

Mount Gretna Borough

Minutes

June 12, 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	Lois Herr, Vice-President
Michael Bell	Robert Eynon
Allan Feldman	Keith Kilgore, Solicitor
William Care, Public Works Director/Code Enforcement Officer	
Linda Bell, Secretary/Treasurer	

**Council Members Absent:** Joseph Shay, Mayor – Fire Company Training

**Also, Present:**

Julia Bucher, 415 Yale Avenue  
William Osburn, 110 Temple Avenue

**POLICE REPORT:** Officer Finicle, Cornwall Borough Police Department, read the May 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:** Julie Bucher stated that she learned at a recent Chautauqua board meeting that the Pennsylvania Chautauqua may charge stockholders fees if approved.

**Agenda:**

Lois Herr made a motion to accept the agenda as printed. Robert Eynon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Minutes, Financial Report and Invoices List:**

Lois Herr made a motion to accept the May meeting minutes with minor correction. Robert Eynon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority

Meeting minutes available on website - [www.goglra.org](http://www.goglra.org)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MAYOR:** No Report

**MOUNT GRETNA FIRE COMPANY:**

President Kleinfelter read the May 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:** Solicitor Kilgore reported that a letter of response was sent to the resident with a question concerning parking an RV on his property. No response was received as of date.

Mount Gretna Borough

Minutes

June 12, 2023

A letter was sent to StarrWar LLC concerning potential renovations to 102 Muhlenberg Avenue.

**ROADS AND STREETS:**

Mr. Care gave the following report.

**Large Item Collection:** Mr. Care stated that the Borough's waste hauler permit requires renewing prior to hauling large item collections to the land fill. The oversight has been addressed.

**Water Leak:** The staff discovered a water leak at the Sewerage Treatment facility and is working on located the exact spot and making repairs.

**Equipment Purchase:** The new Ford F-350 truck has been delivered. The Borough existing snowplow and salt spreader will be adapted for use on the new truck.

The cost of the new truck has been paid; 20% by the State Fund and 80% by the Equipment Fund.

The dealer's trade-in allowance on the old truck was less than what the truck could be sold for privately. Mr. Care requested permission to proceed with selling the old F-350. Lois Herr made a motion to allow for this sell. Robert Eynon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** No Report

**VARIANCE REQUESTS:** NONE

**LIAISONS:**

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

**Water:** Due to the lack of rain a "Water Conservation Notice" was sent to all Borough residents. There have been numerous violations in the Borough which had to be addressed.

The Mount Gretna Campmeeting, the Mount Gretna Heights and Timber Service have also sent the same notice to their residents. (a copy of this notice is attached and heretofore made part of the minutes).

**Mount Gretna Campmeeting Water Project:** Mr. Care reported that he the sub-contractor for the painting of the interior of the water storage tank has not shown up. The Campmeeting will continue to purchase water from the Mount Gretna Authority until their new tank goes on line. Mr. Care spoke with a Department of Environment Protection representative who has assured him that DEP will "fast track" the tank testing once it is completed.

**Sewer:**

**Equipment Demonstration:** The demonstration of the sludge drying press went very well. The engineer is preparing a report on whether or not the process/equipment is cost effective.

**Water System Tour:** Mr. Care will be giving a tour of the water system on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> as a summer program event

**Pennsylvania Chautauqua:** Allan Feldman stated that the PA Chautauqua board has completed updating Rules

Mount Gretna Borough

Minutes

June 12, 2023

and is holding informational meeting for Chautauqua stockholders. These items will be on the agenda for the Chautauqua's Stockholder meeting in July.

Stockholders will be asked to vote on moving the area know as Albright Avenue from "Clean & Green" status to Lebanon Valley Conservancy.

**OLD BUSINEES**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Short-Term Rental License:** An application for a short-term rental license was received today for 417 Yale Avenue from the new owner. Only the applications was received; none of the additional documents have been supplied.

**Executive Session:** An executive session was called at 6:49 PM and concluded at 6:53 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Per motion made by Michael Bell and seconded by Robert Eynon the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:54 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. Bell  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Mount Gretna Borough Council