

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
December 1, 2025, Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on December 1, 2025.

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

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

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

Executive Session – There were no Executive Meetings held between November 3, 2025, and December 1, 2025. There will be an Executive Session toward the end of tonight's meeting to discuss legal matters regarding the Police Contract Negotiations.

On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Kark a request was made to accept the agenda for the December 1, 2025, Borough Council Meeting. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Rae Ann Schatz, 1090 W. Main St., asked if there were any updates on BMP 107, BMP 125 or Amtrak.

Mayor Bradley recognized and thanked Councilors LuAnn Fahndrich and Mary Ginder for there many years of service to the Borough of Mount Joy not only as Councilor members but through other roles in the community.

Report of Mayor

Mayor Bradley provided his report to Council for the month of November 2025.

Report of the Chief of Police

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a monthly written report for October 1, 2025, through October 31, 2025. The report showed 40 traffic arrests and 28 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 591 incidents for the month of October, with a total of 6,082 incidents year to date.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

Brett Hamm, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided a monthly report for October 2025 verbally.

Report of PSH Life Lion LLC

Provided a written monthly report for October 2025.

Report of EMA

No report

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)

Joseph McIlhenney provided a written report for October 2025.

Report of Codes/ Zoning & Stormwater Administrator

Brett Hamm, Codes, Zoning & Stormwater Administrator, provided a written monthly report for November 2025.

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

Rachel Stebbins, Grants, Projects, and Community & Economic Development Administrator provided a written monthly report for November 2025.

Report of Public Works Director

Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, provided a written monthly report for November 2025.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

Scott Kapcos, Borough Authority Manager, provided a written report for November 2025.

Report of the Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer

Jill Frey, Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer, provided a written report for November 2025.

Report of the Borough Manager

Mark G Pugliese I, Borough Manager, provided a written monthly report for November 2025.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On a **MOTION** by Kark, and a second by Youngerman, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on November 3, 2025, with spelling corrections. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Kark, and a second by Youngerman, approval was given for the minutes of the Special Budget Meeting on November 11, 2025. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Scordo stated that at the Special Budget Meeting he voted on a motion to make a line-item amendment to increase employee healthcare contributions. He remembered afterwards that he is a dependent beneficiary of the Borough's vision plan only and if he would have remembered that at the time of the vote, he would have recused himself. It would not have changed the outcome because the motion was defeated, with 3 yeas, and 5 nays.

Building Ad Hoc Committee

Deering gave an update on the progress of the new Municipal Building. Deering said they are on schedule per the new revised date of April 17th. Electrical is about 80% rough in and the sprinkler mobilization started November 10th. HVAC is still continuing with the pipe rough-in and ductwork rough-in. Overall, in general, curbs were installed, flat roof on section B is going forward and the metal framing on section B.

Pugliese said the Office and Chamber furniture was discussed at the Administration Finance Committee. He said he spoke with the furniture vendor and the drop-dead date for ordering is January 15th so we have about a month to come up with a plan.

175th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee

Eichler said some highlights from the November 19th meeting are as follows; a logo was approved for posters, maybe t-shirts, etc., they talked about bands, talked about the number of trash receptacles and portable toilets that may be needed, and possible drone show in lieu of fireworks was discussed. Next meeting is scheduled for January 13th and hopefully they will be able to finalize some things.

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to adopt Ordinance 07-2025, an ordinance to levy the tax rate for all taxable real properties within the Borough of 5.28 mills for 2026. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to adopt Highway Aid 2026 Budget as presented. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to increase residential and commercial refuse rates by \$70.00 per year. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to adopt the Refuse 2026 Budget as presented. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to adopt the Capital Funds Budget for 2026 as presented. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to adopt the General Fund Budget for 2026 as presented with Revenues and Expenditures at \$6,714,486.00. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Hall acknowledged receipt of the PLGIT report.

Sketch Plan Briefing by Brian Coolige, DC Gohn, for Guardian Barrier, 1040 E. Main Street.

Section 240-43.H.4 - On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to defer the modification request regarding curbs and sidewalks based upon the justification provided and recommended by the Borough Engineer. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Section 240-46.B.1 & Section 240-46. B.2 - On a MOTION by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to approve a partial modification for sidewalks to allow the applicant to provide sidewalks on one side of the new access drive. An AMENDMENT by Haigh, and a second by Kark, to include "deferral of the installation of the sidewalks until such time sidewalks are installed along route 230." *Amendment passes. Main Motion carries as amended.*

On a MOTION by Kark and a second by Hall, a request was made to give the property owner permission to proceed with the rezoning process for 409 W. Main Street. *Motion carries 8-1, Youngerman voting No.*

On a MOTION by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to adopt a letter in response to the Manheim Central Comprehensive Plan. An AMENDMENT by Youngerman, and a second by Haigh, as presented and modified by President Hall. *Amendment carries. Main Motion carries as amended.*

On a MOTION by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to extend the deadline for the Borough's tax rebate (Volunteer Fire Fighters/Support) to December 1, 2025. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a MOTION by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to close Borough Office on Friday, December 26, 2025. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Safety Committee

On a MOTION by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to approve Ordinance 06-2025, an ordinance to amend the Mount Joy Borough Code of Ordinance, Chapter 255, Vehicles and Traffic, to revise regulations governing parking on Mariett Ave. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Works Committee

On a MOTION by Haigh, a request was made to approve changes to Chapter 232, Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance. Motion dies due to lack of a second.

On a MOTION by Haigh, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to direct Borough Solicitor to draft and send a letter to The Lakes HOA to require upgrades to the walking trail to meet ADA requirements. *Motion carries. Fahndrich recused herself.*

On a MOTION by Haigh, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to authorize RETTEW to move forward with "As Built" survey for the basin on Pink Alley at a cost of \$5,600.00. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input

Josh Deering, 33 Frank St., asked for clarity around the Manheim Central Comp Plan. He asked the status of the 772 reroute and he also asked for the status on 30 S Market St.

Any other matter proper to come before Council

Mayor Bradley discussed possibly displaying historical boards at the new Borough complex in the common areas.

Councilor Scordo thanked Council for their hospitality and said it has been an honor working alongside of Council and representing his neighbors.

Councilor Eichler spoke regarding signage for the platforms installed at Little Chiques Park and if signs would be put up prior to the opening of trout season. He also thanked Councilors Fahndrich and Ginder for their service.

Councilor Youngerman said he would be interested in setting up a table at Winterfest.

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	\$ 342,212.26
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$ 382,425.53
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 556,385.556
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$ 26,869.94
ESCROW FUND	\$ -
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$ -
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,307,893.29

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

See the green calendar for the month of December.

Executive Session

Council went into Executive Session at 9:38PM To discuss police contract negotiations. Council came out of Executive Session at 10:55PM.

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Scordo, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 10:55PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark G. Pugliese I
Borough Manager/Secretary