

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
February 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on February 2, 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 Deering, 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 Sergeant Ortiz. Councilman Bower was absent

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 read a letter of commendation from the Manheim Borough Police Chief to Officer Paul Cook for his heroic efforts with subduing an inebriated man with a firearm during a domestic dispute. The Mayor thanked Officer Cook, for assisting in protecting the lives of not only the other officers involved, but also the suspect. Officer Cook alerted other officers to the suspect having a loaded weapon. Sergeant Ortiz was also recognized for his cover story on public safety in La Voz magazine. A translated version of the story can be found on Mayor Bradley's Facebook Page.

Report of the Chief of Police

Sergeant Ortiz reviewed the monthly written report for January 2015. The report shows there were 24 traffic arrests and 54 criminal arrests for the month. There were 79 UCR reportable incidents and 232 CAD incidents for the month, with a total of 4300 incidents year to date. Monies collected by the Police Department for the month of December for tickets, permits, reports, and services totaled \$3,516.51 with a year to date total of \$37,972.22.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

William Hall, Fire Chief, reviewed his written report for January 2015. Chief Hall stated that the FDMJ responded to 51 calls, down from 82 last year. Hall attributed the decrease in part to Codes and Zoning Officer Stacie Gibbs for doing a great job with her inspections. The first Recruitment Day brought in 15 new applicants. Chief Hall thanked Councilor Youngerman for coming out and showing his support. Annual Banquet is March 21, 2015. Fire Department received a recruitment grant for \$5,000.00.

Report of Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ)

Kim Brewer, MSMJ manager reviewed the monthly written report for January 2015.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library

Debra Rosser-Hogben, Executive Director of Milanof-Schock Library submitted the monthly written report for January 2015.

Report of Codes and Zoning Officer

Stacie Gibbs, Codes and Zoning Officer, reviewed the monthly written report for January 2015. The Mount Joy Borough Planning Commission has reorganized. Josh Bower is now the Chairman of the commission. Steve Gault is the Vice Chairman.

Report of Storm Water Officer

Code and Zoning Officer Stacie Gibbs provided the monthly written report for January 2015. Gibbs stated that she and Public Works Director Dennis Nissley have been filling in for Stormwater Enforcement Officer, Ken Barto during his absence.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager Hershey reviewed the monthly written report for January 2015.

Report of the Borough Manager

Hershey reviewed the monthly written report for January 2015.

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling 13 West Main Street asked if the Borough is advertising for a new Police Chief.

Metzler responded that it will be discussed later in the meeting.

Sterling asked if an Officer in Charge has been appointed.

Gohn responded that it is a Council decision.

Sterling asked if the ad hoc committee going to meet about regionalization.

Metzler responded that there is an ad hoc Meeting coming up but our main concern is hiring a Police Chief.

Sterling asked if there are any new demolition permits.

Gibbs responded that 108 Main Street is the only one.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings

On a **MOTION** by Reese and a second by Seidel, approval was given for the minutes of the January 5, 2015, Borough Council Meeting and January 12, 2015, Special Council Meeting, with the following correction: the word "can" is replaced by "call" under the FDMJ report on the January 5, 2015, minutes. *Motion Carries unanimously*

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Glessner, and a second by Youngerman approval was given to Messiah Family Services for reduction of construction escrow in the amount of \$141,754.53 as recommended by the Borough Engineer. Hershey noted that this amount is less than the amount originally requested based on the Borough Engineer's recommendation.

On a **MOTION** by Glessner, and a second by Youngerman, approval was given to approve a request by Sage Technology Solutions, Inc. for reduction in construction escrow in the amount of \$65,761.13, as recommended by the Borough Engineer. Hershey noted that this amount is less than the amount originally requested based on the Borough Engineer's recommendation.
Motion carries unanimously

On a **MOTION** by Glessner and a second by Youngerman approval was given to adopt Resolution # 3-15, designating public depository and authorizing withdrawal of municipal public monies. Seidel asked if ~~Can~~ anyone could withdrawal funds with a single signature? Hershey responded that the Resolution establishes approved signer and two signatures are required for each check.
Motion carries unanimously.

The Council discussed employee health insurance contributions and deductions. Glessner stated that the Borough Authority did not know that the Borough was changing employee contributions and deductibles. Hershey reported that at Councilor Glessner's request, he researched labor savings in the police budget and because of vacancies, there is currently a savings of approximately \$27,000.00, which included wages only. Hershey stated the Authority is a separate entity and does not need to be equal. Glessner stated that because the employees from the Authority and Borough work so closely together, we try to keep everything fair, so there is no disparity among employees. Reese said we are in distress, under staffed it's not logical to do. We have a bridge that has to come down. We can't say the money is there. We voted twice and have made our decision.

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman and second by Glessner approval was given to adopt The Workplace Accident Prevention Policy.
Motion carries unanimously.

On a **Motion** by Youngerman and a second by Glessner approval was given to authorize the Borough staff to change internet and phone service to Comcast. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Safety Committee

On a **MOTION** by Metzler and a second by Deering, approval of a request for a handicapped parking space at 148 New Haven Street. Physician's letter has been received. *Motion carries unanimously*

On a **Motion** by Metzler and a second by Deering approval was given to adopt Resolution # 2-15 for the Friends of the Milanof- Schock Library to suspend a banner across East Main Street on the Borough banner poles from June 1, 2015 through June 17, 2015, to promote the used book sale to be held on June 15, 16, and 17, 2015. *Motion carries unanimously*

Borough Council has accepted the Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Mount Joy Annual Report to Council for 2014. The Council thanked the Civil Service Commission for their hard work and efforts.

On a **Motion** by Metzler and a second by Reese approval was given to authorize advertising for a new Chief of Police. The Public Safety Committee will direct when and where to advertise.
Motion carries 7-1 Seidel no

Report of the Public Works Department

Nissley reviewed the monthly written report for January 2015.

On a **MOTION** by Mowrer and a second by Seidel approval was given to award the bid of the Union School Road Improvements Project to Farhat Excavating, LLC. for a total bid of \$219,911.00
Motion carries unanimously

Any other matter proper to come before Council

Seidel asked Mayor Bradley if he reached out to owner of 29 New Haven Street. Mayor Bradley responded that a violation notice letter was sent out by the Codes Enforcement Officer. The individual at 29 New Haven does not wish to do any work during the winter months. A list of volunteers and what they were willing to do was provided to the property owner. Per the direction of Borough Council (at a previous meeting), in a letter to the property owner, Code Enforcement Officer Stacie Gibbs outlined the work that needed to be done and the time frame in which it needs to be done. Councilor Deering noted that a Valentine Dinner, Dance and Auction to benefit the Kids Joy Land Project will be held at Acorn Farms on February 14, 2015, from 6:00 PM to Midnight.

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	\$90,907.08
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$ 42,357.02
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$7,962.30
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$ -
TAX ACCOUNT	\$ 13,407.98
ESCROW FUND	\$ 284.69
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 154,919.07

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

See the Pink calendar for the month of February 2015.

Council went into Executive session at 8:55 pm, and came out at 10:35pm.

No decisions followed the Executive Session.

Adjournment

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Reese, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm. *Motion carries unanimously.*

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Hershey
Borough Manager/Secretary