

Mount Gretna Borough

Minutes

January 16, 2023

William Kleinfelter, President, called the meeting of the Mount Gretna Borough Council to order at 6:03 PM. The meeting was held in the Mount Gretna Fire Hall.

Council Members and Staff present:

William Kleinfelter, President	Lois Herr, Vice-President
Michael Bell	Robert Eynon
Allan Feldman	Joseph Shay, Mayor
Keith Kilgore, Solicitor	
William Care, Public Works Director/Code Enforcement Officer	
Linda Bell, Secretary/Treasurer	

Council Members Absent: None

Also, Present:

Julia Bucher, 415 Yale Avenue
Eugene & Sue Brennaman, 316 Pennsylvania Avenue
Phil Lapp, 308 Lafayette Avenue
William Osburn, 110 Temple Avenue

POLICE REPORT: President Kleinfelter read the December police report. A copy of the report is attached and heretofore made part of the minutes.

Public Comment:

Sue Breneman, 316 Pennsylvania Avenue, stated her opposition to the adjacency clause in the short-term rental ordinance. It can prohibit cottage owners from income for themselves and/or their children.

Philip Lapp, 308 Lafayette Avenue, stating that they plan to make it their permanent home in the future. In the interim, they wish to rent the cottage but are prohibited to the adjacency to another rental property. Mr. Lapp urged the Council to remove the adjacency clause from the ordinance.

William Osburn, 110 Temple Avenue, thanked the Borough for placing “no hunting” signs on the Chautauqua land south of the Borough. Mr. Osburn requested that the Borough make a formal request to the PA State Game Commission for safety zone signage in this area.

Eugene Breneman, 316 Pennsylvania Avenue, inquired as to whether or not the Borough would be providing special parking permits for contractors. (No special parking permits will be issued by the Borough.)

Agenda:

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

Minutes, Financial Report and Invoices List:

Lois Herr made a motion to accept the December meeting minutes as amended. Robert Eynon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Lois Herr made a motion to accept the financial report and invoice listing as presented. Allan Feldman

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seconded the motion. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority
PSAB

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Request for Special Award Nominations

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR: No Report

MOUNT GRETNA FIRE COMPANY:

Mayor Shay read the December Fire Company Report. A copy of the report was emailed to Council members prior to the meeting. A copy is attached and heretofore made part of the minutes.

SOLICITOR: No Report

ROADS AND STREETS:

Mr. Care gave the following report.

Stormwater Project: Stormwater piping and curbing project between Route #117 and Lehigh Avenue on Pennsylvania Avenue is scheduled to begin this week, weather permitting. The project will include the removal of existing sandstone swale and the installation of new inlet on Pennsylvania Avenue at the existing location. Approximately 100 feet of 12" ADS (plastic) pipe will be installed to connect existing steel pipe. Pennsylvania Avenue will be re-curbed with sandstone in this area on the north side where necessary. Sandstone which will be removed from the swale will be repurposed for this curbing.

Leaf Collector Repairs: Minor issues with the impeller on the leaf machine were repaired at a cost of \$349.70. The machine was purchased in 1997 and is still in good condition. The Borough received a grant of \$40,000.00 for the purchase of the machine at that time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

203 Brown Avenue: Mr. Care will again contact the owners of 203 Brown Avenue concerning construction materials on the street.

4 Muhlenberg Avenue: Mr. Care will speak with the new inspector from ABI to see if the property maintenance violations have been inspected.

VARIANCE REQUESTS: NONE

LIAISONS:

Pennsylvania Chautauqua: Allan Feldman reported that the Chautauqua board committees have been actively working on their respective issues. Rules & Regs, Art Show Monies question concerning transfer to Unallocated Funds. They are also working on finding the best placement for the wooden statues. They have decided against the park area due the cost involved and the potential damage to tree roots. Mr. Feldman stated that the Chautauqua financial state is good.

The Foundation's Soldiers Field project progress was mentioned. It is hoped that at the very least some

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additional parking will be available for use this summer.

Mount Gretna Authority: Mr. Care provided the following information:

Campmeeting Tank Replacement Project: The Authority is supplying water to the Campmeeting during their water storage tank installation project. The project appears to be on schedule. Mr. Care reported assisting the Campmeeting on locating two water main breaks on Batdorf Avenue which were not related to the project.

The Authority has submitted a grant application for the upgrading the sludge dewatering process.

OLD BUSINESSES

Rental Licenses: John Neely, ABI Inspector's resignation was mentioned. Lengthy discussion followed concerning short-term rental licenses that are "waiting" due to missing items and/or information on the property. Mr. Feldman stated that the Chautauqua board is working on regulations which would limit the number of short-term rental properties permitted within the Chautauqua. The discussion led into the adjacency stipulations in the Borough's ordinance.

Solicitor Kilgore recommended that a Borough workshop be scheduled in order for Council members to discuss this issue at length. Solicitor Kilgore will check his schedule so that a workshop meeting date will be decided upon.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Mount Gretna Authority Member: Lois Herr made a motion to appoint Karl Kerchner, who's term ended on December 31, 2022, to another term on the Authority board. Robert Eynon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Appointment of TCC Representative: Lois Herr stated that Joshua Haines is willing to service as the Borough representative and made the motion to appoint him. Robert Eynon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Mihael Bell made a motion, seconded by Allan Feldman to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

7:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. Bell
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Borough Council