

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
January 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on January 5, 2015, at the Mount Joy Borough Office.

President Gohn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Roll Call - Present were: Councilors Bower, Deering arrived at 7:03 pm, Glessner, Metzler, Mowrer, Reese, Seidel, and Youngerman, Council President Gohn, and Mayor Bradley. Also present were Borough Manager, Scott Hershey, Codes and Zoning officer, Stacie Gibbs, Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley, and Police Chief, Kevin Girling.

President Gohn announced there will be an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss litigation and personnel matters and that there may be a decision following the Executive Session.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Bradley reviewed his monthly written report for January 2015. The Mayor gave recognition to the Mount Joy Borough Police Department for their help with a yearlong drug operation that brought about apprehension of 16 individuals on drug charges. As reported by Fox 43 News, the area that was focused on was Greater Mount Joy. They were assisted by several other departments including York Sheriff's Department, Pennsylvania State Police, Northwest Regional Police Department and Elizabethtown Police Department and others. He also, thanked everyone involved with the holiday decorations and festivities stating it brought together a sense of community.

Also, the Mayor acknowledged Dr. Ershburg and his effort to bring about school bus safety. Thanks to the efforts the bus stop at Newcomer Road near the Giant Super Market has been changed to a safer location.

Report of the Chief of Police

Chief Girling reviewed the monthly written report for November 2014. The Chief said there was a typing error on the report. The report is thru November, not October, as printed on in incident summary. The report shows there were 44 traffic arrests and 48 criminal arrests for the month. There were 78 UCR reportable incidents and 281 CAD incidents for the month, with a total of 3,989 incidents year to date. Monies collected by the Police Department for the month of November for tickets, permits, reports, and services totaled \$3,175.89 with a year to date total of \$34,455.71. Chief Girling recognized Detective Hosking and Officer Rusnak for their efforts on closing cases.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

William Hall, Fire Chief, reviewed his written report for December 2014. Chief Hall recognized Captain Andy Whittle for responding to 351 calls, which equates to nearly one call a day and Firefighter Scott Adams who responded to 347 calls.

Report of Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ)

Kim Brewer, MSMJ manager reviewed the monthly written report. MSMJ closed out the Joy Land account and turned it over to the Borough. There will be a meeting at Church Of God January 6, 2015 at 7:00 pm. to discuss the Joy Land finances. Seidel asked what does this mean to Joy Land? Hershey responded that it means Borough has control of the funds and is subject to the Borough Code when expending the funds.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library

Debra Rosser-Hogben, Executive Director of Milanof-Schock Library reviewed the monthly written report for December 2014.

Report of Codes and Zoning Officer

Stacie Gibbs, Codes and Zoning Officer, reviewed the monthly written report for December 2014. Seidel asked about 29 New Haven shoring of the barn, what is your position? Gibbs responded that her assessment is that the barn is not safe. Gibbs asked Council for direction on addressing the property maintenance issues at 29 New Haven. Demolition estimates? Contact Solicitor? Shore up the property? The Structural Engineer feels that if the barn comes down it will not cause damage to surrounding property. Deering stated that the issues with 29 New Have Street have been ongoing for several years. Gibbs stated that she had been dealing with issues at this property for 6 years.

Seidel asked Gibbs if she followed up with the Florin Hill runoff issue Gibbs responded that she did and the dirt was pushed back and a stone construction entrance was installed. There is still vegetative growth.

Report of Storm Water Officer

Ken Barto, Stormwater Management Enforcement Officer, provided the monthly written report for December 2014. Barto, Gibbs and Public Works Director Nissley are gathering information for the MS4 permit. The permit needs to be renewed every 5 years.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

Hershey reviewed the monthly written report for December 2014.

Report of the Borough Manager

Hershey reviewed the monthly written report for December 2014. He noted that a joint meeting of the Borough and Borough Authority Administration Committees was tentatively scheduled for 7:00 PM, on January 21, 2015, to discuss health insurance and employee deductibles and contributions.

Public Input Period

President Gohn stated that in light of the heavy agenda, public input will be limited to 3-5 minutes per person.

Jim Newcomer 618 Union School Road provided pictures of October 2013 flooding on his property. Mr. Newcomer says stated that there is a 40 foot dam at his property and when it rains, he cannot go on foot across his property. He would like the Borough to fix the problem by putting in drainage at his property like the Crossroads. He feels the Borough is responsible due to them taking dedication of the road.

Ferne Silberman, 630 Florin Avenue, asked if the Borough can transfer the funds from Joy Land to a 501(c)3?

Hershey responded no.

Silberman asked if the Joyland funds use a co-op or are all the funds subject to the Borough Code?

Silberman asked if this delays the project and will we have to raise more funds?

Hershey responded that we do not know that yet.

Youngerman stated that it does not change the cost of the build.

Ned Sterling, 13 West Main Street asked if you move can a budget fund from one line item to another line item?

Hershey responded that yes, funds can be reallocated (by Council) within the budget.

Sterling asked when funds are sent to non-profits?

Hershey responded that it depends on the organization.

Sterling asked if the Borough can take those funds back once they have been sent?

Hershey responded no, once it's spent its gone.

Bruce Haigh, 504 Rose Petal Lane stated that on Main Street, there is no left turn arrow to go north onto Manheim Street, it is difficult to see around other vehicles and is dangerous. He said that he had sat through the light several times before being able to make the turn.

Hershey responded that the Borough has done several studies to get a turn arrow with no success, but if Council wished, the proposal could be revisited.

Bill Hall asked when the Marietta Avenue Bridge is going to be replaced? When is Marietta Avenue going to get repaved? When is signalization going to happen?

Nissley responded that AMTRAK has work to do and there is only one crew that does the work needed for the bridge. That crew is working on a project in Harrisburg and is supposed to then come to Mount Joy. Hopefully, they will get started in Mount Joy in February.

Metzler reported that regarding the signalization, there was an issue with the paperwork at PennDOT.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On a **MOTION** by Bower and a second by Seidel, approval was given for the minutes from the Regular Borough Council Meeting held on December 1, 2014, and the Special Meeting held on December 22, 2014 with the following corrections provided by Bower: December 1, 2014, minutes, page 4, under Nominations for Council Vice President line item 3 change from "second by Deering, to nominate Bower" to "second by Bower to nominate Deering" and line item 5 change from "voting for Bower" to "voting for Deering".

Motion carries unanimously with corrections approved.

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Glessner, and a second by Youngerman approval was given for a request by Craig Rothstein, 630 School Lane for relief from being required to replant a landscaping buffer along the north side of his property. Mr. Rothstein requests the relief because there is an existing 30 'wide Mount Joy Borough Authority easement at this location.

Motion carries unanimously

On a **MOTION** by Glessner, and a second by Youngerman, approval was given to adopt Resolution 1-15 appointing Bob Golicher to the Mount Joy Borough Authority Board, filling the remaining term of Jim Hornifus, who resigned effective December 31, 2014. The term of the appointment runs January 1, 2015 through January 1, 2018.

President Gohn thanked Mr. Hornifus for his 22 years of service.

Motion carries unanimously

On a **MOTION** by Seidel and a second by Glessner all property maintenance issues at 29 New Haven need to be resolved of by June 21, 2015.

Motion carries unanimously.

Public Safety Committee

On a **MOTION** by Metzler and a second by Deering, approval was given to enact Ordinance #1-15, amending the Mount Joy Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 255, Vehicles and Traffic, to revise parking regulations.

Report of the Public Works Department

Nissley reviewed the monthly written report for December 2014

On a **MOTION** by Bower and a second by Seidel approval was given to adopt the Mount Joy Borough Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan.

Motion carries unanimously

Bower made a motion with a second by Seidel, to outsource sidewalk curb and other construction inspections currently done by Borough Public Works Staff. The motion was withdrawn pending discussion of this matter. Discussion followed.

On a **MOTION** by Seidel and a second by Bower approval was given to outsource sidewalk, curb and other construction inspections currently done by Borough Public Works Department Staff and to authorize the Borough Solicitor to revise and advertise revisions to the sidewalk and curb ordinance transferring the responsibility for the restoration of curb trenches from the Borough Public Works Department to the property owner.

Motion carries 8 to 1 with Glessner voting no

Council requested that estimated costs to the property owner be provided for these changes

On a **MOTION** by Bower and a second by Seidel approval was given to adopt the Mount Joy Borough Policy for the Removal of Snow in the Downtown Area on Main Street.

Motion carries 8 to 1 with Youngerman voting no

Any other matter proper to come before Council

President Gohn announced the reconstructing of committee assignments. President Gohn will move to Administration and Finance Committee and Councilor Metzler will move to Chairman of the Public Safety Committee.

Authorization to Pay Bills

On a **MOTION** by Glessner, and a second by Youngerman, approval was given to pay the bills as presented:

GENERAL FUND	\$145,545.62
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$ 38,367.54
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$7,053.10
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$ 11,927.02
TAX ACCOUNT	\$ 5,506.22
ESCROW FUND	\$ 10,466.71
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 218,866.21

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

See the Blue calendar for the month of January 2015.

Council went into Executive session at 10:35pm, and ended at 11:20pm.

On a **MOTION** by Bower and a second by Seidel Council approved terminating employment of Officer Joe Goody effective immediately.

Motion carries unanimously

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Reese, and a second by Seidel, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23pm. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Next Borough Council Meeting will be Monday February 2nd, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Hershey
Borough Manager/Secretary