

**MOUNT JOY BOROUGH SPECIAL COUNCIL**  
**February 9, 2026**

The Mount Joy Borough Council held a special meeting on February 9, 2026.

President Pro Tem, Eichler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

Roll Call- Present were Councilors, Joshua Deering, David Eichler, Bryan Gruber, Bruce Haigh, Zack Hollcraft, Phillip Kark, Brian Youngerman, and Mayor Timothy Bradley, Jr. Staff present were Borough Manager, Mark G. Pugliese I; Assistant Borough Manager/Financial Director, Jill Frey; Grants, Projects, Community & Economic Development Administrator, Rachel Stebbins; Codes, Zoning and Stormwater Administrator, Brett Hamm; Police Chief, Robert Goshen and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley. Absent were Council President, William Hall and Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley.

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Haigh, a request was made to accept the resignation of David Grieneder, Vice President and Councilor from Florin Ward, effective immediately. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Kark, and a second by Youngerman, a request was made to elect Joshua Deering as Council Vice President. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Haigh said he had some concern with Deering serving as Council Vice President while also serving as Chairman of the Planning Commission. He would like for Deering to give up Chairmanship of that committee.

Eichler turned the gavel over to Deering to continue with the meeting.

Deering announced there were no Executive Sessions held since the February 2, 2026, Council meeting.

On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Kark, to accept the agenda for the February 9, 2026, Borough Council meeting. An **AMENDMENT** by Hollcraft, and a second by Kark, to add an item to the Agenda for the Mayor to provide a report following public comment. *Amendment passes. Motion carries as amended.*

**Public Input Period**

Emmanuel Hoffer 82 E. Main St. expressed concern about the number of smoke shops in Mount Joy Borough and if anyone checks in on them to make sure they are legit business and not money laundering businesses. He said he does not see a lot of cars there.

Jen Angeles, 219 Marietta Ave., spoke regarding Special Events request and the process. She said there is currently no uniform application, checklist or set of questions that all organizers are asked. She feels it would benefit everyone, Council, Commissions and community organizations to have clear, uniform set of criteria that applies to all events and street closure request.

Dale Murray, 120 Farmington Wy., spoke about a recent news report he heard regarding big rig truck drivers that are unable to speak English and are issued CDL by PennDOT having wrecks. He said in that report four people were killed. He said there was a three day initiative in 26 states that removed about 2,000 unqualified truck drivers. They inspected 8,000 trucks and 1,231 of those were stripped of their roadworthiness. He said some years back the Borough actually did the same kind of stop with Northwest Regional. He would like to see this happen again.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Bradley gave an oral report on the topic of passports processing at Libraries. He provided Council with a copy of a letter addressed to Marco Rubio, Secretary of State. The letter asks for an extension for nonprofit libraries to continue to operate. What has been identified is they are continuing to work with their counterparts in the State Department, and with the House of Foreign Affairs Committee to advocate for a swift mark up on their pending legislation, to clarify that nonprofit libraries can serve as passport processing facilities. They are basically trying to buy time while they let the legislative process play through. That would allow the nonprofit libraries to continue. It looks as though there may be some hope in libraries being able to continue to operate and not lose \$100,000 worth of potential revenue.

### **Building Ad Hoc Committee**

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to reduce the retainage for HB Frazer in the amount of \$53,309.33. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to authorize the Borough Manager to sign the "Grant of Right-Of-Way" for PPL from an existing utility pole on Hill St. to an existing pole in Grandview Park and then to the new Municipal Services Facility. *Motion carries unanimously.*

### **175<sup>th</sup> Ad Hoc Committee**

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Youngerman, a request was made to approve "PHREDD" invoice for children's entertainment in the amount of \$350.00. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Youngerman, a request was made to authorize the Borough Manager to sign the contract with Open Sky for the 175<sup>th</sup> event for \$20,000.00. *Motion carries unanimously.*

### **Administration and Finance Committee**

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to consider the reduction of financial security for the Lancaster County Career & Technology Center, lots 1, 2, & 14 in the amount of \$85,632.85 as recommended by the Borough Engineer. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to grant a waiver of the requirement to improve the street to the ultimate right-of-way width including curbing and sidewalk as recommended by the Borough Engineer in regard to 400 East Main Street. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to grant a waiver of the requirement to provide sidewalk on both sides of the proposed access drive and in the alternative, provide sidewalk on one side of the access drive as recommended by the Borough Engineer in regard to 400 East Main Street. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to grant a waiver of the requirement to provide curbing along the edge of any landscape portions of a parking facility and in the alternative only provide curbing at the overflow parking area in regard to 400 East Main Street. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to grant a waiver of the requirement of minimum floor elevations provided that all comments are addressed per RETTEW's Modification Request Memorandum dated January 30, 2026 that would include but not limited to the lining of all four walls of retention basin and the waterproofing of all basements as shown on the plans in regard to 400 East Main Street. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to approve fee in lieu of dedication of park and recreation land subject to the determination of the Fair Market Value of the property in regard to 400 East Main Street. An **AMENDMENT** by Haigh, with a second by Youngerman, a request was made to strike out "subject to the determination of the Fair Market Value of the property" and add "fee of \$36,500, payable at time of final land development approval and a second fee of \$36,500 payable at time of issuance of the first occupancy permit." After some discussion, Haigh withdrew his amendment. An **AMENDMENT** by Haigh, and a second by Youngerman, a request was made to strike "subject to the determination of the Fair Market Value of the property" and add "fee shall be \$5,500 per dwelling unit". *Amendment carries 6-2. Deering and Kark voting No. Main Motion carries as amended 6-2, Deering and Kark voting No.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to approve the preliminary/final subdivision and land development plan provided that all outstanding comments are addressed to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer, Borough Solicitor and Borough Staff in regard to 400 East Main Street. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise a public hearing and ordinance proposal to rezone 0.098-acre of the mentioned property being 401, 409, and 413 West Main Street from Low Density Residential to Neighborhood Commercial. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to approve the 175<sup>th</sup> logo and new Borough logo. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Report of the Public Safety Committee**

On **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Kark, a request was made to adopt Resolution 2026-04 authorizing the road closures for the following events; Mount Joy Memorial Day Parade, May 23, 2026; The Taste of Mount Joy Cruisin Cuisine, July 25, 2026 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; National Night Out, Aug 4, 2026 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm; Mount Joy Spooktacular Event, October 23, 2026 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Winterfest, Dec 5, 2026 10:00 am – 8:00 pm. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Hollcraft, a request was made to adopt Resolution 2026-05 for road closure and waiver of noise ordinance for The Fresh Brews of Mount Joy 2026 on April 25, 2026, from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Sponsoring organization or business shall provide additional information as requested by the Chief of Police or Mayor. *Motion carries 6-2. Youngerman and Kark voting No.*

On **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Hollcraft, a request was made to adopt Resolution 2026-06 for road closure for Summer Solstice on June 20, 2026, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Sponsoring organization or business shall provide additional information as requested by the Chief of Police or the Mayor. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Kark, a request was made to approve Resolution 2026-07, A resolution authorizing the suspension of a banner across Main Street/State Route 230 East Main Street for the following organizations; Kraybill Mennonite School, 2026 Benefit Auction and Pig Roast from April 27, 2026 to May 9, 2026; Fire Department Mount Joy, Recruitment Drive from May 18, 2026 to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026; Borough of Mount Joy, Donegal High School Graduation, from May 31, 2026 to June 8, 2026 and Friends of Milanof-Schock Library, Book Sale at Donegal High School from June 8, 2026 to June 22, 2026. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Report of the Public Works Committee**

On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to authorize the Community and Economic Development Coordinator to apply for the T Mobile Hometown Grant for Pickleball Courts. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to designate the first two fishing platforms, one on the left and one on the right as you enter the park from the parking lot as ADA (& Children) designated platforms and approve verbiage for signs to be mounted on those platforms. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Public Input Period**

Emmanuel Hoffer, 82 E. Main St., commented on Brew Fest. He does not agree with drinking alcohol in the streets and feels the event is not appropriate for Mount Joy even if it raises money for different organizations.

Patrick Gerlach, 265 Lumber St., complimented Council on the way the meeting was conducted tonight and apologized for some of the outburst from the public at the last meeting.

Jay Musser, 175 Manheim St., thanked Council for acknowledging the issues with the snow removal.

Ferne Silberman, 630 Florin Ave., said she was extremely disappointed in the way Council voted tonight in the lieu of dedication. She said her biggest disappointment comes from the fact that there was conversation last Monday night and from that conversation, it appeared \$36,000 was going to be accepted. She does not know if the transaction will go thru now and all for \$13,000.

Jen Angeles, 219 Marietta Ave. said she wanted to make sure Council was clear on her earlier comments about having a process in place for special events in the Borough.

**Adjournment**

On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Hollcraft, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark G. Pugliese I  
Borough Manager/Secretary