

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
February 1, 2021 Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on February 1, 2021. In light of the Coronavirus this public meeting was held as a virtual meeting.

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

Roll Call- Present were Councilors Dominic Castaldi, Joshua Deering, David Eichler, Lu Ann Fahndrich, Mary Ginder, William Hall, Michael Reese, Bob Ruschke, Brian Youngerman and Mayor Timothy Bradley, Jr. Staff present were Borough Manager, Casey Kraus, Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Stormwater Officer, Dave Salley; Codes and Zoning Officer; Stacie Gibbs; Police Chief, Robert Goshen and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley.

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

President Hall announced there was an Executive Session held this evening at 6:30 PM for personnel issue. No decisions were made. There will be an Executive Session at the end of tonight's meeting to finish the discussion.

On a **MOTION** by Reese, and a second by Ginder, approval was given to accept the agenda for the January 4, 2021, Borough Council meeting. An **AMENDMENT** by Fahndrich, seconded Youngerman, a request was made to strike item 10C from the agenda and move items 10D and 10E up. *Amendment carries unanimously.* An **AMENDMENT** by Fahndrich, seconded by Castaldi, a request was made to add 11D to approve a banner request for Kraybill Mennonite School. *Amendment carries unanimously. Main motion as amended carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., inquired if you are on the Zoning Hearing Board if you can also be on the Authority Board. Sterling also asked if the Gerbrich Payne Project will be back for final approval.

Report of Mayor

Mayor Bradley sent a report via email to Council for January 2021.

Report of the Chief of Police

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a written monthly report for December 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. The report showed 17 traffic arrests and 12 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 497 incidents for the month of October, with a total of 6,802 incidents year to date. Monies collected by the Police Department for the month for tickets, permits, reports, and services totaled \$2,778.60.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

Matt Gohn, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for December 2020 and the FDMJ 2020 Annual Incident Report Summary.

Report of SVEMS

No report.

Report of EMA

Report sent via email.

Report of Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ)

Dave Schell, Executive Director, provided a monthly report for January 2021.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)

No report.

Report of Codes and Zoning Officer

Stacie Gibbs, Codes and Zoning Officer, provided a written monthly report for January 2021.

Report of Stormwater Officer

Dave Salley, Stormwater Enforcement Officer, provided a written monthly report for January 2021.

Report of Public Works Director

Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, provided a written report for January 2021.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

Joseph Ardini, Authority Manager, provided a written monthly report January 2021.

Report of the Borough Manager

Casey Kraus, Borough Manager, provided a written monthly report for January 2021.

Correspondence – Letter from Mount Joy Helping Services

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On a MOTION by Ginder, and a second by Ruschke, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on January 4, 2021. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Administration and Finance Committee

On a MOTION by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to sign the agreement with PennDOT providing for the ownership and maintenance of the underground stormwater basins (two basins tied together to act as one) on Henry Street between Market Street and Comfort Alley. After some discussion, the Council and the Mayor have some concerns with some of the wording in the agreement. Hall would like to revisit this with the Borough Solicitor. On a MOTION by Youngerman, and a second by Ginder for the main motion to be laid upon the table until the March Council meeting.

On a MOTION by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve the Policy on Act 17 pertaining to Police Officers compensation for time lost due to incidents related to the COVID-19 virus as recommended by the Administration Finance Committee. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a MOTION by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve the revised job description for Borough Manager as presented. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a MOTION by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to have a discussion of the Mount Joy Borough Authority as presented to appoint J. Michael Melhorn to fill out the term of Steven Weems who submitted his resignation from the Board. Hall said Council established a process that all vacancies come to the Council and need to be advertised to the public and we need to follow that process. Hall asked to get the vacancy advertised with a deadline prior the next Administration and Finance Committee meeting so they can make a recommendation to full Council. There was some question as to whether or not someone can be on two boards in the same Municipality. Hall instructed Gibbs to check with the Solicitor.

Report of the Public Safety Committee

On a MOTION by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to authorize the hiring of Michael David Klock as full-time police officer, providing he meets the terms of the conditional offer of employment. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a MOTION by Fahndrich, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to accept the annual report from the Mount Joy Borough Council Civil Service Commission as presented. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Fahndrich led a discussion regarding Paula's School of Baton plans for an upcoming 5K run in April. She said Paula has been working with both the Public Works Committee and Public Safety Committee along with an Event Committee and Dave Schell who provided information to Chief Goshen in terms of how many people they can have and keep within the CDC / Department of Health guidelines.

On a MOTION by Fahndrich, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to approve a banner request for Kraybill Mennonite School for an event on May 7th and 8th. The banner is from April 26-May 9, 2021. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Report of the Public Works Committee

Councilor Deering commented that the Compost Site gate system is a great addition and he also informed Council that the new 5-year street plan was updated and put on the website. Deering commented on the new gate system at the Compost Site. He stated there has been over 240 key fobs issued and many more applications coming in.

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., asked if the Borough has received any invoices from Crabtree Consultants for the work on the new Borough office building.

Any other matter proper to come before Council

Eichler asked if hydrants get routinely tested. Hall stated he believes there is a five-year rotation they get around to all the hydrants.

Chief Goshen informed Council and the community that Crime Watch is now live. You can go to the website anytime and they also have an app that will directly communicate with you, so you can know what's going on with the Mount Joy Borough Police Department.

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

GENERAL FUND	\$	233,794.83
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	52,720.82
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	62,457.50
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	-
ESCROW FUND	\$	3,162.87
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	159.27
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	352,295.29

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

See the Red calendar for the month of February 2021

Council went into Executive Session at 8:31 PM to continue the discussion of a personnel matter. Council came out of Executive Session 8:46 PM.

After discussion of personnel matter in Executive Session, Council is re-opening any other matters to come before Council to talk about the process of hiring a Borough Manager. Council made a decision to reach out to the specific people they identified in the Executive Session and set up interviews with those people and have a recommendation for full Council on March 1st meeting.

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Reese, and a second by Eichler, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles M. Kraus, III
Interim Borough Manager/Secretary

