

**Mount Joy Borough Council
Special Budget Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2025**

The Mount Joy Borough Council held a Special Budget Meeting on November 11, 2025.

Council President Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Invocation was given by Council President Hall, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Present were Councilors Eichler, Ginder, Greineder, Hall, Haigh, Kark, Scordo and Youngerman. Mayor Bradley was in attendance via Zoom. Also present were Borough Manager, Mark Pugliese; Assistant Borough Manager, Jill Frey; Codes & Zoning Officer, Brett Hamm; and Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director.

On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Greineder, approval was given for the agenda. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period
No Public Input Period.

On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Eichler, approval was given for the November 6, 2025, Budget meeting minutes. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Florin Hill Phase 3 – Erosion and Sediment Control Discussion

Haigh stated that there was a rain event on Sunday and this is the fourth time the same Florin Hill Phase 3 stormwater BMP's have failed. He said they were supposed to have 18" silt socks and they put in 8" and 12" silt socks.

A **MOTION** was made by Haigh, and a second by Youngerman, for the Borough to inform Florin Hill/Charter Homes that the Borough will not issue any additional building permits until Florin hill install, maintain, and demonstrate the BMP's will function properly.

Pugliese asked how he or Hamm, Codes/Zoning Officer, would determine these controls are tested to make sure the BMPs are functioning properly. Hall said if you do not have rain, you can not test it. Haigh said that the no permits stay in place until it rains then. Hamm suggested running this through the Solicitor and that when permits are submitted and reviewed, there is a clock that starts. Haigh asked if Council wanted an alternate solution, possibly a "stop work order"? Hamm said that with a "stop work order" one typically has to show a life safety issue, which is not the case with Florin Hill. He said he has permits in the cue to issue. He suggested the Borough do some research before acting on the motion. He said the plans are already signed and sealed by a design professional.

A **MOTION** was made by Hall, with a second by Youngerman, for an amendment to the MOTION to state the Manager may alter the action based upon recommendation of Solicitor. *Motion carries unanimously.*
Vote on original motion as amended. *Motion carries unanimously.*

2026 Budget Discussion and/or Motions

Hall suggested talking about General Fund first. Pugliese went over changes and questions from the last budget meeting on November 6, 2025.

Discussion was had on the comprehensive plan and money allotted. Josh Deering explained what other Municipalities contribute. Mayor Bradley said he thinks the figure for the 2026 budget should be \$6K.

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Kark, approval was given to change line item 01.414.300 (Codes/Zoning General Expense) from \$10K to \$5K. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Haigh said there was a mix up when the budget books were prepared because there is no money allocated for investigations for 2026 & 2027 stormwater repairs.

A **MOTION** was made by Haigh, and a second by Ginder, to add \$8K to line item 01.446.313 (Stormwater Engineering) for investigations of stormwater. Mayor Bradley stated that there are two areas named for 2026, but two are yet undetermined for 2027. He said we should only fund necessities. Hall called for a roll call vote. Councilors Ginder, Haigh, and Youngerman voting YES. Councilors Eichler, Greineder, Hall, Kark, and Scordo voting NO. 3 Yes, 5 No. *Motion defeated.*

A **MOTION** was made by Haigh, and a second by Ginder, to add \$4K to line item 01.446.313 (Stormwater Engineering) for stormwater investigations of N. Barbara at Mount Joy St., and S. Barbara at Columbia Ave. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Hall asked about the additional \$20K for pipe/inlet clean out/cameras in line item 01.446.450 (Stormwater Contracted Services) and what that is for. Nissley said they are looking at other systems that need done and this would cover two additional. Hall asked if we sub out the work. Dennis said yes. Mayor Bradley said that we have an agency that has the equipment and asked if we can have the Authority do it. Nissley said the Authority's pictures are not very clear and we would pay for that as well.

Haigh asked for discussion on line item 01.409.360 (Municipal Building Utilities) and if Council is comfortable on the number with the new building and all. Hall said it is more square footage but greater efficiency and no matter what, it is going to be a guess. Pugliese stated that until Council decides what to do with the current office building and the jury property, we may have two utility bills to pay at the same time.

Mayor Bradley asked to look at 01.463.450 (Economic Development Contracted Services). He said he does not know if we are getting a good return on the investment for Placer AI. He said it is nice to have, but not a need to have.

A **MOTION** was made by Greineder, and a second by Kark, to reduce line item 01.463.450 (Economic Development Contracted Services) by \$18K. Mayor Bradley said it is not worth the money. Scordo said he does find a lot of value in the data this software brings, yet he does understand that we do not know the numbers and value of return. He said it would be beneficial and smart to revisit in the future. *Motion carries 7 to 1, with Haigh voting NO.*

A **MOTION** was made by Greineder, and a second by Ginder, to reduce line item 01.410.314 (Public Safety Legal Fees) by \$15K and increase line item 01.404.314 (Borough Legal Fees) by \$15K to move legal fees from Public Safety to Administration. Haigh asked why. Hall said the Borough is involved with negotiating the Police contract this year. *Motion carries unanimously.*

A **MOTION** was made by Greineder, and a second by Kark, to add \$60K to line item 01.492.100 (Transfer to Capital Reserve) for a berm at Westview Park stormwater. Haigh said he is not opposed to putting \$60K in the budget for stormwater, but there has been no engineering or surveys done. Mayor Bradley said there is supposed to be a process and this should have been discussed through Committee. Haigh said we could put the money into 01.446.313 (Stormwater Engineering) for studies to come up with a plan. Nissley agreed with Mayor Bradley and said that we seem to be shot gunning it here because of flooding incidents and we do not yet know which area is more important than the other. Youngerman said it is a chance to do something. Haigh said that if Council approves it, we will figure out how it gets done. Kark asked, going back to the original engineering study, how long from the time of the study until construction. Haigh said we could start the berm the beginning of next spring. He said that as for stormwater areas to be done, this is the one that has the most people physically affected. Hall called for a vote on the MOTION. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Pugliese said that Council still has to discuss Capital Fund and Refuse Fund, which could impact General Fund.

Hall asked how we want to proceed with balancing the Refuse Fund proposed 2026 budget. Discussion was had on raising the rates for refuse collection. Pugliese said we would have to increase residential and commercial collection by \$70 each per year to balance the budget.

Youngerman suggested we increase the staff's contribution to health care. Hall said that we are talking about Refuse Fund right now.

A **MOTION** was made by Haigh, and a second by Ginder, to increase the residential refuse rate to \$427/year and the commercial refuse rate to \$527/year. *Motion carries unanimously.*

A **MOTION** was made by Haigh, and a second by Greineder, to adopt the 2026 Refuse Fund budget. *Motion carries*

unanimously.

Hall suggested moving on to the 2026 Highway Aid Fund budget.

A **MOTION** was made by Haigh, and a second by Scordo, to adopt the 2026 Highway Aid Fund budget. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Hall suggested moving on to the 2026 Capital Fund budget.

A **MOTION** was made by Greineder, and a second by Scordo, to adopt the 2026 Capital Fund budget. Hall asked about Police vehicles and why we are getting one each year when we have a structural deficit. Hall said that fund balance in General Fund is up by over a million dollars. He said that we worked the whole year favorable to budget, that we did not have a structural deficit over \$150 thousand, and we are within our target of Fund balance. He said that as for Police cars, we need the fleet we have, and the replacement cycle is four cars in five years. Haigh said that we funded the road program from the Bond issuance and we will not have that next year. He said there will be no additional revenue source for 2027. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Hall said to go back to General Fund discussion.

A **MOTION** was made by Youngerman, and a second by Haigh, to increase the employee health care contributions by \$10 per family and \$5 per single. He said it is still a good deal and that the new building the Borough is funding will benefit the staff. Frey said the amount of savings amounts to \$2,451, coming from 11 employees. Hall called for a roll call vote. Councilors Eichler, Ginder and Youngerman voting YES. Councilors Greineder, Haigh, Kark, Scordo and Hall voting NO. 3 yes, 5 no. *Motion defeated.*

A **MOTION** was made by Greineder, and a second by Haigh, to increase line item 01.301.001 (Transfer from Fund Balance) to \$604,901. And increase line item 01.301.100 (Real Estate Taxes – Current Year) to \$3,085,830. Kark said that the new mileage rate will be 5.28, with an increase of .53 mills. Haigh stated that this is the cost of the insurance increase. Hall called for a vote. *Motion carries unanimously.*

A **MOTION** was made by Greineder, and a second by Scordo for staff to advertise the 2026 General Fund, Capital, Highway Aid and Refuse budgets for public review prior to the December 1, 2025, Council meeting. *Motion carries unanimously.*

A **MOTION** was made by Greineder, and a second by Eichler the preparation of an Ordinance relating to the milage rate and authorize staff to advertise said Ordinance for public review prior to the December 1, 2025, Council meeting. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

No public input.

Any Other Matter Proper to Come Before the Council

No other matter to come before the Council.

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Scordo, meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm..

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark G. Pugliese I
Borough Manager