

Mount Gretna Borough

Minutes

July 10, 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 Mount Gretna Fire Hall.

**Council Members and Staff present:**

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

**Council Members Absent:**

Allan Feldman

**Also, Present:**

Julia Bucher, 415 Yale Avenue  
William Osburn, 110 Temple Avenue  
Deborah Simpson, 108 Lebanon Avenue

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

**Public Comment:**

Julie Bucher questioned the hours that the public restrooms are unlocked and open. She stated that friends visiting were unable to find an available restroom.

Deborah Simpson informed the Council that she is running a “write-in” campaign for election to Borough Council this year.

**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 June meeting minutes with minor correction. Michael Bell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Robert Eynon 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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MAYOR:** No Report

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**MOUNT GRETNA FIRE COMPANY:**

Mayor Shay read the June 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 he received a letter from George McKinney thanking him for the response concerning parking an RV on his property.

**Resolution #07-10-2023:** Lois Herr made a motion to adopt Resolution 07-10-2023 approving the erection of banner across route #117 for the Mount Gretna Art Show. Robert Eynon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**ROADS AND STREETS:**

Mr. Care gave the following report.

**Equipment Purchase:** The new Ford F-350 truck is awaiting to be outfitted for equipment i.e., leaf collector, et.

**Lebanon Avenue:** Lois Herr inquired whether or not Lebanon Avenue would be scheduled for repaving in the near future. It is only on the list for pothole repairs at this time.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

**4 Muhlenberg Avenue:** The property owner, Kelly Wilson, visited the Borough office and said that she is in the process of cleaning up her property. Since she is unable to clean the roof, Mr. Care has hired a contractor to do this. Kelly Wilson agreed and will reimburse the Borough for the expense incurred.

Solicitor Kilgore recommended a signed confirmation letter.

**102 Muhlenberg Avenue:** Mr. Care reported have a conversation with the contractor working at 102 Muhlenberg Avenue. The contractor stated that the owner of the property, StarrWar Properties LLC, plans to remodel the kitchen and paint the exterior only. Upon motion by Robert Eynon and second by Lois Herr, an inspection of the interior an inspection of the interior of this property.

**122 Columbia Avenue:** Per consensus of Borough Council, an ABI inspector should be employed to verify whether or not 122 Columbia is being operated as a short-term rental.

**VARIANCE REQUESTS:** NONE

**LIAISONS:**

Mr. Care provided the following information:

**Water Conservation:** Mr. Care express concern that residents continue to conserve water. Despite the rain we had in the past few weeks, we remain in a deficit.

**Mount Gretna Campmeeting Water Project:** The Mount Gretna Campmeeting' s new water tank is currently being painted. The project is schedule to be complete and on line by mid-July.

**Pennsylvania Chautauqua:** Mr. Care provided tours of the Water System on June 14th and the Treatment

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Facility on June 28th as summer programs events. Attendees stated that they enjoyed the tours and found them to be very informative.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Short-Term Rental License:**

417 Yale Avenue, Denise Bollard	missing documents and property must be inspected
310 Pennsylvania Avenue, application submitted by Penn Realty for WBS Properties	missing documents and property must be inspected

**ADJOURNMENT**

Per motion made by Michael Bell and seconded by Robert Eynon the meeting was unanimously adjourned at  
7:02 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. Bell  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Mount Gretna Borough Council