

Mount Gretna Borough
Minutes
September 9, 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	Allan Feldman
Robert Eynon	Keith Kilgore, Solicitor
Deborah Simpson	William B. Care, Director of Public Works
Michael Bell	Betsy Goepfert, Secretary/Treasurer

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Shay, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT:

Officer Conklin, for police report only
William Osburn, 110 Temple Avenue
Tom Cook & Marilyn Mamone, 401 Lancaster Avenue

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

William Kleinfelter opened the meeting up with some comments:

- Everyone needs to be courteous when reports and presentations are being given.
- Anyone giving a report or presentation must be allowed to complete it before any questions are asked or comments made.
- When the report or presentation is completed, William Kleinfelter will open it up to the Council for questions or comments.

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Conklin, Cornwall Borough Police Department, read the August police report. National night out to be held on 10/1/2024 from 5-7pm. A copy of the report is attached and heretofore made part of the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Deborah Simpson asked Officer Conklin if he knew when we were expected to receive a speed trailer to be placed on Lancaster and Lebanon Avenues. Office Conklin did not know. He stated that speed trailers do not record data and would need an officer to monitor it. Allan Feldman asked if they slow people down. Office Conklin stated they are a friendly reminder that can help to slow down traffic. William Care asked is we should relocate the signs we have on Route 117 temporarily to Lebanon and Lancaster Avenues and look into getting software to record speeds. William Osburn asked how much it would cost to retrofit them. William Care suggested putting "SLOW" signs in the middle of Lebanon and Lancaster Avenues to help with traffic calming.

William Osburn spoke about streetlights and the ability for them to be set to direct light. William Care talked about an inventory of all MetEd light fixtures. Deborah Simpson volunteered to work on inventory.

AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

Michael Bell made a motion to accept the August meeting minutes, seconded by Allan Feldman. All were in favor.

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FINANCIAL REPORT AND INVOICES LIST:

Robert Eynon made a motion, seconded by Deborah Simpson, to accept the financial Report and invoice listing as presented. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority September and October Meeting minutes available on website - www.goglra.org

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR:

No Report – Joseph Shay absent

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:

- Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority Tipping Fee – Per Solicitor Kilgore, Mount Gretna Borough is entitled to a rebate of \$132.00. Robert Eynon made a motion to submit paperwork to enroll in the program. Allan Feldman seconded it. All were in favor.
- Snow Plow Agreements – Per Solicitor Kilgore current agreements expire November 1, 2024. Proposal to update all agreements from 3 to 5 years, with a beginning rate of \$100.00 per hour; COLA not to exceed 5%. Deborah Simpson made a motion to update the agreements and Michael Bell seconded it. All were in favor.

ROADS AND STREETS:

- New Recycling Containers – William Care reported that we received 225 new recycling containers at no charge from Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority. They will be distributed to all residents. Email to be sent to all residents to notify.
- South Annville Township – sent in a request to the Borough for the Borough to collect their leaves. William Care stated he doesn't think we can handle it. The council agreed that the Borough does not have time to do it.
- Stevens Avenue Paving Project – William Care stated that there is money specifically designated for this project.
- Streetlights – Deborah Simpson will work with William Care on inventory of all lights. She will put together on one list/map all MetEd owned lights. Allan asked if we could start saving money toward future plans of replacement or repair. Can we apply for extra money from the county toward streetlights. It was decided that a call should be put into Jamie Wogamouth, County Commissioner.
- Water Main Installation - Starting in October to complete Lafayette Avenue, then all will be completed.
- Service Lines on Princetown Avenue and Chautauqua Drive connections to be completed by November.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

None

VARIANCE REQUESTS:

None

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LIAISONS:

Pennsylvania Chautauqua:

Allan Feldman stated that at the Chautauqua meeting this month new committee assignments will take place. They are working on a newsletter to the Community to share information.

Mount Gretna Authority:

William Care stated that he is working with engineer and chemical company to get ammonia under control.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Goepfert
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Borough Council