

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
May 4, 2020 Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on May 4, 2020. In light of the Coronavirus Emergency Declarations issued by the Borough of Mount Joy, the Governor of Pennsylvania and the President of the United States, this public meeting was held as a virtual meeting.

President Hall called the meeting to order at 7:03. 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 Borough Manager, Samuel Sulkosky; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Stormwater Officer, Dave Salley; Codes and Zoning Officer; Stacie Gibbs; Police Chief, Maurice Williams and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley.

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

President Hall announced there was no Executive Session held on April 6, 2020.

On a **MOTION** by Reese, and a second by Ginder, approval was given to accept the agenda for the May 4, 2020, Borough Council meeting with the addition of 9A for an Executive Session requested by President Hall. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., asked if there is a place on the Borough website to find Borough Ordinances. Sterling also inquired about the results of the Hiking, Biking and Transit survey on the Borough website.

Haley Woods, 210 E. Main St. Apt. 1, said she is interested in owning a Tiny Home in the Borough and is hoping the Ordinance on tonight's Agenda passes.

Dale Murray, 120 Farmington Wy., inquired about the financial impact on the Borough due to the Pandemic.

Kirby Umholtz, 251 School Ln., inquired about the Pinkerton Road plans and wanted to know if they are preliminary or final plans and if there is a bike path. He also asked for an explanation of the 90-day time period for alternate plans or materials mentioned in the letters sent to property owners that will be affected by the project.

Report of Mayor

Mayor Bradley provided and reviewed a written report for April 2020. The Mayor remarked, in consort with the signage which I requested be deployed in the in Borough showing our appreciation for the efforts of essential workers during this pandemic, I would like to take a moment to expand on those thoughts. While this pandemic has impacted the families within our communities in a variety of ways in both scope and magnitude, it is worth noting that there is significant stress experienced by those who must leave the safety of their homes on a regular basis to provide direct services to others. This is perhaps most pronounced in the field of healthcare, public safety, and retail. These individuals not only put their personal safety at risk, but often risk being a carrier of this virus back to their families. This stress combined with a significant uptick in required time at work certainly takes its toll both mentally and physically. While it is not possible to sufficiently thank these workers (along with so many others not specifically mentioned), we do express our appreciation for all that you have done and will do in the months ahead. Thank you for protecting, healing, and serving those in our community and beyond. I would further state that this pandemic has also significantly impacted others within our community who have been without work or the ability to operate their businesses and are still waiting on relief from a variety of levels of government. I would encourage the entire community to pull together and when possible lend assistance in helping to lessen the burden on those around us. While difficult times can expose some very unpleasant aspects of the human condition, it also often brings to light the best in us and forces us to look beyond ourselves. Again, if possible, please help where you can. This may be something as simple as making an encouraging phone call to someone who is isolated and alone. Stay well.

Report of the Chief of Police

Maurice Williams, Police Chief, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for March 1, 2020, through March 31, 2020. The report showed 26 traffic arrests and 11 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 486 incidents for the month of March, with a total of 1,619 incidents year to date. Monies collected by the Police Department for the month for tickets, permits, reports, and services totaled \$3,412.52.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

Matt Gohn, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for March 2020.

Report of SVEMS

Candy Blanchflower provided a written report for April 2020.

Report of EMA

Matt Kratz gave a verbal report for April 2020.

Report of Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ)

Dave Schell, Executive Director, provided a monthly report for April 2020. Schell shared with Council that MSMJ created a video highlighting several businesses in town that thanked the community for their support. This video was not exclusive to downtown businesses. Any business on our eNews list were invited to participate. The video was highlighted through PA Downtown Center. Schell said they will be doing a second video. Schell said MSMJ will be doing Virtual Fourth Fridays since they cannot hold Fourth Fridays downtown at this time. Hall commented on the video and how amazing it was and thanked Schell for putting it together. Fahndrich thanked Schell for all his work he has been doing with Main Street and asked him how the businesses downtown are doing. Schell said the businesses that are closed are down 90-100% depending if they went into online sales or not and most of the restaurants are down 70 – 85%. He also said there are some businesses that have adapted and streamlined their business to cut expenses, so even though business is down they are still able to make a profit therefore they are relatively good. Schell said he is worried about some of the business and is working with them to develop an ecommerce program.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)

Barbara Basile, Executive Director of Milanof-Schock Library, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for March 2020. Basile reported everyone is currently unemployed or have very little hours at the Library and that the Library did receive the Payroll Protection Program money. She met with Dennis Nissley regarding the Library roof and gutter and put together something she can submit to her Board. Basile said the June book sale has been postponed.

Report of Codes and Zoning Officer

Stacie Gibbs, Codes and Zoning Officer, provided a written monthly report for April 2020.

Report of Stormwater Officer

Dave Salley, Stormwater Enforcement Officer, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for April 2020. Salley told Council he submitted two Grants, a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Small Watershed Grant (SWG) for Planning and Technical Assistance. Project includes planning and design of streambank restoration along Little Chiques Creek including in-stream improvements, improving drainage in Little Chiques Park and accessibility to the stream for fishing and recreation and a DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) Planning and Funding Grant request \$130,000. Project includes the design of an overall master plan for Little Chiques Park which will evaluate exiting features, trail connections, ADA accessibility and planning and design of stream bank restoration along Little Chiques Creek including in-stream improvements, improving drainage in Little Chiques Park, and accessibility to the stream for fishing and recreation.

Salley told Council there has been preliminary discussions to host a Creek Stomp event for water week in August which would be organized by CW and be held at Little Chiques Park.

Salley informed Council that Mount Joy Borough was part of an article in the Spring issue of Save the Bay magazine.

Report of Public Works Director

Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, provided a written report for April 2020. Nissley report the Marietta Avenue project will restart Wednesday. He also stated the Public Works Department started the stormwater replacement project on Fairview Street.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

Joseph Ardini, Authority Manager, provided a written monthly report for April 2020.

Report of the Borough Manager

Samuel Sulkosky, Borough Manager, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for April 2020. Sulkosky informed Council the Governor signed Senate Bill 841 (PA Act 15 of 2020) which addresses property taxes and public meetings. Construction Projects for municipalities resumed on May 1, 2020 per OSH Guidelines. Sulkosky reported the laptops for the Borough he ordered are still on backorder. He also informed Council the PSAB conference was canceled for June of this year.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Ginder, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on April 6, 2020, with additional information added requested by the Mayor and a spelling correction requested by Youngerman. *Motion carries unanimously.*

At this time, 8:03 pm, Hall called an Executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Council came out of Executive session at 8:25 pm. On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Youngerman, a request was made to add 11A; to consider a list of candidates for the position of Police Chief. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Hall will allow for public comment after 11A due to this change on the Agenda.

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve Ordinance No. 4-20; an Ordinance to authorize Council to establish penalties for payment of delinquent real estate taxes by Resolution or Ordinance. An **AMENDMENT** was made by Youngerman, with a second by Ruschke, to strike Section 1 of the proposed Ordinance 4-20 and renumber the other sections. *Amendment carries 8-1, Reese voting No. Motion as amended carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve Resolution No. 13-20; a Resolution to establish penalties for payment of delinquent real estate taxes for calendar year 2020. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Reese, and a second by Hall, a request was made to approve the Mount Joy Borough Employee Social Media Policy. After some discussion of the policy as to whether or not the MJPD employees should be included in this policy, Reese withdrew his Motion and referred it back to the Administration and Finance Committee.

On a **MOTION** by Reese, a request was made to authorize the Solicitor to advertise Ordinance No. 5-20 amending Chapter 270 Zoning, Section 211.C to allow for a decrease in the minimum size of dwelling units to 250 square feet within the Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District. *Motion fails for lack of second.*

Sulkosky led a discussion of the 2020 Capital Budget per COVID-19 Pandemic. Sulkosky stated that the \$706,000 in the Capital Budget for North Angle and Pinkerton Road would not be spent in 2020 but are expected in 2022. The \$318,500 budgeted General Fund transfer to the Capital Fund for 2020 is somewhat flexible and can be used to cover any shortfalls in General Fund revenue.

Report of the Public Safety Committee

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Eichler, a request was made to approve a list of potential hires for the position Police Chief of Mount Joy Borough. *Motion Carries unanimously.*

Report of the Public Works Committee

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to approve Ordinance No. 3-20; an Ordinance to amend the Mount Joy Borough Code of Ordinance, Chapter 232, Streets and Sidewalks, Article IV, Sidewalk and Curb Installation; Maintenance, to revise regulations governing the Main Street Revitalization Area. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to approve exception of Chapter 232-60(7), Streets and Sidewalk Ordinance, conditional that the plants are limited to the 4 listed species, and the plants must be kept under 6 inches tall and not encroach onto the sidewalk, curb, or street. *Motion defeated 6-3, with roll call vote of Deering, Fahndrich, Ginder, Reese, Ruschke and Hall voting No and Castaldi, Eichler, and Youngerman voting Yes.*

Public Input Period

Haley Woods, 210 E. Main St. Apt. 1, asked what Council's concerns were regarding Ordinance No. 5-20 that was on tonight's Agenda that no one was in favor of it and what Council may be interested in regarding this. She asked where this goes to next and what information or details Council would like to see or have.

Ned Sterling, 13 W Main St., asked for some background and why there is a need for a Social Media policy.

Any other matter proper to come before Council

Deering offered another option to 10d on tonight's Agenda. On a **MOTION** by Deering, with a second by Reese, a request was made to amend Chapter 270 Section 62(Y); add a new line item 14 to decrease the minimum dwelling size of 250 square feet. An **AMENDMENT** by Deering, and a second by Ruschke, to have the Solicitor advertise Chapter 270-62(Y) 14; adding the minimum dwelling size of 250 square feet. *Amendment carries 8-1, Hall voting No. Motion as amended carries 8-1 Hall voting No.*

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

GENERAL FUND	\$ 166,336.56
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$ 48,254.62
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 36,594.45
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$ 754.38
ESCROW FUND	\$ 29,171.00
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$ -
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 281,111.01

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

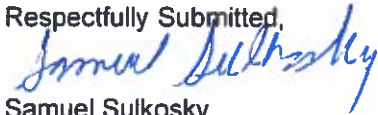
See the White calendar for the month of May 2020.

Council did not hold an additional executive session.

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Castaldi, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Samuel Sulkosky
Borough Manager/Secretary