

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
March 3, 2025, Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on February 3, 2025.

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

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

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

Executive Session – There were no Executive Sessions held by Council between February 3, 2025, and March 3, 2025. There will be an Executive Session under item 18 to discuss two pending legal matters.

On a **MOTION** by Kark, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to accept the agenda for the March 3, 2025, Council meeting. An **AMENDMENT** by Fahndrich, and a second by Youngerman, to strike 12c 2 through 12c 5 from the agenda. *Amendment passes. Motion as amended carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., commented about the code violation at 15 W Main Street and by his opinion has not been remediated. He asked when this will be taken care of. He also commented about the missing street trees along Main Street.

Report of Mayor

Mayor Bradley emailed his report to Council for the month of February 2025.

Report of the Chief of Police

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a monthly written report for January 1, 2025, through January 31, 2025. The report showed 18 traffic arrests and 34 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 488 incidents for the month of January, with a total of 488 incidents year to date.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

Brett Hamm, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided a written monthly report for January 2025.

Report of PSH Life Lion LLC

January 2025 report provided.

Report of EMA

Phil Colvin provided a written report for period January, 2025, to February 20, 2025.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)

Joseph McIlhenney provided a written report for January 2025.

Report of Codes/ Zoning & Stormwater Administrator

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

Report of Public Works Director

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

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

Scott Kapcsos, Authority Manager, provided a written monthly report for February 2025.

Report of the Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer

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

Report of the Borough Manager

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

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Building Ad Hoc Committee

Deering said there was no quorum for the February meeting so there was no meeting held for that month. Certificate of Approval from DCED regarding Local Government Unit Debt Act has been received.

Hall had a brief discussion with Council whether or not the Building Ad Hoc Committee is needed anymore. He said he will make a decision at a later date.

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to award the QAA (Quality Assurance, testing, inspections, etc.) to Barry Isett & Associates in the amount of \$137,916.00. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to authorize the Borough Manager to sign the Builders Risk insurance contract with Philadelphia Insurance Companies in the amount of \$34,921. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to authorize the Borough Manager to attend the PSAB Annual Conference & Exhibition in Hershey, PA on June 1 – 4, 2025, and to pay for or reimburse expenses as provided by Section 701 of the Borough Code. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to appoint Mark G. Pugliese I, Borough Manager, as the voting delegate to the PSAB Conference. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Discussion, Vista Block/Chiques Crossing – Vista Block is requesting an easement for force main through Little Chiques Park Land. Hall suggested Council and any Mount Joy Borough residents email thoughts/suggestions to the Borough Manager by March 14th. Those comments will then be compiled and discussed at the April Council meeting.

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to authorize the Community & Economic Development Coordinator to submit a grant application to People, Parks, & Community Foundation for a grant in the amount of \$25,000 for the Little Chiques Park Site development. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to adopt Resolution 2025-06, a resolution showing the Borough's intent to make application for grant funding via Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to adopt Resolution 2025-07, a resolution showing the Borough's intent to make application for grant funding via DCNR-C2P2 program. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Report of the Public Safety Committee

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Crider, a request was made to authorize staff to prepare a Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) for the April Borough Council Meeting. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Crider, a request was made to approve exemptions to Borough Ordinance as outlined on the attachment supplied to Council for the construction of the new Municipal Services Complex. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Crider, a request was made for the Borough to carry the Memorial Day Parade event on its liability insurance. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Crider, a request was made to adopt Ordinance 03-2025, an ordinance to amend the Mount Joy Borough Code of Ordinance, Chapter 255, Vehicles and Traffic, to revise regulations governing Parking on Delta Street. *Motion carries, Youngerman voting no.*

Report of the Public Works Committee

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Kark, a request was made to award 2025 Roadway Contract 1 – ADA Curb Ramps to SM Johns & Son Construction LLC for \$229,676.01. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Kark, a request was made to award 2025 Roadway Project Contract 3 – Bituminous Seal Coat to Martin Paving Inc. for \$144,770.90. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Ferne Silberman, 630 Florin Ave, asked when the decision will be made regarding liability insurance for the events that were stricken from the agenda tonight.

Ned Sterling 13 W. Main St, asked about a traffic study for Chiques Crossing.

Any other matter proper to come before Council

None

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	\$	130,239.45
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	184,976.26
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	139,945.74
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	-
ESCROW FUND	\$	16,685.62
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	-
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	471,847.07

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

See the white calendar for the month of March.

Executive Session

Council went into Executive Session at 8:19pm, to discuss two pending legal matters. Council came out of Executive Session at 8:37pm. On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to authorize the Borough Manager to sign an agreement to join with other municipalities in an action for Declaratory Judgement and other related matter against Municipal Emergency Services Authority of Lancaster County regarding billings by MESA. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Kark, and a second by Ginder, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 8:38PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark G. Pugliese I
Borough Manager/Secretary