

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
May 3, 2021 Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on May 3, 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, Bob Ruschke, Brian Youngerman and Mayor Timothy Bradley, Jr. Staff present were Interim Borough Manager, Jill Frey; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Stormwater Officer, Dave Salley; Codes and Zoning Officer, Stacie Gibbs; Police Chief, Robert Goshen and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley. Absent, Councilor Michael Reese.

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

President Hall announced there was no Executive Sessions held.

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Ruschke, approval was given to accept the agenda for the May 3, 2021, Borough Council meeting. An **AMENDMENT** by Fahndrich, seconded Deering, to add an agenda item 11e - Donegal Senior Parade under Public Safety Committee. *Amendment carries unanimously. Main motion as amended carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 W Main St., asked if the preliminary plans for the new Borough Office building call for the removal of the buildings at 13 and 15 E. Main St. Sterling also asked if the Borough is finished with their portion of the project at Gateway Park.

Phillip Allen, Crossroads Church, thanked Council for adding the Senior Parade to the agenda.

Jeff Bare, 66 E. Main St., expressed his disgust at the comments made by the Executive Director of Main Street Mount Joy prior to the Festival of the Arts. He felt they were completely inappropriate, juvenile, and completely disgusting when advertising his product. He wanted to make Council aware of these comments and hopes that Council will do the right thing.

Dale Murray, 120 Farmington Wy., asked if there was any discussion or reaction to the thought of the Borough using the Wells Fargo Bank.

Report of Mayor

Mayor Bradley sent a report via email to Council for April 2021. Mayor Bradley highlighted two items from his report. First, he said he had the opportunity to attend the dedication of the pavilion that had been funded by the Kiwanis Club and various donors and volunteers. He wants to publicly thank the Club and all parties involved. He said it was great to see it in use this past weekend with the baseball tournaments happening. Second, the Mayor stated he worked with Borough staff and the Police Department concerning the recent vandalism in the Borough.

Report of the Chief of Police

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a written monthly report for March 1, 2021, through March 31, 2021. The report showed 55 traffic arrests and 7 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 674 incidents for the month of March, with a total of 1792 incidents year to date. Monies collected by the Police Department for the month for tickets, permits, reports, and services totaled \$6,065.89.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

Matt Gohn, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided a written monthly report for March 2021. Hall reviewed the report in Gohn's absence.

Report of SVEMS

Candy Blanchflower gave an oral report for April 2021.

Report of EMA

Matt Kratz gave an oral report for April 2021.

Report of Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ)

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

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)

Joseph McIlhenney, provided a written monthly report for March 2021.

Report of Codes and Zoning Officer

Stacie Gibbs, Codes and Zoning Officer, provided a written monthly report for April 2021.

Report of Stormwater Officer

Dave Salley, Stormwater Enforcement Officer, provided a written monthly report for April 2021. Salley told Council that Penn State and volunteers planted 136 trees at Little Chiques Park the end of Pine Street as a buffer to help save the stream bank in that area. Salley told Council they also had a kickoff meeting for the Little Chiques Park stream bank restoration and drainage improvements with the consultant. Salley said they are going to start working on the grant projects and looks forward to having a plan in place to implement some of the stream restoration projects and drainage projects in the future.

Report of Public Works Director

Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, provided a written report for April 2021. Nissley informed Council they currently have two active bids on Penn Bid that will close on Friday. One is for the seal coating in the Abor Rose development and the other is for miscellaneous concrete work around the Borough. Nissley told Council he has been diligently working on sidewalk inspections and getting letters and inspection reports ready to sent out to residents on Charter Lane and Wood Street for the 2023 projects. He is hoping to have them out by the end of the month.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

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

Report of the Borough Manager

Jill Frey, Interim Manager, provided a written monthly report for April 2021.

Mayor Bradley commented on the monumental task Jill has taken on over the course of the last month and how very impressed he is with the information that has been forthcoming from her and the thoroughness in which she goes through everything. He wanted to thank her for taking on these additional duties. Eichler echoed the Mayor's comments.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Eichler, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on April 5, 2021. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Hall, a request was made to Consider a Motion to affirm the Make-A-Wish Indemnification Agreement. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Hall, a request was made to approve Ordinance 5-21, Authority Refinancing of Guaranteed Water Revenue Note, Series of 2021. *On a roll call vote, Castaldi, Deering, Fahndrich, Ginder, Ruschke, Youngerman, Hall and Eichler all voting Yes. Reese absent. Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Hall, a request was made to approve Ordinance 6-21, Authority Refinancing of Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Note, Series of 2021. *On a roll call vote, Castaldi, Deering, Fahndrich, Ginder, Ruschke, Youngerman, Hall and Eichler all voting Yes. Reese absent. Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Hall, a request was made to hire a part-time Receptionist for 18 hours a week. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Hall, a request was made to approve Roots Beer Distributor a Waiver of the Subdivision and Land Development requirements of Chapter 240, Article III, for a 3,400sf addition to the property located at 537 W. Main St., conditioned upon Solicitor and Engineer comments being addressed and a Stormwater Agreement being recorded. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Hall, a request was made to authorize Solicitor to prepare and advertise the necessary ordinance to amend Section 245-95, to extend the termination date of the existing LERTA District for another 5 years. *Motion carries 7-1, Deering voting no.*

On **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Hall, a request was made to authorize the Solicitor to inform the Donegal School District and County that the Borough requests they extend the termination date of the LERTA. *Motion carries 7-1, Deering voting no.*

On **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Hall, a request was made to authorize the Solicitor to send notice to the Lancaster County Planning Commission and advertise amendments to the Zoning Ordinance addressing personal expressions signs, and to add a section to address the expansion of pre-existing uses which are now authorized only by Special Exception. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Hall, a request was made to accept the bid from Kinsley Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$94,200.00 for Mount Joy Borough Detention Basin Modifications. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Report of the Public Safety Committee

Discussion on the merger of SVEMS and Life Lion EMS with Captain Blanchflower of SVEMS and Scott Buchle, Director of Penn State Life Lion.

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to approve the conditional offer of employment to hire John Balint as a full-time Police Officer with Mount Joy Borough Police Department. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to approve the sale of the CRASH van and the purchase of a vehicle for the Police Chief. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Discussion concerning the creation of a Lancaster County Public Health Department.

On a **MOTION** by Hall, and a second by Fahndrich, a request was made to permit the Chief to work with Mr. Allen and neighboring Police Departments in the school district to establish a senior convoy if done in a safe manner with respect to vehicle laws. *Motion carries 7-1.*

Report of the Public Works Committee

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a seconded by Ginder, a request was made to move forward with Music in the Park for 2021. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a seconded by Ruschke, a request was made to approve the authorization to execute Right of Way agreements for ARLE Grant. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a seconded by Ruschke, a request was made to approve the authorization to reimburse Trinity Lutheran church for expenses to research Right of Way agreement for ARLE Grant. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., asked for clarification of the Mount Joy detention basin that was talked about. He asked if it was the one by Gus's.

Karen McCrady, 315 Berry St. expressed her feelings and thoughts concerning the Main Street Mount Joy Organization.

Any other matter proper to come before Council

Ginder said she was thinking ahead about the budget process and thought of possibly doing a five-year plan financially and project wise. She said she sees the results of what happens on her Committee when they did the streets and it has really helped them focus very well on certain projects. She was thinking if each Committee would give an example of how a five-year plan would help the Borough in general. She thought maybe the Administration Finance Committee could think about this and put it on the agenda at some point. Hall and Youngerman agreed with Ginder.

Eichler wanted to go on record regarding the Main Street Mount Joy media post, as an elected official he does not condone what was posted and it bothers him that this happened.

Deering asked for any updates regarding the progress with the traffic issue at Dunkin Donuts.

Fahndrich who is the liaison between Main Street Mount Joy and Borough Council, assured Council that the concerns regarding the Main Street Mount Joy media post are being taken seriously and will be addressed as a personnel matter with the Board. She said she will keep Council in the loop.

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

GENERAL FUND	\$	159,966.80
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	52,113.16
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	-
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	440.00
ESCROW FUND	\$	2,214.08
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	474.38
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	215,208.42

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

See the White calendar for the month of May 2021

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Ginder, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Jill Frey

Interim Borough Manager/Secretary