

Mount Gretna Borough
Minutes
August 12, 2024

William Kleinfelter, President, called the meeting of the Mount Gretna Borough Council to order at 6:04 PM. The meeting was held in the Hall of Philosophy.

Council Members and Staff present:

William Kleinfelter, President	Michael Bell
Robert Eynon	Allan Feldman
Deborah Simpson	Keith Kilgore, Solicitor
Joseph Shay, Mayor	William B. Care, Director of Public Works
Betsy Goepfert, Secretary/Treasurer	

Council Members Absent: none

Also, Present:

Officer Itzen, for police report only
Julia Bucher, 415 Yale Avenue
William Osburn, 110 Temple Avenue
Nancy Bowman, 112 Lebanon Avenue
Sue & Gene Brenneman, 316 Pennsylvania Avenue

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Itzen, Cornwall Borough Police Department, read the July police report. A copy of the report is attached and heretofore made part of the minutes.

Public Comment:

Nancy Bowman asked about speed bumps or speed check on Lebanon Avenue. Per the Board, the Borough needs to determine if a study needs or can be done. William Care stated that we have asked Cornwall Police Department to do a speed study on Lancaster. We are currently waiting our turn. It was asked if we could find out where we are in line, and if Lebanon Avenue could be added to our initial request. It was asked if we can lower the speed limit on Lebanon, and Solicitor Kilgore responded no, that 25 mph is the lowest. Sue Brenneman asked if we can use the same speed signs on Lebanon Avenue that we have on Route 117.

William Osburn asked about the treating of Ash trees. William Care stated that the Chautauqua has been doing this for a long time.

Agenda:

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

Minutes, Financial Report, and Invoices List:

Meeting Minutes: Deborah Simpson made a motion to accept the June meeting minutes, seconded by Allan Feldman. All were in favor.

Financial Report and Invoice List: Allan Feldman questioned the statement on the agenda regarding review of financials. William Kleinfelter stated that some transactions had been applied to the incorrect accounts, so they were moved. Robert Eynon stated that looks like we are on track overall for the year. Robert Eynon made a motion, seconded by Allan Feldman, to accept the financial Report and invoice listing as presented. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority July 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:

None

ROADS AND STREETS:

William Care reported on Streetlight – FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Company (FEPA) notice. This would require a change of streetlights fixtures from high pressure sensitive to LED. Currently majority of streetlights are owned by the Borough and are unmetered. Robert Eynon asked if there are choices if we are required to migrate away from high pressure bulbs. William Care stated that we cannot use a MetEd pole with our own fixture. We would have to create our own poles, pull wires, and run conduit. William Kleinfelter suggested that we run a cost study as to how much it would cost per pole (a comparison between the Borough and a contractor to do the work). Then we could look at the budget with the Chautauqua and the Borough. Allan suggested that we should start putting money aside for potential streetlight change over. Sue Brenneman asked if we are required to have street lights. Deborah Simpson stated she was willing to volunteer to look at the number of streetlights that MetEd supplies versus the number that Borough and Chautauqua own.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

204 Brown Avenue:

- The car has an inspection sticker; however, it has no headlights or front end. Cornwall Police Department is working with the State Police to determine how the car passed inspection.
- William Care reported that according to ABI, there was nothing on-site that they could determine was a hazard, and that we are still waiting on the written report from ABI.

VARIANCE REQUESTS:

None

LIAISONS:

Pennsylvania Chautauqua:

Allan Feldman stated that after the Chautauqua meeting, he did not know if there would be a new liaison.

Mount Gretna Authority:

William Care stated that he is in an ongoing discussion with WILCREMA (Western Lebanon County Regional EMA) concerning a drought plan.

OLD BUSINEES

None

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NEW BUSINESS

Tipping Fee & Certificate of eligibility (Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority): Solicitor Kilgore to review.

ADJOURNMENT

Per motion made by Deborah Simpson, seconded by Allan Feldman, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:44pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Goepfert
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Borough Council