

Mount Gretna Borough  
Minutes  
December 11, 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	Robert Eynon
Allan Feldman	Deborah Simpson
Joseph Shay, Mayor	Keith Kilgore, Solicitor
William Care, Public Works Director/Code Enforcement Officer	
Linda Bell, Secretary/Treasurer	

**Council Members Absent:**

Michael Bell

**Also, Present:**

Officer Erik Itzen, for police report only  
Regina Koontz, 216 Lancaster Avenue  
Julie Bucher, 415 Yale Avenue  
William Osburn, 110 Temple Avenue

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

**Public Comment:** NONE

**Agenda:**

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

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

Minutes: Allan Feldman made a motion to accept the November meeting minutes as presented. Deborah Simpson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Financial Report and Invoice List: Deborah Simpson made a motion, seconded by Allan Feldman, to accept the financial Report and invoice listing as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority	Meeting minutes available on website - <a href="http://www.gogira.org">www.gogira.org</a>
General Code	Code Book Updates
Marcus Leppard, PA Dept. of Transportation	Liquid Fuels Grant

**Liquid Fuels Allocation:** Robert Eynon made a motion to approve the grant allocation in the amount of \$831.67. The motion was seconded by Allan Feldman. All were in favor.

**2024 Meeting Dates and Locations:** Allan Felman, seconded by Deborah Simpson, made a motion to approve the 2024 dates and location for the Mount Gretna Borough Council meetings. All were in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MAYOR:** No Report

**MOUNT GRETTA FIRE COMPANY:** The November Fire Company report was read by Mayor Shay. A copy was emailed to Council members prior to the meeting and is attached and heretofore made part of the minutes.

**SOLICITOR:** Solicitor Kilgore stated that a draft of Ordinance #232 will be forwarded to Council members for their review prior to the January meeting.

**ROADS AND STREETS:** Mr. Care gave the following report:

Leaf and Brush Collection: Leaf collection is complete for this fall.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

102 Muhlenberg Avenue: Mr. Care has had a conversation with the ABI inspector concerning the property located at 102 Muhlenberg Avenue. The owner was informed that a building permit is required.

Allan Feldman expressed continued concern for the items stored on the street in front of 203 Brown Avenue. Mr. Care will visit the property with an officer to address the situation.

**VARIANCE REQUESTS:** NONE

**LIAISONS:**

Pennsylvania Chautauqua: Allan Feldman stated that the PA Chautauqua will meeting on Wednesday evening. The proposed 2024 budget includes no increase in Chautauqua maintenance fees (remains at \$890.00/EDU). The Chautauqua board continues to move forward with the dead tree removal. It is a major expense. The board also discussing/working on a proposed conservancy plan for the area south of the Borough adjacent to the Pennsylvania Games Lands.

**Mount Gretna Authority:**

GIS Mapping: Mr. Care reported that mapping of the Authority's water and sewer lines has been finalized with the help of PA Rural Water. The maps are invaluable to the Authority.

Water Main Replacement: Mr. Care reported that testing and flushing of the new 6-inch main has not yet been completed.

Lead Rule: A "no lead" report documenting that no lead water lines are located within the Borough will be sent to homeowners in the near future.

**OLD BUSINEES**

**2024 Budget:** Allan Feldman made a motion to adopt the proposed 2024 Borough budget which reflects no increase in real estate taxes. The tax rate remains 2.2352 mils/EDU. Deborah Simpson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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Ordinance #231: Robert Eynon made a motion, seconded by Allan Feldman, to adopt ordinance #231 reflecting the mileage rate for 2024 as 2.235. All were in favor.

Resolution 12-11-2023: Robert Eynon made a motion to accept Resolution 12-11-1-2023 continuing the earned income tax and real estate transfer tax for 2024 at 1%. Allan Feldman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Resolution 12-11-2023 (A): Deborah Simpson made a motion, seconded by Allan Feldman, accept Resolution 12-11-203 (A) appointing the certified public accounting firm of Stanilla, Siegel and Maser. All were in favor.

Resolution 12-11-2023 (B): Allan Feldman made a motion, seconded by Robert Eynon, to accept Resolution 12-11-2023 (B) designating the use of liquid fuels funds for maintenance and repair of existing roads, etc. etc. All were in favor.

**Short-Term Rental Licenses:** Robert Eynon made a motion to approve two 2024 short term rental licenses, one for 8 Muhlenberg and one for 418 Yale Avenue. Deborah Simpson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

This makes a total of 10 approved short-term rental licenses for the year 2024.

**NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

**ADJOURNMENT**

Per motion made by Allan Feldman and seconded by Robert Eynon the meeting was unanimously adjourned at  
6:44 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. Bell  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Mount Gretna Borough Council