

**MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**September 9, 2024, Minutes**

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on September 9, 2024.

President Hall called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Roll Call- Present were Councilors Matthew Crider, David Eichler, Mary Ginder, David Greineder, Bruce Haigh, William Hall, Philip Kark, Brian Youngerman and Mayor Timothy Bradley, Jr. Staff present were Borough Manager, Mark G. Pugliese I (via Zoom); Assistant Borough Manager/Financial Director, Jill Frey; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Codes and Zoning Officer, Brett Hamm; Grants, Projects, and Community & Economic Development Administrator, Rachel Stebbins; Chief Robert Goshen and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley. Councilor Lu Ann Fahndrich was absent.

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

Executive Session – There were no Executive Sessions held by Council between August 5, 2024, and September 9, 2024.

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Haigh, a request was made to accept the agenda for September 10, 2024, Borough Council meeting. *Motin carries unanimously.*

**Public Input Period**

Dale Murray, 120 Farmington Wy., asked if the Borough is obligated to say yes or does the Borough have the authority to say no to the request for a utility easement across Little Chiques creek. He said he encourages the Borough to say no if they have the authority to do so. Also, he said he briefly looked over the traffic study and he feels it is a little overly simplistic. He asked the Chief his opinion of it. He asked Council to give him a 30 second explanation of the financing of the new building and the borrowing of the \$14.4 million and the \$3 million grant and how it all goes together. He gave a few suggestions on agenda item regarding changes to the sidewalk ordinance.

Rae Ann Schatz, Schatz Garage, 1090 W. Main St., said it was 6 years ago when she first came to this Council meeting regarding the Borough basin adjacent to her property that flooded her business. She said she feels there has been some progress made and is a little less stressed when it rains. However, she would like to get to the conclusion of the project. She said her understanding is that the basin still has a shortage of storage discrepancy and does not infiltrate correctly. She would like to know if the basin meets the required storage volume and how the Borough intends to make sure the basin to infiltrate properly.

**Report of Mayor**

Mayor Bradley provided a written monthly report for August 2024. He informed Council of the official name change for Rainbow's End Youth Services, REYS, to RAISE28. He said he had the pleasure of attending and participating at the RAISE28 Carnival.

**Report of the Chief of Police**

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a written monthly report for July 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024. The report showed 45 traffic arrests and 55 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 735 incidents for the month of July, with a total of 4,757 incidents year to date.

**Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)**

Brett Hamm, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for July 2024.

**Report of PSH Life Lion LLC**

Scott Buchle, Director, provided a written report for July 2024.

**Report of Municipal Emergency Services Authority (MESA)**

No report provided.

**Report of EMA**

Phil Colvin, provided a written report for July 2024.

**Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)**

Joseph McIlhenney, provided a written report for July 2024.

**Report of Codes/ Zoning & Stormwater Administrator**

Brett Hamm, Codes, Zoning & Stormwater Administrator, provided a written monthly report for August 2024.

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

Rachel Stebbins, Grants, Projects, and Community & Economic Development Administrator provided a written monthly report for August 2024.

**Report of Public Works Director**

Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, provided a written monthly report for August 2024.

**Report of the Borough Authority Manager**

Scott Kapcsos, Authority Manager, provided a written monthly report for August 2024.

**Report of the Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer**

Jill Frey, Assistant Borough Manager/Finance Officer provided a written monthly report for August 2024.

**Report of the Borough Manager**

Mark G Pugliese I, Borough Manager, provided and reviewed a written monthly report for August 2024.

**Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Ginder, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on August 5, 2024. An **AMENDMENT** by Kark, and a second by Greineder to remove the approval of the June 3, 2024, minutes that were previously approved and to add additional wording "from the Borough Manager" and "regarding payment of invoices for services in our Borough" to the Motion under the Public Safety Committee made by Fahndrich regarding the letter to MESA. *Amendment passes and the main motion carries unanimously as Amended.*

**Building Ad Hoc Committee**

Deering said at the last meeting held August 19<sup>th</sup> they spent the majority of the meeting was spent going through some line items that could potential be cut or substituted. Those items are in the Council packet for review. Todd from Crabtree is present tonight to answer any questions regarding these items. Hall commented that the original estimate from Crabtree was way off and now we are trying to cut into the project to make up for that error. He said he is disappointed in the original estimate. Todd said Fall time is a little bit better time to bid a project.

On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Kark, a request was made to authorize Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates to re-bid the new municipal services building project. *Motion carries 7-1, Youngerman voting no.*

Ordinance 03-2024, Parameters Ordinance was presented to the Mayor on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The Manager has not received anything verbally or hard copy from the Mayor indicating that he objects or his intend to veto. Hall commented that if the Ordinance is not returned by the Mayor prior to or at Council's next scheduled meeting, at least 10 days after the presentation to the Mayor, the Ordinance will have full force as if it was approved by the Mayor. Hall said he is unsure if that means the beginning of the meeting or at the end of the meeting. Since the Mayor stepped out, and Council has not heard anything from the Mayor regarding this. Council will need to wait till the Mayor returns. So to keep the meeting going Council will move onto Administrative and Finance Committee.

**Administration and Finance Committee**

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to appoint Lisa Peffley to the position of Assistant Finance Officer with a 3% salary increase *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to authorize the Borough Manager to attend the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference being held in Lancaster City at the Convention Center on October 11, 2024, through October 13, 2024, at a cost of \$190.00 and to pay for and/or reimburse expenses as provided by Section 701 of the Borough Code. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to approve the 2025 Budget Schedule. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Youngerman, for a base raise of 2%. *On a role call vote: Crider, Eichler, Greineder, Ginder, Kark, and Youngerman voting yes and Haigh, and Hall voting no. Motion carries 6-2.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made for Council to submit amended Ordinance 04-2024 Short Term Rental to the Borough Planning Commission and Lancaster County Planning Department for review. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Kark, a request was made to submit Ordinance 05-2024, Rental Code, to the Borough Planning Commission and to the Lancaster County Planning Department for review. *Motion carries unanimously.*

#### **Report of the Public Safety Committee**

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Crider, a request was made to approve the Mount Joy Spooktacular event application with road closure of Main Street from Market to Barbara Streets on Saturday, October 26th. An **AMENDMENT** by Eichler, and a second by Kark, to change the date to October 25<sup>th</sup> and the street closure to begin at 4pm and end at 9pm, with the event still be between the hours of 5pm and 8pm and the street closure of Main Street from Barbara to New Haven. *Amendment carries and the main motion carries as amended.*

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Crider, a request was made to approve request for Fire police for the Donegal High School Football Traffic Control, Mastersonville 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event, and Manheim Farm Show Parade. *Motion carries unanimously.*

#### **Report of the Public Works Committee**

Nissley gave a presentation on the Curb and Sidewalk Inspection Policy.

On a **MOTION** by Haigh, and a second by Ginder, a request was made for the Borough to approve the Curb and Sidewalk Inspection Policy. *Motion carries unanimously.*

#### **Public Input Period**

Dale Murray, 120 Farmington Wy., said that during the course of the meeting he did not catch the explanation of the \$14.5M spending that he asked for at the first public comment. Hall explained to him that at the last Council meeting, Council adopted what is called a Parameters Ordinance and he explained to Murray what that means and how it works. Murray commented on the architect's estimates regarding both renovating the current building and the new building. He feels he radically overestimated the renovations of the current building, and it should be looked at again.

#### **Any other matter proper to come before Council**

Haigh commented on Bright Speed and the process of the installation of the fiber optics cable. He said he has residents asking questions about this.

Eichler asked who conducts the Managers review.

Pugliese said he sent the letter to MESA and did receive a response from them. He said he will provide that letter to the Public Safety Committee.

Haigh said he review the proposed updated Handbook and asked if the committee could get information from other municipalities on their handbooks for comparison.

Hall appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to service as the negotiating committee for the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Mount Joy Borough Police Association. The current contract is in effect until the end of 2025. He wants to get the committee in place now and moving so we can meet all the appropriate deadlines etc. The committee will be Fahndrich, Greineder, Kark and Crider.

**Authorization to Acknowledge the Payment of Bills**

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

GENERAL FUND	\$	120,930.74
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	30,592.15
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	23,729.24
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	-
ESCROW FUND	\$	2,893.60
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	-
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	178,145.73

*Motion carries unanimously.*

**Meetings and dates of importance**

See the green calendar for the month of September 2024.

**Executive Session**

None

**Adjournment**

On a **MOTION** by Greineder, and a second by Ginder, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark G. Pugliese I  
Borough Manager/Secretary