

Mount Gretna Borough
Minutes
June 10, 2024

William Kleinfelter, President, called the meeting of the Mount Gretna Borough Council to order at 6:01 PM. The meeting was held in the Hall of Philosophy.

William Kleinfelter, President introduced Besty Goepfert as new Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

William Kleinfelter, President stated July meeting will be held at the Fire House due to a conflict at HOP.

Council Members and Staff present:

William Kleinfelter, President	Michael Bell
Robert Eynon	Allan Feldman
Deborah Simpson	Keith Kilgore, Solicitor
Linda Bell, Secretary/Treasurer	Joseph Shay, Mayor
Betsy Goepfert, Secretary/Treasurer	

Council Members Absent: William Care, Public Works Director/Code Enforcement Officer (first meeting he has ever missed)

Also, Present:

Officer Conklin, for police report only
Julia Bucher, 415 Yale Avenue
William Osburn, 110 Temple Avenue
Marilyn Mamone & Thomas Cook, 401 Lancaster Avenue
Adam Lipsett, Lebanon Avenue

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

Public Comment:

Julia Bucher stated February through April Borough Council meeting minutes not on website. Linda Bell to forward to Deborah Simpson and she will post on website.

William Osburn stated Chautauqua is cutting trees.

Adam Lipsett requested that a year-round dog waste receptacle be placed in the Borough. William Kleinfelter stated this would not be done. Robert Eynon asked Adam for clarification as to whether this was with regard to dog waste being placed in resident's trashcans. Adam stated he had no knowledge of that.

Agenda:

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

Minutes, Financial Report, and Invoices List:

Meeting Minutes: Michael Bell made a motion to accept the May meeting minutes, seconded by Robert Eynon. All were in favor.

Financial Report and Invoice List: Deborah Simpson made a motion, seconded by Robert Eynon, 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

MOUNT GRETNA FIRE COMPANY: The Gretna Fire Company report was distributed to Council members prior to the meeting. A copy of the report is attached and heretofore made part of the minutes.

SOLICITOR:

Borough Real Estate Tax Collection: Solicitor Kilgore stated that effective January 1, 2025 Lebanon County Treasurer's office will take over the collection of Borough Real Estate Taxes. Michael Bell made a motion to approve Resolution 06-10-2024 (Collection Agreement with Lebanon County). Allan Feldman seconded the motion. Taxes will be on the same invoice as the County taxes.

ROADS AND STREETS: NONE

CODE ENFORCEMENT: NONE

VARIANCE REQUESTS: NONE

LIAISONS:

Pennsylvania Chautauqua: Allan Feldman requested that Borough Board Members attend Chautauqua Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 12th @ HOP, 7pm to show support. Meeting is with regards to BOM postponement of Survey on Hill. William Kleinfelter stated that Borough should not get involved with Chautauqua Special Meeting.

Mount Gretna Authority: NONE

OLD BUSINESSES

Short-Term Rental Licenses: Robert Eynon made a motion to approve the short-term rental application for 5 Muhlenberg Avenue which is managed by Awakened Properties LLC. William Kleinfelter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Robert Eynon noted that this approval brings the total number of short-rental licenses to eighteen (the Borough's limit on the number of licenses). Someone asked if all current short-term rentals for 2024 will be automatically renewed in 2025. Robert Eynon stated no. Rental Owners will need to complete an application, pay the fee and have an inspection done.

One additional application for 2024 had been submitted. Robert Eynon stated he will draft letter to advise them that there are no more short-term rental openings for 2024 and forward it to Linda Bell for distribution.

Robert Eynon stated he will draft a reminder notice to all short-term rental owners for the upcoming year. This will be sent out by the Borough Secretary in September.

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NEW BUSINESS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Per motion made by Michael Bell, seconded by Deborah Simpson, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Goepfert
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Borough Council