

Mount Gretna Borough

Minutes

May 8, 2023

William Kleinfelter, President, called the meeting of the Mount Gretna Borough Council to order at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held in the Hall of Philosophy.

Council Members and Staff present:

William Kleinfelter, President

Michael Bell

Allan Feldman

Joseph Shay, Mayor (left meeting prior to complete to attend another meeting)

William Care, Public Works Director/Code Enforcement Officer

Linda Bell, Secretary/Treasurer

Robert Eynon

Keith Kilgore, Solicitor

Council Members Absent: Lois Herr, Vice-President

Also, Present:

Julia Bucher, 415 Yale Avenue

William Osburn, 110 Temple Avenue

POLICE REPORT: Officer Finicle, Cornwall Borough Police Department, read the April police report. A copy of the report is attached and heretofore made part of the minutes.

Officer Finicle remained in attendance for the entire meeting.

Public Comment: None

Agenda:

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

Minutes, Financial Report and Invoices List:

Robert Eynon made a motion to accept the April meeting minutes with minor correction. Allan Feldman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Allan Feldman made a motion to accept the financial report and invoice listing as presented. Michael Bell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority

“Got the Nerve” Triathlon

Meeting minutes available on website - www.goglra.org

Requesting approve for event

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR: No Report

MOUNT GRETNA FIRE COMPANY:

Mayor Shay read the April 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

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ROADS AND STREETS:

Mr. Care gave the following report.

Leaf and Brush Collection: Leaf collection will be completed tomorrow. Second brush collection is scheduled for the week of June 5th.

Large Item Collection: Is scheduled to begin on June 12th.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Property Maintenance Inspections:

A property maintenance inspection was done last year. Another inspection should be requested. Solicitor Kilgore stated that if no action is taken a citation can be issued.

The construction/building materials located on the street in front of 203 Brown Avenue have been moved onto the owner's property.

Council members stated that the condition of the property located at 217 Harvard Avenue is in violation of the property maintenance code.

VARIANCE REQUESTS: NONE

LIAISONS:

Pennsylvania Chautauqua: Allan Feldman stated that the PA Chautauqua board has completed updating Rules and Regulations and has shared the proposed updates with Borough Council members. Several information sessions will be held for Chautauqua stockholders. These items will be on the agenda for the Chautauqua's Stockholder meeting in July.

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

Water:

Relocation of utilities: All existing water and sewer mains and laterals for the Princeton Avenue/Chautauqua Drive project have been located. 200 feet was found to have extensive amounts of rock and will require excavation by the Authority staff. The project will start in September.

Lead and Copper Rule Revision: Mr. Care attended a training class with DEP on April 11th. Instructions were given on how to identify lead water service lines.

Mount Gretna Campmeeting Water Project: Mr. Care reported that he was given a completion date for the Campmeeting's water project. The engineers felt that the project will be finished on May 25th. Mr. Care stated that it is possible they can make this completion date. If not, the water use penalty will go into effect the end of May.

Sewer:

Equipment Demonstration: The demonstration of equipment for the dewatering of sludge has been completed. The engineer will evaluate and submit a report the Authority board.

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OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Got the Nerve Triathlon: Utopian Events intends to put on the premier triathlon event in Central Pennsylvania on May 20th. The 2023 event will benefit the IM Able Foundation. As in the past, the event is held in South Londonderry Township, Timber Road. The group requests approval to operate the event, crossing a small portion of the Borough. Allan Feldman made a motion seconded by Robert Eynon to grant approval. All were in favor.

Short Term Rental License Applications:

Joel Velez, 402 Lancaster Avenue

Jay Kopp, Penn Realty, 7 Muhlenberg Avenue

Sharon Teaman, 210 Pennsylvania Avenue

Allan Feldman made a motion to approve the Short-Term Rental license applications as listed. The motion was seconded by Robert Eynon. All were in favor.

Executive Session: An executive session was called at 6:31 PM and concluded at 6:45 PM.

Motion: Michael Bell made a motion to approve the authorization to have 4 Muhlenberg Avenue and 217 Harvard Avenue inspected under property maintenance. The motion was seconded by Allan Feldman. All were in favor.

Motion: A motion was made by Allan Feldman, seconded by Michael Bell to have Solicitor Kilgore prepare a letter to George McKinney concerning no parking of a recreational vehicle on his property. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:49 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. Bell
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Borough Council