

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
June 1, 2026, Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on June 1, 2026.

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

Roll Call- Present were Councilors, Joshua Deering, David Eichler, Bryan Gruber, Bruce Haigh, William Hall, Zack Hollcraft (via Zoom), Philip Kark, Christopher Trave, Brian Youngerman and Mayor Timothy Bradley (joined the meeting @ 7:06 PM). Staff present were Assistant Borough Manager/Financial Director, Jill Frey; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Grants, Projects, Community & Economic Development Administrator, Rachel Stebbins; Codes and Zoning Officer, Brett Hamm; Chief Robert Goshen and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley. Absent, Borough Manager, Mark G. Pugliese I.

President Hall gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Executive Session – No Executive Sessions were held between May 4, 2026, and June 1, 2026. There will be one held this evening under item 19 for the Negotiating Committee to update Council on the Police contract negotiations. No decision is expected to be made.

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Deering, a request was made to accept the agenda for the June 1, 2026, Borough Council Meeting with correction to the approval of the Minutes date. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Lynn McCleary, 235 Blossom Trl., spoke regarding the comments made at the last Council meeting by Councilor Haigh regarding the peaceful protest that was held in the Borough.

Jen Angeles, 219 Marietta Ave, spoke in response to Councilor Haigh's comments at the last Council meeting regarding the peaceful protest that was held in the Borough.

Pat Gerlach, 265 Lumber St., spoke regarding the peaceful protest that was held in the Borough and everyone's right to free speech.

Report of Mayor

The Mayor provided Council with a written report for May to Council.

Report of the Chief of Police

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a monthly written report for April 1, 2026, through April 30, 2026. The report showed 26 traffic arrests and 20 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 563 incidents for the month of April, with a total of 2,075 incidents year to date.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

Brett Hamm, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided a monthly report for April 2026.

Report of PSH Life Lion LLC

None

Report of EMA

None

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)

Joseph McIlhenney provided a written report for April 2026.

Report of Codes/ Zoning & Stormwater Administrator

Brett Hamm, Codes, Zoning & Stormwater Administrator, provided a written monthly report for May 2026.

Report of Grants, Projects, and Community & Economic Development Administrator

Rachel Stebbins, Grants, Projects, and Community & Economic Development Administrator provided a written monthly report for May 2026.

Report of Public Works Director

Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, provided a written monthly report for May 2026.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

Scott Kapcsos, Borough Authority Manager, provided a written report for May 2026.

Report of the Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer

No Report.

Report of the Borough Manager

Mark G Pugliese I, Borough Manager, provided a written monthly report for April.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Kark, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on May 4, 2026, with corrections. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Building Ad Hoc Committee

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to approve the Harris Technology/Verkada intercom/keypad/access buttons for security gate and access buttons at reception area in the amount of \$11,484.76. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Pending items: ADA Actuators & door replacements – doors A101D & A108B – \$14,161.00; Benches – baseball field – undetermined; Flagpole lighting-new estimate \$9,300-\$9,800-looking for local bids.

175th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee

Eichler provided Council with a schedule of events for the 175th Anniversary celebration, Stars, Stripes and Joy, at Grandview Park, June 27, 2026.

On **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Deering, a request was made to reimburse Voyage Mount Joy for the cost of bounce house rental in the amount of \$256.39. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to approve proposed lot line change of Northwest Bank property in the parking lot at 21 N. Barbara Street. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to direct the Zoning/Codes Officer to re-inspect Florin Hill Construction site for violations as noted on LCCD #35 Inspection Report and to issue a notice of violation for outstanding violations. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to allow the use of the Borough's 175th logo to be added to clothing as a fundraiser for both the Historical Society and Library. An **AMENDMENT** by Youngerman, and a second by Trave, to add the words by Voyage Mount Joy to the motion. An **AMENDMENT** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber to add the words Mount Joy Chamber of Commerce after the words by Voyage Mount Joy. *Amendment to the Amendment carries. The Amendment now reads by Voyage Mount Joy and the Mount Joy Chamber of Commerce. Amendment passes. Main Motion as amended carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to approve the MOU with the Lancaster County Planning Department. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to appoint Catherine Fitzhugh to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to conduct a "Town Hall" meeting in Council Chambers on June 27, 2026, one (1) hour prior to the 175th event. *Motion is defeated.*

Deering led a discussion regarding the Borough's website. He said that our website needs to become ADA compliant. He said the current website has many deficiencies. Council was provided with one quote, but he would like to see more. He said that at the PSAB conference they looked at a potential solution for solving multiple platforms and that he would like to investigate that a little more. Hall said we do have some time to get this done and he would like to look at other options as well. The Mayor agreed with Deering and Hall.

Pugliese joined the meeting via zoom at 8:28pm.

Hall acknowledged the PLGIT Monthly Report.

Public Safety Committee

No business to be brought before Council.

Public Works Committee

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to approve a downspout waiver request at 111 N. Barbara St. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to approve a waiver of the street opening moratorium for gas installation at 903 Wood Street, with the stipulation that the repair is the full-length width at least 20 feet long. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to approve Faith Outreach Center to hold Music in Memorial Park on August 21, 2026. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input

Nathan Snyder, 226 Charlan Blvd., spoke regarding the website topic. He said if you were given what appears to be a silver bullet solution to be skeptical of it. He stated he is senior software engineer at a company that does millions of dollars in sales daily. He said he has been there for 10 years and every year he attends an accessibility conference. He said he would be happy to review any contracts or proposals for the Borough.

Any other matter proper to come before Council

Hall told Council if they have priorities/projects that the Borough should be addressing, please get them to the Manager.

Haigh responded to all of the comments made during the first public comment period of tonight's meeting in reference to his comments made at the last Council meeting regarding the peaceful protest that was held in the Borough.

Hollcraft echoed the sentiments of the members of the public that spoke at the first public input period regarding Councilor Haigh's comments at last month's Council meeting. He wanted to publicly voice his disagreement with the characterization of the event and the comments regarding it.

Deering asked for an update on BMP 125. Pugliese said the owner of Gus's is aware of the Rettew's estimate of all the borough's property that needs to be returned back to the borough and brought back into compliance with the basin. The deadline is December 2026. Deering also asked if there is any new update on BMP 107.

Haigh asked for an update on Amtrak regarding the culvert at BMOP 107. He also asked what is going on with the building at 21 East Main Street.

Kark informed Council of an email he received from a Borough resident regarding the handling of recycling and it being mixed in with trash.

Eichler commented on the Memorial Park request earlier in the meeting.

Authorization to Acknowledge the Payment of Bills May 2026

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

GENERAL FUND	\$ 102,868.96
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$ 87,199.07
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 1,372,814.72
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$ -
ESCROW FUND	\$ 10,854.56
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$ -
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,573,737.31

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

See the calendar for the month of June 2026.

Executive Session

Council went into Executive Session at 9:12PM for update on Police contract. Council came out of Executive Session at 10:01PM. No decision was made.

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Haigh, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 10:02PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MGP' or similar, written in a stylized, cursive-like font.

Mark G. Pugliese I
Borough Manager/Secretary