

Mount Gretna Borough
Minutes
April 8, 2024

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	Michael Bell
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: NONE

Also, Present:

Chief Brett Hopkins, for police report only
Julie Bucher, 415 Yale Avenue
MaryEllen Kiehne, 104 Chicago Avenue
Thomas Cook & Marilyn Mamone, 401 Lancaster Avenue

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing for Ordinance #232 amending the codified ordinance of Mount Gretna Borough chapter 80, opened at 6:07 PM. No comment from public. Hearing closed at 6:09PM.

Public Comment:

Dog Waste: Mary Ellen Kiehne suggested that dog waste containers be placed through-out the community. Waste containers are available in public park areas.

Agenda:

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

Minutes, Financial Report, and Invoices List:

Minutes of March 11th meeting: Robert Eynon made a motion to accept the March 11, 2024 meeting minutes. Michael Bell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Minutes of the March 22nd Special Meeting: Michael Bell made a motion to accept the March 22, 2024 meeting minutes. Deborah Simpson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Financial Report and Invoice List: Michael Bell 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 - www.goglra.org

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR: No Report

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MOUNT GRETNA FIRE COMPANY: Mayor Shay read the Mount Gretna Fire Company report. A copy of the report is attached and heretofore made part of the minutes.

SOLICITOR:

Ordinance # 232: Allan Feldman made a motion to adopt ordinance #232 . Robert Eynon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Short-Term Rental Licenses:

Solicitor Kilgore stated that he will review the short-term rental ordinance to consider a change from required three-day rental to no more than 2 rentals per week.

Borough Real Estate Tax Collection: Solicitor Kilgore is reviewing the proposed agreement between Mount Gretna Borough and Lebanon County Treasurer. The agreement is for Lebanon County Treasurer to collect Borough real estate taxes starting in the year 2025. (Note: Council approved this action at the March meeting).

Squatters: In response to concerns stated at the March meeting, Solicitor Kilgore contacted the Cornwall Borough police department. If any property is suspected of being occupied by squatters, it should be report to the police department who will then investigate and react to the situation.

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

Snow Removal: No report; no snow.

Street Paving: Meeting with Martin Paving is scheduled for tomorrow, April 9th.

Speed Bump: Chief Hopkins will be contacted concerning speed control signs.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Trash Collection: Trash hauler neglected to collect trash/recyclables on Harvard and Lafayette Avenues between Princeton and Carnegie Avenues. The TNT Sanitation office was contacted concerning the issue. The truck driver reported that due to cars parked on Harvard Avenue it was impossible for the trash truck to travel down the street.

102 Chicago Avenue: Mr. Care reported on a sight inspection and construct at 102 Chicago Avenue. Storm water drainage redirection was discussed.

VARIANCE REQUESTS: NONE

LIAISONS:

Pennsylvania Chautauqua: Allan Feldman report on projects the Chautauqua Board of Managers is currently addressing:

- 1) Long Range Planning and public meeting for stockholders
- 2) Preservation Plans for the Albright Avenue area and plans for public meeting and stockholders meeting.

Lodge Handicap Entrance: Mr. Care reported that he received a quote from Funk and Sons for construction of a handicap entrance to the Lodge. He has met with another contractor to secure a second quote.

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Mount Gretna Authority:

Mr. Care reported on a meeting with representatives from the Department of Environment Protection, the Mount Gretna Authority, Timber Service and the Campmeeting concerning well head protection. They reviewed the recharge area and the aquifers in Mount Gretna and whether they are connected to one another. It appears that they most likely are connected. Concerns were discussed if a well contamination could cross to another system. There was no conclusion or satisfactory answer to this question.

Water Project: Due to the heavy rainfall water service connections to the new main on Princeton Avenue, Chautauqua Drive and Carnegie Avenue may need to be delayed until Fall.

OLD BUSINEES

Short-Term Rental Licenses: Robert Eynon made a motion to approve the short-term rental application for 122 Columbia Avenue. Allan Feldman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Robert Eynon noted that this approval brings the total number of short-rental licenses to sixteen.

Robert Eynon stated that the meeting held with representatives from Associated Building Inspections went well and communications have improved.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Per motion made by Michael Bell, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:54PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. Bell
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Borough Council