

**MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**March 1, 2021 Minutes**

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on March 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 Sessions. There may be an Executive Session held tonight to discuss a personnel matter and a decision could be made after the session.

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, approval was given to accept the agenda for the March 1, 2021, Borough Council meeting with the addition of a motion to hire a new manager from one of the candidates between C and D under item 10 making a new D. An **AMENDMENT** by Fahndrich, seconded Castaldi, a request was made to remove 11D. *Amendment carries unanimously.* An **AMENDMENT** by Ginder, seconded by Reese, a request was made to change the wording in 12B, to just start with the word motion to authorize the closing of Market Street. *Amendment carries unanimously. Main motion as amended carries unanimously.*

**Public Input Period**

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., asked if the name of the new Borough Manager will be announced tonight. Sterling also inquired about the underground storm water basin that PennDOT is involved with.

**Report of Mayor**

Mayor Bradley sent a report via email to Council for February 2021. The Mayor expressed his gratitude for the great work that Barbara Basile has done for the Library. He wished her a restful and fabulous well-earned retirement. The Mayor informed Council he consulted with the Codes Officer regarding LERTA and the impacted properties. Noting that the five-year window will conclude in August of this year and if they want to do any extensions, they may want to have a conversation about that. He feels it has done tremendous good in the Borough and the action that Council took in 2016 should be commended.

**Report of the Chief of Police**

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a written monthly report for January 1, 2021, through January 31, 2021. The report showed 60 traffic arrests and 26 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 589 incidents for the month of January, with a total of 589 incidents year to date. Monies collected by the Police Department for the month for tickets, permits, reports, and services totaled \$2,716.80.

**Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)**

Matt Gohn, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for January 2021.

**Report of SVEMS**

Candy Blanchflower sent report via email and was present to review the report for February 2021.

**Report of EMA**

Matt Kratz was present and gave a oral report for the month of February 2021.

**Report of Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ)**

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

**Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)**

Barbara Basile was present and gave an oral report for January. Basile said she has some special activities and thank yous going out to lots of unique individuals for providing some special service. Tonight, she wanted to mention a couple of staff members at the Borough that have been particularly and helpful. Basile said Dennis, Stacie and the past Borough Manager have assisted her in one way or another over the years. She mentioned Dave Schell is a rock and how terrific the Main Street office operates and was wonderful working with him and appreciates all of his help he has provided over the years.

**Report of Codes and Zoning Officer**

Stacie Gibbs, Codes and Zoning Officer, provided a written monthly report for February 2021. Gibbs informed Council that the Active Transportation Guidebook from Michael Baker Int'l is 75% complete and on the Borough website and Facebook page along with a link to the Public Meeting Presentation to be held on Tuesday evening, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Report of Stormwater Officer**

Dave Salley, Stormwater Enforcement Officer, provided a written monthly report for February 2021. Salley informed Council the Public Works Department is replacing the storm water pipe on Wood Street. He stated that the pipes are very old and deteriorated corrugated metal pipe.

**Report of Public Works Director**

Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, provided a written report for February 2021. Nissley informed Council the Borough received its new leaf truck that the Borough got through the DEP 902 grant and that there is an item on the agenda for some additional equipment for the truck chassis.

**Report of the Borough Authority Manager**

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

**Report of the Borough Manager**

Casey Kraus, Borough Manager, provided a written monthly report for February 2021 via email.

**Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

On a **MOTION** by Reese, and a second by Ginder, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on February 1, 2021. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Administration and Finance Committee**

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve Resolution 1-21, to suspend a banner across SR 230 from April 26, 2021 through May 9, 2021 near the Borough Offices at 21 East Main Street, Mount Joy, as requested by Lancaster Mennonite School, Kraybill Campus for their Lancaster Mennonite School Kraybill Campus Auction. An **AMENDMENT** by Youngerman, and a second by Ginder, to remove Lancaster Mennonite school and just refer to it as Kraybill Mennonite School. *Amendment carries. Main Motion as amended carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to accept the resignation of Charles M. Kraus, III, Interim Borough Manager, effective March 1, 2021. *Motion carries 8-1, Hall voting no.*

Ginder expressed her gratitude to Casey for the time he spent with the Borough he's of vast knowledge of how the Borough is working and appreciates everything he has done for us.

Castaldi said certainly enjoyed working with him. He said he had lots of questions and Casey always answered his questions and was a great help.

Eichler also said thanks to Casey for coming at a time the Borough needed a quality Manager to try and make sense of the unfinished business and pave the way for the next Manager.

Hall added to what the other Councilors said. There is a lot that goes on day to day that the public does not see and all of Council may not see because of the different committees. There was a lot of things that needed organized and ready for the next Manager. Hall thanked him as the President of Council and personally.

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to send the letter drafted by the Interim Borough Manager to Mr. and Mrs. Paglia pertaining to the placement of delineators, property lines, right-of-way and responsibility for maintaining trees within the right-of-way. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to make an offer of employment including the draft agreement with Mr. Mark Pugliese. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to confirm Michael Melhorn to fill the vacancy on the Mount Joy Borough Authority. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to authorize the purchase of a dump body and plow frame for the new leaf collection truck to make the truck multipurpose. The cost is \$43,000. The funds for this purchase are in the 2021 budget as follows: \$25,000 from the capital fund and \$15,000 from the leaf collection (trash and recycling) fund. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to authorize Code Enforcement Officer, Stacie Gibbs, to work with the Borough Solicitor on updating the Borough Sign Ordinance to be in compliance with recent appellate court decisions pertaining to various yard signs and flags. *Motion carries unanimously.*

#### **Report of the Public Safety Committee**

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to authorize the Sale of Ammunition (40 cal.) to Elizabethtown Borough Police Department since the ammo is obsolete for our Police Department. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to authorize purchase of new Glocks Model 17 and trade in of current Glocks or allow MJBPD officers to purchase their weapon for the same price the Police Department would get for the trade in value. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Fahndrich asked Chief Goshen to lead the discussion regarding the Pennsylvania State Police Municipal Service Charge. Governor Wolf is proposing this year that instead of just taxing the municipalities that utilize the State Police in lieu of their own police departments, he is proposing that all municipalities contribute to the State Police. That would be a charge of \$25,671 to the Borough. After further discussion on a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Reese, a request was made to have the Solicitor draft a letter to our State Representative, our State Senator, our County Bar Association, our Mayor's Association and our State Borough's Association expressing our opposition to the Governor's proposal. Fahndrich does not feel that it is necessary to have the Solicitor writing the letter. Deering offered an **AMENDMENT**, seconded by Reese, to change the Solicitor to Chief Goshen to draft the letter and include the State Mayors Association. *Amendment carries unanimously.* The Chief would just be drafting the letter and the letter would then be signed by the President of Council. *Main Motion as amended carries unanimously.*

#### **Report of the Public Works Committee**

Deering opened the floor for discussion "Movie in the Park" at Rotary Park. Deering said they would like to start with possibly one movie in the fall and see how goes and if it is well attended then plan for 2022. Eichler thinks it's a good idea along with Castaldi. Reese said they should proceed.

On a **MOTION** Deering, and a seconded by Ginder, a request was made to close Market Street from Main Street to Marietta Avenue for Paula's 5K run. *Motion carries unanimously.*

#### **Public Input Period**

Dale Murray, 120 Farmington Wy., inquired about the current sign Ordinance and what the issues were.

Karen McCrady, 315 Berry St., owns a small business at 206 E. Main St., she said she would like to be involved with helping small business in Mount Joy. She said she reached out to Dale of Main Street Mount Joy and said she was pretty much rejected. Dale responded that they currently do not have any open positions on the Board but invited her to be on the Promotions Committee.

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., asked for a summary of the difference or what has transpired to 10F on the agenda regarding yard signs and flags. Sterling also inquired about the Paglia property issue.

Matt Kratz, 52 Lumber St, thanked Council for taking a stand and sending the letter regarding the State Police. He is requesting the letter also be sent to the Governor's office.

#### **Any other matter proper to come before Council**

Eichler took this time to announce that on April 10<sup>th</sup>, Rotary Park is having clean up day community celebration. If you register by April 7<sup>th</sup> you get a complimentary breakfast and lunch. Get in touch with Dave Christian to register.

Hall brought up an issue that the current interim Borough Manager gave his resignation effective tonight and our new Borough Manager has a release period from his current employer and the Borough does not have an official start date for the new Manager. That leaves the Borough without a Manager for a period of time. Reese suggested maybe appoint an assistant to step in during the interim. Castaldi said he thinks we need an Assistant Borough Manager as a position. He feels we need to see what contributions Kraus has in mind during the period of now and when Mr. Gleason can start. Youngerman said we do not have an official job description for an Assistant Manager if anyone would like to propose something and move forward with it tonight. That can be done. Hall asked Krause how much involvement to the Borough in a consulting role he would be interested in if any. Kraus stated he cannot give an exact amount hours but he would not leave the Borough hanging. He said if Council could come up with an Assistant Manager that would be very wise. Mayor Bradley has some concerns regarding the Borough Code and the fact that our Ordinances reference a Borough Manager not and Assistant Manager. For example, when it comes to Emergency Declarations it states the Borough Manager. Reese commented that it does not include the wording Interim Manager either, but the Interim Manager stepped in and made those

decisions. Ginder asked Kraus if he could give Council an approximate number of hours that he would be willing to help out. She feels if he would be willing to do this then that could give Council time to get a job description together for an Assistant Manager position.

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to reconsider the letter of resignation of Casey Krause in consultation with him. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Council went into Executive Session at 9:22 pm

**Authorization to Pay Bills**

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

GENERAL FUND	\$	222,646.94
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	50,321.05
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	352,723.75
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	4,981.68
ESCROW FUND	\$	3,992.28
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	-
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	634,665.70

*Motion carries unanimously.*

**Meetings and dates of importance**

See the White calendar for the month of March 2021

**Executive Session**

None

**Adjournment**

On a **MOTION** by Reese, and a second by Eichler, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles M. Kraus, III  
Interim Borough Manager/Secretary