

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
May 1, 2023, Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on May 1, 2023.

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

Roll Call- Present were Councilors, Dominic Castaldi, Lu Ann Fahndrich, Mary Ginder, Bruce Haigh, Eric Roering, Bob Ruschke, Brian Youngerman, President William Hall and Mayor Timothy Bradley, Jr. Staff present were Borough Manager, Mark G. Pugliese I; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Codes, Zoning and Planning Administrator, Duane Brady, Jr.; Stormwater, Planning & Grants Coordinator, Seth Godfrey; Police Chief, Robert Goshen and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley. Absent was Councilor David Eichler and Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Director, Jill Frey.

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

President Hall announced there was no Executive Session held outside of regular meeting between April 4, 2023, and May 1, 2023. There will be an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter under Item 20.

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to accept the agenda for the May 1, 2023, Borough Council Meeting Agenda with item 11b moving to 12i. An **AMENDMENT** by Ginder, and a second by Ruschke, to change the wording of 13c to say, "make the following appointments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the purpose of Little Chiques Park Master Plan". *Amendment passes and main motion carries unanimously as amended.*

Public Input Period

RaeAnn Schatz, Schatz Garage, 1090 W Main St., asked for an update on the Melhorn basin and the Borough basin.

Ned Sterling, 13 W Main St., comment on Ordinance 01-2023. He said he is against it as is the Borough Planning Commission which voted 4-1 not to send their recommendation to Borough Council. He feels that removing the zoning regulations adversely affects the health, safety and welfare of the Borough residents, especially those who are adjacent or in the neighborhood to the project. He thinks rather than changing the Ordinance the Borough could have looked at changing the zoning of the district. He asked about three bushes that were removed from Main Street and would like some positive comment regarding this and the two other street trees that were removed awhile ago.

Emanuel Hoffer, 82 E Main St., asked if the Borough is considering taking over the Hometown Hero banners and also who will be taking care of the Christmas Decorations since Main Street Mount Joy used to be in charge of them.

Maureen Zeamer, 306 Sassafras Terrace, said they are having problems with the new management at Sassafras Terrace and wanted to know if Council could help them with that.

Proclamation(s) presented by Mayor Bradley

Mayor Bradley presented the following proclamations:

Emergency Medical Services where he declared the week of May 27, 2023, Emergency Medical Services Week.

Peace Officer's Memorial Day, May 15th and the week on which it falls on, as Police Week.

Mayoral recognition of Juniper Village 35th Anniversary. The Mayor stated that we certainly appreciate organizations like Juniper Village for their service in our community.

Report of Mayor

Mayor Bradley said he will provide a written report for April 2023 to Council. He said he continues to work with the Police Department on speed enforcement detail.

Report of the Chief of Police

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a written monthly report for March 1, 2023, to March 31, 2023. The report showed 105 traffic arrests and 13 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 675 incidents for the month of March, with a total of 1,654 incidents year to date.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

Brett Hamm, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for March 2023.

Report of PSH Life Lion

Adam Marden provided and reviewed a written monthly report for March 2023.

Northwest EMA

Provided a written report for March 2023.

Report of EMA

Mayor Bradley said he will provide a written report for April 2023 to Council.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)

Joseph McIlhenney provided a written monthly report for March 2023.

Report of Code/Zoning & Planning Administrator

Duane Brady, Jr., Codes, Zoning and Planning Administrator, provided a written monthly report for April 2023.

Stormwater, Projects & Grants Coordinator

Seth Godfrey, Stormwater, Projects & Grants Coordinator, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for April 2023.

Report of Public Works Director

Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, provided a written report for April 2023.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

Joseph Ardini, Authority Manager, provided a written monthly report for April 2023.

Report of the Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer

Jill Frey, Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer, provided a written report for April 2023.

Report of the Borough Manager

Mark G. Pugliese I, Borough Manager, provided a written report for April 2023. Pugliese informed Council that the required 2022/2023 ARPA reporting has been submitted.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On a **MOTION** by Roering, and a second by Castaldi, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on April 3, 2023. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Building Ad Hoc Committee

Deering said there was no quorum for last month's meeting so there are no updates.

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to authorize the Council President to sign a letter of support for the Lancaster County Planning Commission to the updating of the countywide, watershed-based stormwater management plan/Act 167 Plan. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to adopt the Mount Joy Borough & Mount Joy Borough Authority Safety Committee Mission Statement. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to adopt the Planning Commission Map. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to authorize Council President to sign a letter requesting a six-month extension for completion of the application for the \$3,000,000.00 RACP Grant. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to adopt Ordinance 01-2023, an ordinance to amend the Mount Joy Borough Code of Ordinance, Chapter 270, Zoning, to revise regulations governing municipal uses. *Motion passes on a roll call vote 5-3; Fahndrich, Haigh, Ruschke, Roering, Hall, voting yes and Castaldi, Ginder, Youngerman, voting no.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to adopt Resolution 2023-07, a Resolution of the Borough of Mount Joy Authorizing Execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement between the Borough and Shenandoah Cable Television, LLC. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, a request was made to adopt Resolution 2023-08, a Resolution Authorizing the Application for a Grant under the Watershed Restoration and Protection Program (WRPP) in the amount of \$300,000 for the Little Chiques Creek Restoration Project. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Youngerman led a discussion of Act 172 of November 21, 2016, tax relief for volunteers of fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical services agencies. He said he would like the Administration Finance Committee to look into it further and see what they come up with.

Pugliese discussed the Air Quality Test results and stated that there are some areas that need to be addressed over in the Police Department. He asked Council if they want him to come back with a quote for remediation/duct cleaning. Hall said only if the cost exceeds the \$21,000 threshold. Council agreed.

Report of Public Works Committee

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to limit driveway restoration to what was shown on the approved plans on Pinkerton Road and N. Angle Street. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to authorize Mr. Josh Deering to assist the Borough Manager with LED street light conversion. Hall does not feel this needs a motion, so Ginder withdrew her motion.

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to make the following appointments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the purpose of Little Chiques Park Master plan: Hope Byers, Kathy Morrison, Wyatt Franks, Dave Christian, and Barry Geltmacher as well as to continue to accept applications for an alternate. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Ruschke, and a second by Roering, a request was made to appoint Councilor Mary Ginder as the Borough Representative to the Splash Pad Planning Committee. *Motion carries unanimously. Ginder abstained.*

Report of the Public Safety Committee

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to recognize the Week of May 21 through May 27, 2023, as National EMS Week. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Fahndrich led a discussion of what Council can do to show their appreciation to the EMS crews that serve the Borough. Council decided they would provide some type of food for EMS on Friday, May 26, 2023, at the Borough Council Chambers.

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to authorize a street closure for Farmview Lane between School Lane and Bent Oak Drive for Milanof-Schock Library End of Summer Benefit Bash on August 25th, 2023, between 3:30 pm and 7:00 pm. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to authorize a street closure for Main Street from Barbara Street to New Haven Street and for Delta Street from Main Street to East Henry Street for the Taste of MJB Cruising Cuisine Car Show on July 22, 2023, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. An **AMENDMENT** by Fahndrich, and a second by Castaldi, to include Market Street from Appletree Alley to Henry Street and Marietta Avenue from Main Street to Henry Street. *Amendment passes and main motion as amended carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to nominate Philip A. Colvin as the Borough of Mount Joy Emergency Management Coordinator pending a background check. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Chief Goshen reviewed the results of the Aggressive Driving selective enforcement detail.

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., commented on the landscaping at the wall. He asked who owned the sign there and if it could be moved to the wall so it could be seen better. He feels the sign blocks the view of the wall and this should be addressed before the landscaping gets done.

Josh Deering, 33 Frank, St., commented he feels Pinkerton Rd was a great project and already sees people walking in that area when he drives through. He also commented on the Hometown Hero Banner situation and said the Legion is not willing to take on that project. He said the VFW has an upcoming meeting that it will be discussed at. He asked about the two town signs, one at Kunkle Field and one at Melhorn. He asked who will be in charge of those signs after Main Street Mount Joy is no more. He also asked about some of the events that Main Street did and that are now going to be done by St. Marks Church.

Any other matter proper to come before Council.

None

Authorization to Pay Bills

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Roering, Council approved paying the bills as presented from April 1-April 30, 2023. *Motion carries 7-1, with Hall voting no.*

GENERAL FUND	\$	307,032.80
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	75,881.64
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	68,746.00
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	-
ESCROW FUND	\$	-
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	-
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	451,660.44

Meetings and dates of importance

See the white calendar for the month of May.

Executive Session

Council went into Executive Session at 8:55 PM to discuss a personnel matter. Council came out of Executive Session at 9:14 PM. No decision was made.

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Roering, and a second by Ruschke, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark G. Pugliese
Borough Manager/Secretary