



Borough of Mount Joy
Public Works Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2026
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Deering at 6:30 PM

ROLL CALL - Councilors: Deering, Trave, Haigh, Mayor Bradley

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilor Deering, Councilor Trave, Councilor Haigh, Mayor Bradley

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant Borough Manager Jill Frey, Public Works Crew Leader Jake Houck

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF AUGUST 10, 2026, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
- Motion by Haigh seconded by Trave to add Item 8. Winter Plow Update, motion carried, Agenda approved as amended.

II. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD – Comments of Any Borough Resident or Borough Property Owner. Time limit of three minutes per individual – Patrick Gerlach thanked the Committee for pushing back on Chiques Crossing. He commented about stormwater issues and suggested creating a fund for neighbors that need help.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of July 13, 2026, meeting. Motion by Haigh seconded by Trave to approve the minutes as submitted, motion carried.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Review with possible motion any change orders for the Borough Municipal Building Project.

2. Parks

1) Parks Advisory Board Report – No report

2) Rotary Park MOU – Committee suggested that the Borough should mow the fields and Rotary should pay the borough the annual amount of \$5000.00 to go into Parks Capital Fund. Nissley reviewed the addition of Elite Baseball to the MOU. Committee added to item K.6 “Elite Baseball is the only for-profit organization that can use the fields. Any other for-profits would need to have Council approval.”

3) Parks Master Plan – Park Inventory – Parks Advisory Board is working on park inventory. Committee discussed the parking area at Gateway Park as being unsightly and overgrown. Committee instructed staff to plant it all in grass and look into installing geo grid.

4) Motion to send Concept design for Florin Park to full Council. – motion by Haigh seconded by Deering to move the concept design to Council.

3. Streets and Alleys

- 1) 2026 Roadway Projects – Nissley reported that Kinsley has mobilized today and begun work on manhole and valve box adjustments. A pre-construction meeting was held today. Next phase will be stormwater facilities and ADA at Mount Joy Street with daytime closures. Committee was concerned about bus traffic in a few weeks, Nissley will contact the school district to alert them of the project schedule
- 2) S. Market Ave. project – 2027-2028 Projects – Rettew is working on easements, Haigh commented that Rettew needs to use the 3/7 rational method when designing the stormwater system.
- 3) 3-Year Street and Alley Plan – Nissley presented cost estimates for N Plum St. Committee reviewed the draft plan that was presented. Mayor Bradley expressed concerns about New Haven St cracks.
- 4) Chapter 232 Revisions – Nothing new to report, Deering commented that the sidewalk exemption list should be reviewed particularly Springville Rd due to the amount of pedestrian traffic that he has seen there.
- 5) Hometown Hero Banner MOU- Nothing new to report, Deering will provide a draft MOU for September meeting.
- 6) Handicap Ramps at Lakes walking trail – Committee directed staff to contact the property management company to find out when they plan to complete the work. Motion by Haigh, seconded by Trave to have Council set a deadline for the completion of the two ramps.
- 7) Florin Hill Phase 1 and 2 probable cost estimates – Haigh reported that this has been taken care of. Bonds were updated 3/25
- 8) 2nd Street relocation – Committee discussed sketch of proposed plan. Nissley reported that LTAP conducted a sight-line review of the proposed new location of 2nd Street at Fairview Street. And the distances were acceptable. The question of contaminated soil was raised, since there were oil tanks in that location previously. Haigh will check at DEP for any records of contamination.

4. Stormwater

- 1) 3- Year Draft Stormwater Plan – Committee reviewed the Stormwater Project Priority List. Committee asked to have Birchland Avenue and Blossomwood to the list.
- 2) Pink Alley SCM Discussion – Nothing new to report
- 3) Grandview Park Discussion – No response from K&W – Motion by Haigh seconded by Trave to move this to Council for action.
- 4) Westview Park Stormwater Storage Discussion – Haigh questioned whether Rettew used the 3/7 or the 1/1 rational method to calculate the drainage area.
- 5) Locust Lane Stormwater network, Detention Basin, School Lane and Midway Rd – Committee reviewed analysis provided by Rettew, Haigh asked for verification that hydrology is correct and also the pipe equivalent for the 34 x 58 pipe.
- 6) 825 Terrace Avenue Discussion – Haigh requested updated hydrology report.
- 7) Detwiler Ave. – Committee reviewed analysis provided by Rettew. Haigh asked to verify which rational was used and what is Rettew's recommendation for pipe size?
- 8) Mount Joy Country Homes Discussion – Haigh asked if anyone has followed up with the stormwater inspection, and if anything has been fixed.
- 9) Florin Hill NOV – Haigh asked for an update on the citation filed at the district justice. Motion by Haigh seconded by Trave to recommend to Council to take further action against Florin Hill regarding the NOV.

10) BMP 125- Motion by Deering seconded by Trave for Borough staff to consult with the Solicitor regarding the legal and enforcement options available to the Borough if Gus's Family Restaurant fails to correct BMP 125

11) 1087 Wood Street – No action

12) Stormwater SCM Inspections NPDES permits, Borough Ordinance CH. 226 – Nissley reported that a meeting is scheduled with Rettew for staff to review inspection processes. Haigh will develop an inspection sheet for BMPs. Committee suggested looking at the ordinance related to stormwater violations and NOV and should put some teeth into it with penalties.

5. Public Works Facility property sale discussion. – Nissley reported that Melhorns have hired an appraiser to value the public works property.

6. Public Works Director Position – Committee reviewed some possible edits to the existing job description. Committee asked Nissley to review and discuss with Manager.

7. Grants Update – Grant report in packet – Nothing new to report

V. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD - Comments of **Any Borough Resident or Borough Property Owner**. Time limit of three minutes per individual. Patrick Gerlach commented that an AI search on rainwater shows that rainfall in Mount Joy is increasing.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Mayor Bradley commented about faded signs in the borough.

Haigh asked about installing an asphalt curb on the new paving on Square St. Nissley responded that staff felt it would be beneficial if some of the water can migrate into the grass.

Trave commented that some water systems are being hacked and asked if the Authority is prepared for that.

Deering commented about a sign on Union School Rd for Mount Joy Borough is not at the borough line, could it be moved to the boundary line?

VII. ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 10:43 PM