

Mount Gretna Borough

Minutes

May 13, 2019

Virginia Minnich, President, called the meeting of the Mount Gretna Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held in the Boardroom, rear of the Post Office building, Mount Gretna, Pennsylvania.

Council Members and Staff present:

Virginia Minnich, President

William Kleinfelter, Vice-President

Michael Bell

Allan Feldman

Lois Herr

Joseph Shay, Mayor

Keith Kilgore, Solicitor

William Care, Public Works Director/Code Enforcement Officer

Linda Bell, Secretary/Treasurer

Council Members Absent: NONE

Also Present:

Patricia Willmsen, 416 Yale Avenue

Julia Bucher, 415 Yale Avenue

Charles Pitt, 110 Pennsylvania Avenue (present for public comment only)

John Mitchell, 420 Pennsylvania Avenue (present for public comment only)

POLICE REPORT:

Candace Miller, Cornwall Borough Police officer, read the April police report. This report is attached and heretofore made part of the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Minnich allowed each person present to state their name and voice concerns.

John Mitchell stated that he has travel thorough 12 states and has found that without enforcement signs do not work. Speed tables do work.

Julia Bucher stated that she had two concerns, 1) speed citations are only given if the vehicle is traveling at 10 miles or more above the posted speed limit; therefore, vehicles would have to be traveling at 40mph to be ticketed in the Borough. 2) She questioned, "Does anyone who provides housing for theatre have to have their house inspected?" (See Solicitor comments)

Charles Pitt provided each Council member with a report on recent noise issues during early morning hours. A copy of this report is attached and heretofore made part of the minutes. Dr. Pitt said that he has found that back-up alarms are not required by law, some municipalities have even banded there use, and that alarms are available which are less disturbing, such as white noise alarms, etc.

Dr. Pitt thanked Officer Miller and the Cornwall Borough Police department for the quick response to his calls concerning the suspicious actions in the park and parking lot area.

Agenda, Minutes, Financial Report and Invoices List:

Michael Bell made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Allan Feldman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Lois Herr made a motion to accept the April meeting minutes with minor correction. Michael Bell seconded the

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motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Care noted that the Earned Income Tax income does not appear as if the Borough will make the budgeted income of \$34,000.00 for this year. As of May 10, 2019 the Borough has received only \$12,580.00 in Earned Income Tax revenue.

Lois Herr made a motion to accept the April financial report and invoice listing as presented. William Kleinfelter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

PA Dept. of the Auditor General	Liquid Fuels Audit for 2017
Lebanon Community Library	Newsletter
Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority	Meeting minutes available on website - www.goglra.org
Stanilla, Siegel and Maser, LLC	2018 Financial Statement

Copies of the 2018 Financial Statement were made available to all Council members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR: No Report

MOUNT GRETNA FIRE COMPANY:

Fire Company reports for March and April are attached and heretofore made part of the minutes.

SOLICITOR:

Rental Licenses: Solicitor Kilgore reported that the Robinson and Thompson properties have been inspected; however, no license application or payment has been made. A letter was mailed to the Harvey's informing them that as a full-time rental property, an inspection and license is required. The licensing process for the two Stahl properties has been completed.

Solicitor Kilgore stated that the property used for theatre personnel lodging does need to be inspected and have a rental license. A letter informing Dr. Bronstein will be mailed. Dr. and Mrs. Pitt's fulltime rental property has been inspected and requires a few electric updates. Solicitor Kilgore agreed to allow time for the repairs to be made.

ROADS AND STREETS:

Mr. Care gave the following report.

Leaf Collection: Leaf collection should be complete by tomorrow, May 14, 2019.

Street Patching: All street patching and paving has been completed for this season.

Tour de Gretna Bike Race and Got the Nerve Triathlon:

The bike race went well. Tour de Gretna donated \$100.00 to the Friends of Stacey Fund. Mr. Care met with Chris Kaag and South Londonderry Police Chief Reigel concerning the "Got the Nerve" triathlon scheduled for May 18, 2019.

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Grounds Preparation: The staff is preparing for the Chautauqua grounds for the summer season. We need some dry weather.

Traffic Speed Control: Mr. Care reviewed cost estimates for speed control and pedestrian crossing devices. It was noted that Mount Gretna Heights has committed to donating \$500.00 to the project. Music at Gretna has also promised \$500.00. Additional monetary support will be solicited.

Line Painting (Thermal Plastic)	\$4,598.00
Two crossings on Route #117 intersection	
One crossing Timber Road at Route #117	
One crossing Pinch Road at Route #117	
Cross Walk Flashing Sign Packages	\$6,640.00
Route #117 only – 4 device packages	
Speed Control Radar Signs	\$5,334.00
Route #117 only – 2 devices	
Miscellaneous Materials and Installation	<u>\$3,428.00</u>
TOTAL PROJECTED COST OF PROJECT	\$20,000.00

Lois Herr made a motion to proceed with the project, not to exceed \$20,000.00, and conform to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) standards set forth in the manual on uniform traffic control devices. William Kleinfelter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Equipment: No Report

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Building Permits: No Report

Notice of Violation: Letters of violation were mailed to the following property owners.
4 Muhlenberg Avenue: no response
10 Muhlenberg Avenue: The owner responded and corrective actions are being taken.
102 Chicago Avenue: The owner has corrected all items in violation.

VARIANCE REQUEST: NONE

LAISONS:

Pennsylvania Chautauqua: Allan Feldman reported that storm water issues are being addressed for the Soldiers' Field project. Mr. Feldman stated that the rental fees for the Hall of Philosophy have increases in order to cover the costs of maintaining the building.

Mount Gretna Authority: Mr. Care state that Michael Sherman and he met with three Department of Environmental Protection inspectors concerning the copper removal limits which the treatment facility must meet.

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OLD BUSINESS

Rental Committee: Lois Herr stated that she has five names of persons who may serve on a rental property study committee plus Don Kensinger. William Kleinfelter stated that he saw no need to establish a committee at this point as the ordinance has not yet had a chance to work. Council discussed the issue and concluded that there should be no more than five members on the committee; two who are full time residents and two who own rental properties plus Mr. Kensinger. The committee could hold two meetings per year.

NEW BUSINESS

Lebanon County 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution: Tabled until next month per Solicitor Kilgore.

Spotted Lantern Fly: Lois Herr inquired if anyone has seen evidence of the insect. She found an egg mass on her property.

ADJOURNMENT

Michael Bell made a motion, seconded by William Kleinfelter, to adjourn the meeting. All were favor.

8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. Bell
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Borough Council