## Mount Joy Borough Council Special Meeting Minutes for Monday, January 12, 2015

The Mount Joy Borough Council held a special meeting as part of the Borough Council Public Works Committee meeting on January 12, 2015, at the Mount Joy Borough Office.

President Gohn called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, and announced that following roll call, the Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and that decisions were expected following the Executive Session.

Roll Call - Present were: Councilors Bower, Deering, Glessner, Mowrer, Reese, Council President Gohn, and Mayor Bradley. Councilor Seidel arrived at 6:40 PM. Councilors Metzler and Youngerman were unable to attend.

Also present were Borough Manager, Scott Hershey; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; and Police Chief, Kevin Girling

## **Public Input Period**

Ned Sterling asked about the joint Borough and Borough Authority meeting. Hershey responded that the meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

Council went into Executive Session at 6:34 PM and came out of Executive Session at 7:30 PM.

President Gohn, with regret, read a letter of resignation effective January 19, 2015, from Chief of Police Kevin Girling.

On a MOTION by Deering and second by Reese, the Council unanimously accepted Chief Girling's resignation.

On a **MOTION** by Glessner and second by Bower, the Council approved appointing Luiz G. Mendez, Jr., Interim Chief of Police effective January 19, 2015, conditioned upon finalizing an agreement acceptable to Borough Council, Borough Labor Counsel and Luis Mendez and conditioned upon Mendez resigning his position as part-time patrol office with the Borough. Interim Chief position to be a part-time position. Motion carries with Seidel voting no.

President Gohn read a letter of resignation effective January 19, 2015, from part-time patrol officer Luis G. Mendez, Jr. The letter stated that the resignation was conditioned upon an acceptable agreement being executed by the Borough and Mendez.

There was a **MOTION** by Glessner and second by Bower to accept the resignation of Part-time Patrol Officer, Luis G. Mendez. Following discussion, Glessner amended the motion with a second by Bower to say accept the resignation of Part-time Patrol Officer, Luis G. Mendez per the conditions written in Officer Mendez' letter. The amended motion was unanimously approved

Councilor Bower asked if emails are public documents, how can residents express confidential concerns? There was additional discussion about a PA Right to Know Law (RTKL) request from Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ). Council requested to be provided with a copy of the PA RTKL response to MSMJ. Council also requested that a notice be placed on the Borough website that emails sent to the Councilors' Borough email addresses may be public documents and subject to being provided if requested through a PA RTKL request.

On a MOTION by Reese second by Glessner, the Council unanimously approved adjourning the meeting at 7:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Hershev, Borough Manager/Secretary