

**MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**April 1, 2024, Minutes**

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on April 1, 2024.

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

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

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

Hall announced there was no Executive Session held outside of the prior Council meeting.

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Greineder, approval was given to accept the agenda for the April 1, 2024, Borough Council meeting. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Public Input Period**

Ned Sterling, 13 W Main St., said he hopes that the Borough supports item 11e on the agenda, declaring Lancaster County a Non-Sanctuary County. He said 11d, the boundary between 9 and 15 East Main Street, is an important subject but also that both properties are in violation of the Borough code and maintenance. They both need painting and hopes that it is addressed this year.

**Report of Mayor**

Mayor Bradley provided a written monthly report for March 2024.

**Report of the Chief of Police**

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a written monthly report for February 1, 2024, through February 29, 2024. The report showed 58 traffic arrests and 21 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 616 incidents for the month of January, with a total of 1,212 incidents year to date.

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

Brett Hamm, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for February 2024.

**Report of PSH Life Lion LLC**

Nathaniel Buchanan, Interim Supervisor/Assistant Chief, provided a written report for February 2024.

**Northwest EMS now known as MESA**

No report provided.

**Report of EMA**

No report provided.

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

Joseph McIlhenney provided a written monthly report for February 2024.

**Report of Codes/ Zoning & Stormwater Administrator**

Sam Meckley, Interim Codes, Zoning & Stormwater Administrator, provided a written monthly report for March 2024.

**Grants, Projects, and Community & Economic Development Administrator**

Rachel Stebbins, Grants, Projects, and Community & Economic Development Administrator, provided a written monthly report for March 2024.

**Report of Public Works Director**

Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, provided a written monthly report for March 2024.

### **Report of the Borough Authority Manager**

Scott Kapcsos, Authority Manager, provided a written monthly report for March 2024.

### **Report of the Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer**

Jill Frey, Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer provided a written monthly report for March 2024.

### **Report of the Borough Manager**

Mark G Pugliese I, Borough Manager, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for March 2024.

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

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Ginder, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on March 4, 2024. *Motion carries unanimously.*

### **Building Ad Hoc Committee**

Deering, Chairman, said a lot has been happening over the last month. Deering said they are nearing the end of the construction document phase. He said there was an in-person meeting with staff at the Crabtree Office to go over interior design, and some of the specifics. As far as he knows bond council has been hired but we still need some builders risk insurance. Todd with Crabtree is here with an updated presentation for Council to see. Deering announced there will be another public meeting, Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 5-8M, following the Borough Authority meeting. Crabtree will be giving the same presentation at the Borough Authority Meeting that Council will be seeing tonight. The public meeting following the Authority meeting will be more of a drop for the public to look at the design and ask questions.

### **Administration and Finance Committee**

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to adopt Resolution 2024-11, Reimbursement Resolution. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Florin Hills Update – Present were Anthony Faranda-Diedrich, Rob Bowman, Debra Shulski, and Jeff Shyk. Faranda-Diedrich provided Council with the flowing update. Faranda-Diedrich said by way of an update they have continued to work with the staff and the Solicitor to advance the completion of Florin Hill. There was a review that was provided to them by staff through Rettew of the as built plans for the stormwater facilities in Phases 1 and 2 that they had completed the month prior. They are going to continue to work through that review. They actually have a meeting scheduled tomorrow to continue the discussion around the as built plans so that process is moving forward. They also received a draft of the agreement from the Borough's Solicitor pursuant to which they are going to be completing the neighborhood. They received that document and had an opportunity to provide comments on it and met with Mark and Joselle to review it. It was a productive meeting, and the agreement is currently being revised and they are awaiting that updated document to continue those discussions. One of the things that came out of that meeting with Mark and Joselle is that in connection with the stormwater design for Phase 3 of Florin Hill. They going to be providing the Borough with their plans for Phase 3 so the Borough will have an opportunity to actually review the stormwater plans and calculations for that Phase and can make comment and hopefully start to address them early on in the process as they finalize the agreement. They expect to be submitting that here next week for the Borough to start that review. They are looking forward to continuing to work with Rettew, Mark and the rest of the staff in buttoning that up. They are hopeful that between this meeting and next month they will have made substantial progress on the agreement so that when they are here again next month, there will be an opportunity to review the document itself and hopefully vote on it. That's where they would like to be. They are going to continue to work with Mark towards that goal. They want to thank Mark for hosting us here on a number of occasions to continue the work, and again looking forward to rolling up our sleeves and getting through this hopefully by the next meeting.

Haigh said he gave Council a two page document regarding the whole issue of parking and street width. After some discussion a Motion was made by Youngerman with a second by Kark, a request was made that Council agrees to a road width of 34 feet and percentage of completion of 85% for completed all sidewalks in Phase 3. Motion was table after further discussion.

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to adopt Resolution 2024-10, a resolution establishing criteria for volunteers to be eligible to participate under the Mount Joy Borough Volunteer service tax credit program. *Motion carries. Hall abstained.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise Ordinance 02-2024, an ordinance implementing a volunteer fire service earned income tax credit and real property tax rebate programs: enacting tax credits for volunteer members of volunteer fire companies; and establishing administrative procedures and appeals. *Motion carries. Hall abstained.*

**Report of the Public Safety Committee**

The Chief led a discussion regarding Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) and actual numbers explanation of the cause for the variations and possible solution.

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Crider, a request was made to approve the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Durango Police Pursuit Vehicle (PPV). *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Crider, a request was made to approve a request for exemption under the noise ordinances for DockDogs – Tails & Ale Event on Saturday, 7/6/24 from 10 am – 7 pm and on 7/7/24 from 12 pm to 7 pm. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Request from Londonderry Township Special Fire Police to assist with traffic control at the intersection of Main Street and New/Haven Street on Saturday, June 1, 2024, for First Responder Motorcycle Ride acknowledged.

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Crider, a request was made to authorize the street closing on July 27, 2024, for the Cruisin’ Cuisine car show event. Closures include Main St, from New Haven St. to Jacob St., as needed for between Barbara St and Jacob St on a block-by-block need, and North and South Market St. from Henry St. to Apple Tree Alley. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Hall, and a second by Youngerman, a request was made to appoint Dr. Eichler to the Mount Joy Fire Foundation. *Motion carries. Eichler abstained.*

**Report of the Public Works Committee**

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Haigh, a request was made to approve Resolution 2024-09 a resolution authorizing the Council President be directed to sign the 902 Recycling Grant Funding Application. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Public Input Period**

Josh Deering, 33 Frank St., said he has a couple of comments. One is in regard to Florin Hill and the sidewalks there. He said when they reach 85%, they could use macadam, that’s a lot easier to rip up than concrete when they would get to that eventually. Another is the Dairy Queen and if they could possibly put in a turning lane from Hummers to Sassafra. He said that is the widest part of 230 coming into town and folks are already kind of doing this, going around cars turning into Hummers, Longenecker Road and Advanced Auto. He also commented on getting public wifi for the public to use in Borough Hall. He said it is sometimes difficult to get a signal. He said he has not seen any action regarding the Community Foundation and was wondering if Council has any interest in bringing it back.

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

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to adopt April 8, 2024, as Eclipse Day in Mount Joy. *Roll call vote: Crider, Eichler, Ginder, Youngerman, Haigh and Kark voting yes. Greineder and Hall voting no. Motion carries 6-2.*

Eichler commented that he attended the Fire Banquet, and he is very impressed with our Station 75. He said he enjoyed the comradery and professionalism. He also stated that he is very proud of our fire fighters.

Haigh said he would like a copy of the review letter by RETTEW for Chiques Crossing letter for Josele.

**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	\$	152,057.31
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	79,965.34
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	253,849.40
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	-
ESCROW FUND	\$	8,795.99
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	-
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	494,668.04

*Motion carries unanimously.*

**Meetings and dates of importance**

See the yellow calendar for the month of April 2024.

**Executive Session**

None

**Adjournment**

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Haigh, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark G. Pugliese I  
Borough Manager/Secretary

