 120 Farmington Wy., had some questions and comments regarding item 12a on the agenda. He asked for the amount budgeted for that and asked for more details and explanation of the job title and description.

Rae Ann Schatz, Schatz Garage, 1090 W Main St., asked for an update on the Melhorn Basin. She also asked about the DEP terminating the permit for basin 125 and her concerns about that due to the fact that she feels the basin is not working properly.

Presentation of funding options for the new Municipal Services Complex by Zack Willard of PFM.

Report of Mayor

Mayor Bradley was not present at the time of reports but did provide Council members with a written report later.

Report of the Chief of Police

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a written monthly report for September 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023. The report showed 46 traffic arrests and 25 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 586 incidents for the month of August, with a total of 6,201 incidents year to date.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

Brett Hamm, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for September 2023.

Report of PSH Life Lion

Adam Marden provided and reviewed a written monthly report for September 2023.

Northwest EMA

No report.

Report of EMA

No report.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)

Joseph McIlhenney provided and review a written monthly report for September 2023.

Report of Code/Zoning & Stormwater Administrator

Duane Brady, Jr., Codes, Zoning and Stormwater Administrator, provided a written monthly report for October 2023.

Grants, Projects, and Community & Economic Development Administrator

No report.

Report of Public Works Director

Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, provided a written report for October 2023.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

Scott Kapcsos, Authority Manager, provided a written monthly report for October 2023.

Report of the Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer

Jill Frey, Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer, provided a written report for October 2023.

Report of the Borough Manager

Mark G. Pugliese I, Borough Manager, provided a written report for October 2023.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Ginder, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on October 2, 2023, with a small correction requested by Haigh on his comment under Any Other Matter to Come Before Council to add "slow but" to his statement. *Motion carries as unanimously.*

Building Ad Hoc Committee

Deering provided a few updates and announced there will be a Public Comment Meeting on November 15, 2023, at 6:00PM at St. Mark's Church. Todd Vukmanic from Crabtree gave a Design Development power point presentation.

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Youngerman, a request was made to adopt the Job Description for the position of Community & Economic Development Coordinator and to authorize staff to hire an individual for said position. *Motion carries 7-2, Castaldi and Fahndrich voting No.*

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Youngerman, a request was made to authorize a donation of \$400.00 to Winterfest Committee to cover the cost of port-a-potties to be set up in the Borough parking lot on E. Henry Street. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Youngerman, a request was made to authorize a donation of \$500.00 to Rotary Club to refurbish the holiday star decoration for Main Street. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Youngerman, a request was made to adopt Resolution 2023-015, a resolution setting meeting dates and times for 2024 was *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Youngerman, a request was made to pay the property owner of 206 Pinkerton Road \$300.00 for public pedestrian easement at 2 locations on the sidewalk of said property. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Youngerman, a request was made to authorize staff to sign an MOU with Lewis Environmental. *After some discussion Motion was withdrawn.*

Report of Public Works Committee

Pugliese led a discussion regarding Liquidated Damages for LB Construction concerning Wood Street ADA Ramp Project.

On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to use the date of September 22nd, which was the walk through date, as the completion date and assign liquidated damages for LB Construction regarding the Wood Street ADA Ramp Project from that date. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Report of the Public Safety Committee

Chief Goshen reviewed the Wood Street/Chocolate Avenue Curve Traffic Study with Council. The result of the study provided two options. The recommendation from the Public Safety Committee is to follow through with Option 2.

On a **MOTION** by Castaldi, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to move forward with Option 2 of the traffic study as presented in Council packet. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

None.

Any other matter proper to come before Council.

Pugliese said he was copied on a letter from Dave Christian regarding his views on Chiques Crossing that was sent to Rapho Township Board of Supervisors. Pugliese provided a copy of this letter to Council to review.

On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to have the Zoning Officer attend the Rapho Townships November 16th meeting and represent the Borough. After further discussion, Haigh withdrew his Motion.

On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to send a letter to Rapho Township in opposition to the proposed Ordinance changes regarding Chiques Crossing based on the concerns outlined in tonight's meeting. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Eichler commended the Historical Society for the flags placed on Harold Billow's property for Veteran's Day. He also commented that he is supportive of the Lewis Environmental and would like to have something in place by the next meeting.

Authorization to Pay Bills

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Ginder, Council approved paying the bills as presented from October 1-October 31, 2023. *Motion carries 8-1, with Hall voting no.*

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| GENERAL FUND | \$ | 284,690.12 |
| REFUSE/RECYCLING | \$ | 29,048.39 |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND | \$ | 117,775.96 |
| HIGHWAY AID FUND | \$ | - |
| ESCROW FUND | \$ | 358.75 |
| JOY LAND ACCOUNT | \$ | - |
| GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ | 431,873.22 |

Meetings and dates of importance

See the Yellow calendar for the month of November.

Executive Session

Council went into Executive Session at 8:20 PM to discuss a legal matter regarding the filing of an unfair labor practice. Council came out of Executive Session at 8:34 PM.

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Ruschke, and a second by Haigh, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark G. Pugliese
Borough Manager/Secretary