

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
July 3, 2023, Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on July 3, 2023.

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

Roll Call- Present were Councilors, Dominic Castaldi, David Eichler, LuAnn Fahndrich, via Zoom, Mary Ginder, Bruce Haigh, 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 Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Director, Jill Frey.

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

On a **MOTION** by Castaldi, and a second by Fahndrich, a request was made to adopt Resolution 2023-10, appointing David G. Greineder to fill the vacant Florin Ward Borough Council seat through January 2, 2024. *Motion carries unanimously with changes.*

Mayor Bradley performed the swearing in of David G. Greineder as a new Council member.

President Hall appointed Greineder to the Administration and Finance Committee.

President Hall announced there was no Executive Session held outside of regular meeting between June 5, 2023, and July 3, 2023. There will be an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and legal matter under Item 19.

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to accept the agenda for the July 3, 2023, Borough Council Meeting Agenda. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 W Main St., commented on two demolition permits that were issued and the Historical Society would like to be notified when this happens so that they may take photographs prior to their demolition. He asked if any maintenance is going to be done on the Jury property and Darrenkamp property.

Report of Mayor

Mayor Bradley provided and reviewed a written report for June 2023 to Council.

Report of the Chief of Police

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a written monthly report for May 1, 2023, to May 31, 2023. The report showed 76 traffic arrests and 31 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 682 incidents for the month of May, with a total of 2,976 incidents year to date.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

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

Report of PSH Life Lion

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

Northwest EMA

Provided a written report for May 2023.

Report of EMA

Mayor Bradley provided a written report for June 2023 to Council.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)

Joseph McIlhenney provided a written monthly report for May 2023.

Report of Code/Zoning & Planning Administrator

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

Stormwater, Projects & Grants Coordinator

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

Report of Public Works Director

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

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

Scott Kapcsos, Authority Manager, provided a written monthly report for June 2023.

Report of the Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer

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

Report of the Borough Manager

Mark G. Pugliese I, Borough Manager, provided a written report for June 2023.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Ruschke, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on June 5, 2023. *Main motion carries as unanimously.*

Building Ad Hoc Committee

Deering said there was no meeting held in June. Deering said they have been making reductions in the program per Council's request of a 10% reduction. He said this is really starting to affect the program to the point where some of the rooms would be smaller than what staff has now and would not be functional. Deering said a 10% cut in the program does not equal a 10% cut in the budget if that was Council's intent. Deering said the Geotech borings were done last week, and he is hoping to have the report for the July Building Ad Hoc meeting. The test pit and infiltration testing are still pending. They are waiting for the storm water management plans from K & W and once they receive them, they can schedule the infiltration testing.

Mayor Bradley said if the overall wish of Council is to reduce the price of the project by 10% and if cutting the size/space by 10% is not equal to a 10% decrease in cost then maybe that needs to be revisited. He feels it would be better moving in the direction of reducing cost rather than space, for example building materials, etc. He said a financial target makes more sense than a square footage target.

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Greineder, a request was made to adopt Resolution 2023-11, appointing Scott Kapcsos as Borough Treasurer. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Greineder, a request was made to authorize the Council President and Borough Manager to sign the facilities reimbursement agreement with the Mount Joy Borough Authority making the Agreement retroactive to January 1, 2023. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Greineder, a request was made authorize Councilor Youngerman and Borough Manager to attend the PSAB PA Municipal 2023 Legal Updates Seminar on August 2 & 3 2023 at a cost of \$550.00. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Report of Public Works Committee

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to authorize staff to apply for a grant under Connect 2040. Grant monies to be utilized for the installation of upgraded ADA ramps and bicycle street markings on the School Lane/Rose Petal Lane/Arbor Rose Avenue corridor from Union School Road to Delta Street. An **AMENDMENT** by Haigh, and a second by Ginder, a request was made to change Delta Street to Market Street in the Main Motion. *Amendment passes 8-1, Ginder voting no. Main motion as amended carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to appoint Christopher Miller to the Parks and Recreations Advisory Board for the master site development plan for Little Chiques Park. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Ginder, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made to accept Brandon Pecora's letter of resignation. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Report of the Public Safety Committee

Fahndrich asked Council to review and take action on the Pinkerton Road Parking Study. Chief reviewed the Parking Study with Council. Chief said the recommendations that came out of the study would make parking on both sides of Pinkerton Road from Marietta Avenue extending south to South Alley prohibited. There is not substantial width to afford parking in that area. Also, the businesses located there have more than ample parking and the residences there are very few and actually carry intersecting addresses, so they have other parking available to them. In addition, parking should be considered from a point approximately 20 feet south on the southernmost corner of intersection of Pinkerton Road and South Alley that can be on both sides of the roadway extending to our intersection or connection with East Donegal Township.

The Mayor had some concerns about cars being park were they normally would not be and getting hit. Also, the fact that a lot of money was spent widening the road and now only to narrow it by allowing parking on street parking. He would be in favor of allowing parking on one side of the street.

Hall said we need to prepare an Ordinance to restrict parking from Marietta Avenue to some point. He feels it need to go back to Public Safety Committee for preparation of an Ordinance so we need to give them some guidance.

Ginder said she would like to see no parking on Marietta Avenue to the Borough line. She said the people have driveways for parking.

Haigh said he would like to see parking on one side.

Hall offered an alternative suggestion that we mark the road no parking from Marietta Avenue to South Alley and from School Lane to the Borough Line and allow parking on the East side from South Alley to School Lane.

Eichler concurred with Hall.

Castaldi said to often we ask staff, in this case we asked the Chief to do traffic study and make a recommendation and is perfectly content with following his recommendation. He feels to often we request information from the staff who is professional staff and give us good recommendations and then we come up with nine different reasons why we should do something else. He said he thinks that is a practice we should stop. He said if we would follow the recommendations we are given we could conduct our business more efficient.

Haigh said he would like to modify Hall's recommendation if you are going to have parking on the east side that you should allow it where the road widens to 31 feet, which is just south of Richland down to School, across School down to Locust and then not allow any parking beyond that because the road narrows back in past Locust to East Donegal.

Youngerman agreed with adding parking and is in favor of both sides where it is widen enough to do so.

Fahndrich said they can take it back to Public Safety Committee and bring a more specific recommendation back to Council next month.

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to approve the request for a "Block Party" for the 300 block of West Donegal Street on July 16, 2023, from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to authorize the closure on West Main Street from Market St. to Barbara St, Marietta Ave from E. Main Street to E. Henry Street, and Delta St. from E. Main St. to E. Henry Street on December 2, 2023, from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm for Winterfest. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Fahndrich, and a second by Castaldi, a request was made to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise Ordinance 02-2023, an ordinance to amend the Mount Joy Borough Code of Ordinance, Chapter 255, Vehicles and Traffic, to revise regulations governing size of vehicles and truck traffic restrictions and place said ordinance for consideration on the August 7, 2023 agenda. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., asked for clarification of what shared space is between the Police and Borough.

Josh Deering, 33 Frank, St., commented on the Pinkerton Road project and the width of the road. He said it had to be that way due to the underground utilities and sewer along with the bus traffic. The official map does show a School Lane extension from Delta to Barbara as a local road. He said when the Jacob Street bridge was being demolished that it would be awesome to put in a bike pedestrian bridge there so we had a connectivity point. He asked since there was a drought watch issued if Council was going to get something out to residents to conserve water. He's not sure where the repaving

schedule is concerning Clay Alley and Angle to Orange but someone needs to look at that. He also asked if there will be any action taken after the Executive Session tonight.

Any other matter proper to come before Council.

Haigh commented on the June 26th email from the Borough Manager regarding the Lancaster Planning Commission and questioned what data base they used to get their information. He also said he attended a session given by LTAP on ADA compliance. He gave examples of other Townships/Boroughs that weren't in compliance and ADA complaints filed with the DOJ.

Eichler complimented Gary Schatz on this year's Marietta Fireworks.

Authorization to Pay Bills

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Greineder, Council approved paying the bills as presented from June 1- June 30, 2023. *Motion carries 8-1, with Hall voting no.*

GENERAL FUND	\$	150,023.41
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	77,458.79
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	52,098.91
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	-
ESCROW FUND	\$	-
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	-
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	279,581.11

Meetings and dates of importance

See the white calendar for the month of July.

Executive Session

Council went into Executive Session at 9:15 PM to discuss a personnel matter and legal matter. Council came out of Executive Session at 10:04 PM.

On a **MOTION** by Castaldi, and a second by Ruschke, a request was made for Council to accept the resignation of Kyle Hosking from the Mount Joy Borough Police Department effective immediately. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Castaldi, and a second by Greineder a request was made to authorize the Chief of Police to begin the hiring process to replace the resigned officer. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Castaldi, and a second by Ruschke, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark G. Pugliese
Borough Manager/Secretary