

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
June 1, 2015 Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on June 1, 2015, at the Mount Joy Borough Office.

Council President Glessner 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, Metzler, Mowrer, Murray, Reese, Seidel, Youngerman, President Glessner and Mayor Bradley. Also present were Borough Manager, Scott Hershey; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Interim Police Chief, Maurice Williams, Jr.; and Codes and Zoning officer, Stacie Gibbs.

Report of Mayor

Mayor Bradley reviewed his written monthly report for May 2015. He thanked the Memorial Day Parade Committee for their hard work. He stated that he received great feedback from the community.

He also recognized the historic athletic accomplishment of simultaneous District titles for the Donegal baseball and softball teams.

Report of the Chief of Police

A monthly written report was provided for April 15, 2015 through May 14, 2015. The report showed 17 traffic arrests and 26 criminal arrests for the month. There were 96 UCR reportable incidents and 553 CAD incidents for the month, with a total of 1677 incidents year to date. Monies collected by the Police Department for the month for tickets, permits, reports, and services totaled \$3,345.92. Bower asked why there was such a dramatic difference between traffic arrests from last year to this year. Metzler stated that it may have been from the truck detail and it may pick up next month.

Glessner asked if alarm fees were different from fines. Chief Williams stated they are categorized as fees.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

William Hall, Fire Chief, Fire Department Mount Joy, provided and reviewed the monthly report provided for May 2015. He reported there were two fires that occurred due to fire pits, one in Mount Joy Borough, which was a small brush fire and the other in East Donegal Township, which was a dwelling fire. He stated as long as the Borough residents are following the Open Burning Ordinance and only utilized burning for recreational purposes there should be no issues.

Bower stated that he appreciated the percentage of incidents estimated losses report provided by Chief Hall.

Deering asked how the recruiting went. Hall stated that he plans on having a report on it at a later time.

Report of Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ)

Kim Brewer, MSMJ manager, provided the monthly written report provided for May 2015.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library

There was no monthly report for the library.

Report of Codes and Zoning Officer

Gibbs provided and reviewed the monthly written report for May 2015. Seidel asked why some of the permits were closed after the deadline. Gibbs stated that the deadlines were on a Saturday and the issues were addressed on Monday. She stated that the permit manager software provides notifications when a violation reaches its compliance date every time she logs in.

Mowrer asked if there was any pushback or questions regarding stormwater permit fee charges. Gibbs stated there was not much except for a few decks on Arbor Rose Avenue.

Deering stated that he really likes the **permit manager** software and it is helping Stacie to do her job more efficiently.

Report of Stormwater Officer

Ken Barto, Stormwater Enforcement Officer, provided and reviewed the written monthly report for May 2015.

Barto stated that the Borough will be hosting a Rain Barrel program. Residents can purchase a rain barrel through the Borough website at a discounted rate. There will be a two hour seminar hosted by the Lancaster County Conservation District on July 11 at Little Chiques Park.

Youngerman asked what caused the water issue at 598 Union School Road and Taylor Ave. Nissley suggests that they lower the grade of grass. The water was not able to flow, causing it to run into the front of the house. Gibbs stated that the swale was there when the owners moved in and that the water took a different path from the silt build up.

Deering asked when the Union School Road/ Crossroads Church completion date was and asked if we could keep an eye on it due to VBS was starting on June 22nd. Nissley stated that he was not aware.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

Authority Manager, John Leaman provided a monthly written report for May 2015.

Report of the Borough Manager

Hershey provided and reviewed the monthly written report for May 2015.

Hershey stated that work on the rebuild of the website is underway.

Reese asked if the Jacob Street bridge project was exceeding the-PUC deadline. Hershey stated that an extension has been requested from PUC but he has not heard back.

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 West Main Street, asked if Council accepted the UGI proposal for improvements at the Manufactured Gas Plant remediation site. Gibbs stated that it went to planning commission the Borough Planning Commission reviewed the plans last month, very few additional comments were received. Council will be proved with draft PC minutes.

Sterling asked if there was any update on the police chief position. Metzler stated that the application deadline was May 28th, 2015 and it would be discussed further into the meeting. Sterling also asked if any demolition permits have been issued yet. Gibbs stated she is still trying to make contact with the owners of the old Shoe Factory, but still had not received a response. Sterling asked if East Donegal Township was part of the LERTA process. Hershey stated that the school district has indicated that they find the concept acceptable. Gibbs stated that the solicitor recommended at the July meeting, if Council accepted terms of the ordinance, there could be an action to authorize the advertisement of the hearing and to keep things moving. Hershey stated that we should be careful in assuming our partners are on board before we move forward. Mayor Bradley stated that the property itself is probably less of an issue and asked who or where would we get guidance on the term of the tax relief.

Diane McComsey, 816 E. Main St, expressed her concerns regarding the cars at Sonic. She stated that they were very loud, exceeding the speed limit and running red lights. She stated that she did not see any police present and that it is just a matter of time until someone is going to get hurt.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On a **MOTION** by Bower, and a second by Metzler, approval was given for the minutes from the Regular Borough Council Meeting held on May 4, 2015. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Murray, approval was given to enact Ordinance #5-15, Amending Chapter 46, Article 1, Non-Uniformed Pension Plan per Amendment No. 3 as approved by Borough Council on May 4, 2015. *Seidel voting no, motion carries.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Murray, approval was given to authorize the Borough Solicitor and Borough Staff to proceed with legal action against the property owner of 29 New Haven Street if all codes issues at the property are not addressed by the June 21, 2015, deadline which was established by Borough Council at the Council's January 5, 2015, regular meeting. *Motion carries, unanimously.*

Report of the Public Safety Committee

On a **MOTION** by Metzler, and a second by Deering, approval was given for the purchase of a Keyless Entry Security System from Select Security for a cost not to exceed \$7,300.00. *Motion carries, unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Metzler and second by Deering, approval was given for the purchase of a 2016 Ford Fusion Unmarked Police vehicle from Whitmoyer Auto Group through the PA COSTARS purchasing program for a cost not to exceed \$22,250.00. *Motion carries, unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Metzler and second by Deering, approval was given to adopt Resolution #10-15, authorizing the trade-in of a 2005 Chevrolet Impala Unmarked Police Sedan toward the purchase of a new, 2016 Ford Fusion Unmarked Police Sedan through the PA COSTARS Purchasing Program from Whitmoyer Auto Group for a trade-in value of no less than \$1,500.00. *Motion carries, unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Metzler and second by Reese, approval was given to authorize the Police Chief to conditionally offer one part-time police officer position to a potential candidate for the position. *Motion carries, unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Metzler and a second by Reese, approval was given to authorize the Police Chief to conditionally offer one full-time police officer position to a potential candidate on the hiring list. *Motion carries, unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Metzler and a second by Reese, approval was given, by request, to the Mount Joy Cyclones Football team for relief from Borough Noise Ordinance regulations at the Lakes Park field for playoff games on June 6, and June 13, 2015, between the hours of 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. *Motion carries, Deering abstained.*

Report of the Public Works Committee

Nissley reviewed the monthly written report for May 2015.

On a **MOTION** by Bower and a second by Mowrer approval was given by the Mount Joy Borough Authority to use South Barbara Street and East Donegal Street as a detour route for a one week closure of Longenecker Road for installation of a water line. *Motion carries, unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Bower and a second by Mowrer approval was given for a request by the Mount Joy Cyclones Football team for use of the Lakes Park field for playoff games on June 6, and June 13, 2015, between the hours of 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. *Motion carries, Deering abstained.*

On a **MOTION** by Bower and a second by Mowrer approval was given to authorize Borough Staff to apply for the funding for the Marietta Avenue pedestrian and roadway improvements project through the Lancaster County Smart Growth Transportation Program or the Lancaster County Transportation Alternatives Program. *Motion carries, unanimously.*

Any other matter proper to come before Council

Bower stated that Council had previously discussed moving Public Input Period before the reports. Glessner stated that would be moved for the next meeting.

Youngerman offered to take charge of having a table outside during Fourth Friday. Glessner stated that it would be set up outside the Borough Office.

Deering provided an update on Kid's Joyland. He stated that installation of the security system has begun. He also stated that signs will be going up on Barbara Street and 772. There will be a SignUpGenius that will be active very soon. It will be linked through Facebook for individuals to sign up to volunteer.

Hall returned to Council Meeting with additional printouts of his report as requested by Seidel.

Mayor Bradley asked when Council will be visiting the topic of the length of the LERTA or where would the process start in terms of the length of the tax deferment. Gibbs stated that it is on the agenda for the Planning Commission for next Wednesday. Hershey stated that Administration and Finance Committee should bring a recommendation to Council.

Authorization to Pay Bills

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Murray, the Council unanimously approves paying the bills as presented:

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| GENERAL FUND | \$ | 132,935.59 |
| REFUSE/RECYCLING | \$ | 40,932.38 |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND | \$ | 3,951.78 |
| HIGHWAY AID FUND | \$ | 17,242.39 |
| TAX ACCOUNT | \$ | 1,111,531.00 |
| ESCROW FUND | \$ | 694.40 |
| JOY LAND ACCOUNT | \$ | 5,749.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ | 1,313,036.54 |

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

See the orange calendar for the month of June 2015.

Council meeting ended at 9:00 pm.

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Metzler and second by Seidel, Council approved adjourning the meeting at 9:00 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Hershey
Borough Manager/Secretary