

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
April 5, 2021 Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on April 5, 2021. In light of the Coronavirus this public meeting was held as a virtual meeting.

President Hall called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 Stormwater Officer, Dave Salley; Codes and Zoning Officer; Stacie Gibbs; Police Chief, Robert Goshen and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley. Absent, Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley.

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

President Hall announced there was no Executive Sessions held. There will be an Executive Session at this time to discuss some possible adjustment to the agenda. Council came out of Executive Session at 7:48 PM. No decisions were made in the session; however I anticipate we will be making some adjustments to the agenda related to what was discussed in the Executive Session.

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Ginder, approval was given to accept the agenda for the April 5, 2021 Borough Council meeting. An **AMENDMENT** by Reese, seconded Ruschke, to add an agenda item under Administration and Finance Committee to hire an interim manager. *Amendment carries unanimously.* An **AMENDMENT** by Castaldi, seconded by Deering, to add an agenda item under the Administration and Finance Committee to appoint an Open Records Officer. *Amendment carries unanimously. Main motion as amended carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Andy Sherwood, 708 Arbor Rose, wanted to discuss the 30-foot storm water easement at the rear of nine homes on Arbor Rose Ave. Specifically, the homeowners request to allow some limited vegetation to be planted within six to seven feet from both sides of the easement creating a vegetated buffer within the existing easement. He asked Council to approve the request for a variance allowing limited planting within the 30-foot easement.

Report of Mayor

Mayor Bradley sent a report via email to Council for March 2021. Mayor Bradley said he attended the Lancaster County Borough Association meeting where he expressed his concern related to the funding mechanisms proposed by State Police. Bradley said the Borough's Association is firmly against the proposed voting model. They requested at the County level for us to provide them a copy of any letter we plan to send so that they can send it to other municipalities.

Report of the Chief of Police

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a written monthly report for February 1, 2021, through February 28, 2021. The report showed 86 traffic arrests and 34 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 529 incidents for the month of February, with a total of 1118 incidents year to date. Monies collected by the Police Department for the month for tickets, permits, reports, and services totaled \$3,959.23.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

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

Report of SVEMS

No report. Hall said there was an announcement by SVEMS and Life Lion EMS LLC that effective July 1st, Life Lion and SVEM will be merging or whatever the exact legal relationship will be, but our EMS coverage will be through Life Lion EMS. Ambulances will stay the same and the employees will stay the same. Hall said it should be a pretty seamless transition.

Report of EMA

No report.

Report of Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ)

Dave Schell, Executive Director, provided a monthly report for March 2021. Schell told Council that the new product development program they are working on is going to be noticed by the state, so the DCD and PTC are going to be doing articles on the product development that MSMJ is working on with two businesses downtown. Schell said he sent an email to Council in February regarding a list of MSMJ events that require road closures and he hasn't seen anything on the agenda about being able to close these roads. He said he needs to know so he can start planning the events.

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 March 2021.

Report of Stormwater Officer

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

Report of Public Works Director

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

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

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

Report of the Borough Manager

No report.

Hall said Council received an email from Casey Krauss who is the Interim Manager indicating that he was resigning his position effective at noon today. Therefore, as of noon today the Borough is without an Interim Manager.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to hire Jill Frey at an additional \$20 per hour as the Interim Manager. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to hire Stacie Gibbs as the Right to Know Officer for an additional \$10 an hour. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Presentation by Megan Senkowski, Amanda Kilroy, and Nicole Cradic from Trout, CPA of the 2020 annual Mount Joy Borough audit.

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Deering, a request was made to approve the storm water plan for 200 South Plum Street as recommended by the A/F Committee, conditioned upon Engineer comments being addressed and a Stormwater Agreement being recorded. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to advertise Ordinance 4-21 to rezone 202 Fairview Street and 104 Fairview Street Rear from Conservation to Commercial Business District as recommended by the Administration and Finance Committee. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to have the Borough Solicitor devise an ordinance adopting the Active Transportation Guidebook to meet the requirement of the grant received for the study. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve the Revised Subdivision Florin Hill - Blocks F& M Phase 1 and 2B – Six-month extension request to October 4, 2021, in which to record plan as recommended by the Administration and Finance Committee. *Motion carries 7-2.*

On **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to authorize the advertisement for sealed bids for the Flood Mitigation Grant C000072564 for the stormwater basin BMP 23 on the dates recommended by the solicitor; April 7 and 10 and bid opening on April 26 as recommended by the A/F Committee. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Report of the Public Safety Committee

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to authorize Chief Goshen to set up a noninterest-bearing account at Northwest Bank for safe keeping of confiscated, lost and found, or for any cash taken into the custody of the police; require two signatures for withdrawing from this account. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to accept the resignation of a part time police officer, Lori Vital, per the Chief's recommendation. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to permit the Borough Police Department to sell their used TASERS to an authorized company. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to accept the banner donated by Josh Deering commemorating the Donegal Graduating Class each year to be hung by the Borough each year at graduation time. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to adopt resolution #2-21 authorizing the hanging of graduating seniors banner and the library banner on an annual basis and at the appropriate time of year. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to adopt resolution #3-21 to reappoint Joann Pinkerton to the Mount Joy Borough Civil Service Commission for a six-year term. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Report of the Public Works Committee

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a seconded by Ginder, a request was made to approve The Mount Joy Legion Riders use of Old Standby Park to hold two chicken BBQ sales on April 24th and October 9th, 2021. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a seconded by Ginder, a request was made to allow the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance to hold a creek stomp at Little Chiques Park on June 9, 2021. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Andy Sherwood, 708 Arbor Rose, asked what the next steps would be in order to move their request forward. Again, either to vote yes or no but at least some type of a resolution.

Any other matter proper to come before Council

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to consider closure of Delta Street, the Borough parking lot, and Henry Street from Delta to roughly halfway to Market Street for the Main Street Mount Joy Craft Fair on June 12th. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to Main Street from New Haven to Barbara, Marietta Avenue from Main Street to Henry Street for the car show. An **Amendment** by Deering, a second by Reese, to add Delta Street from Main to Henry. *Amendment carries. Main motion as amended carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to change all references in this meeting to BMP 23 be changed to BMP 125. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Eichler wanted to go on public record and thank Casey Kraus for his service. Hall agreed and expressed that to him earlier today. Castaldi said he feels the same way and felt he served Mount Joy very well and were lucky to have him.

Deering wanted to let everyone that Mount Joy has made it into the championship round again of the Fun 101.3 Small Town Throw Down. He encourages everyone to share that on their Facebook and social media pages. He said Mount Joy is up against Lititz.

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

GENERAL FUND	\$	142,389.18
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	51,126.39
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	-
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	2,335.00
ESCROW FUND	\$	1,871.35
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	-
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	197,721.95

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

See the Yellow calendar for the month of April 2021


Executive Session

Council went into Executive Session at 8:30 PM to discuss a personnel issue and potential property purchase issue. Council came out of Executive Session at 9:50 PM. No decisions were made.

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Reese, and a second by Eichler, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Jill Frey
Interim Borough Manager/Secretary