

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
August 3, 2026, Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on August 3, 2026.

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

Roll Call- Present were Councilors, Joshua Deering, Bryan Gruber, Bruce Haigh, William Hall, Zack Hollcraft, Philip Kark, Christopher Trave, and Brian Youngerman. Staff present were Borough Manager, Mark G. Pugliese I, Assistant Borough Manager/Financial Director, Jill Frey; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Codes and Zoning Officer, Brett Hamm; Sergeant Nathan Reed and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley. Absent, Councilor David Eichler, Chief Robert Goshen, and Grants, Projects, Community & Economic Development Administrator, Rachel Stebbins.

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

Executive Session – No Executive Sessions were held between July 6, 2026, and August 3, 2026.

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Haigh, a request was made to accept the agenda for the August 3, 2026, Borough Council Meeting. An **AMENDEMENT** by Deering and a second by Trave, to add 15C to add the low bid for the MTF grant. *Amendment passes.* An **AMENDEMENT** by Youngerman and a second by Gruber, to strike 13B from the agenda due to just receiving information on it. *Amendment passes.* An **AMENDEMENT** by Deering and a second by Youngerman, to add 17b to accept the letter of retirement from the Public Works Director. *Amendment passes. Main motion as amended carries unanimously.*

Mayor Timothy Bradley joined the meeting.

Public Input Period

David Weiser, 616 Water St., spoke regarding the removal of the handicap sign at Sporting Valley Feeds. He asked who is going to handle this and make it right.

Rae Ann Schatz, 1090 W. Main St., asked for updates on BMP 125, BMP 107, AMTRAK and DEP's permit.

Jen Angeles, 219 Marietta Ave., spoke regarding the purpose of Borough Council and their responsibilities to the community they serve.

Elliot Shivley, from Integrated Consulting, representative for the property owners of the Janus School, 205 Lefever Rd., asked why item 13b was removed from the agenda. He was here to tonight to discuss and get feedback from Borough Council on the sketch plan.

Brian Youngerman, 603 Florin Ave., spoke regarding the role and relationship that Council has with the engineers that are paid for by the real estate developers to represent their interests. He said they do not come with the best interests of the Borough in mind but with the best interest of their clients so therefore Council needs to challenge them.

Report of Mayor

The Mayor provided Council with a written report for July.

Report of the Chief of Police

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a monthly written report for June 1, 2026, thru June 30, 2026. The report showed 63 traffic arrests and 19 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 628 incidents for the month of May, with a total of 3,217 incidents year to date.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

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

Report of PSH Life Lion LLC

Provided a report for June 2026.

Report of EMA

Provided a report from 6/20/26-7/22/26.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)

Joseph McIlhenney provided a written report for June 2026.

Report of Codes/ Zoning & Stormwater Administrator

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

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

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

Report of Public Works Director

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

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

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

Report of the Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer

Jill Frey, Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer, provided a written report for July 2026.

Report of the Borough Manager

Mark G Pugliese I, Borough Manager, provided a written report for July 2026.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On a **MOTION** by Kark, and a second by Hollcraft, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on July 6, 2026, with correction. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Building Ad Hoc Committee

Deering gave an update. There were no change orders for review. Total Change Orders to date \$84,393.

175th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee

On **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to approve up to \$100.00 for printing signage and advertising for the 175th Celebration. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to approve up to \$150.00 for the emcee for the 175th Celebration. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Chiques Crossing Ad Hoc Committee Update- Hall said that because all of the meetings are with the solicitor, they are all protected by the attorney-client privilege. He believes it is accurate to say that the solicitor is representing the Borough tonight at the Rapho Zoning Hearing Board meeting.

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Gruber, a request was made to approve Resolution 2026-11, a resolution authorizing an application to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program for the development of a regional comprehensive plan. An **AMENDMENT** by Deering, and a second by Youngerman to note the amount of \$8,000. *Amendment passes. Main motion carries as amended.*

Public Safety Committee

No new business

Public Works Committee

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to revise Chapter 232-59.E. Downspouts and Rain Gutters. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to prepare the required right-of-way acquisition documents for the South Market Avenue pedestrian facilities. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to award the MTF grant to the lowest responsible bidder, which was Laurel Asphalt LLC, in the amount of \$113,866. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input

None

Any other matter proper to come before Council

On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Youngerman, a request was made that the Borough engineer will review the land development plan dated June 11, 2026, and the post-construction stormwater management report also dated June 11, 2026. *Motion carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to accept letter of retirement from Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley noting his last day of employment as December 31, 2026. *Motion carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Trave, a request was made to authorize Borough staff to discuss with the solicitor options of BMP 125 and what happens after the December 2nd deadline. Hall said motion is not in order because it was not added at the beginning of tonight's meeting.

Deering said he would like to make a motion to authorize Borough Staff to advertise the Borough Manager position through appropriate professional publications, municipal association resources, online employment platforms and other suitable channels with goal of having a selected candidate beginning by November 1, 2026. Hall said number one we do not have an opening for that position, and number two that would go to the Administration and Finance Committee first.

Haigh said he has been working with Phil Colvin regarding rain gauges in the Borough. He has also been dealing with USGS and PennDOT regarding the construction of the 772 bridge and 230 East bridge and the FEMA floodplain mapping done in 1981.

Kark asked about the status of the sale of the old Borough office.

Authorization to Acknowledge the Payment of Bills July 2026

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

GENERAL FUND	\$	251,079.03
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	87,789.93
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	163,394.67
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	-
ESCROW FUND	\$	19,764.04
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	-
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	552,027.67

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

See the calendar for the month of August 2026.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Haigh, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 9:39PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark G. Pugliese I
Borough Manager/Secretary