

Mount Gretna Borough
Minutes
November 11, 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 Firehall.

COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Eynon

ALSO PRESENT:

Officer Shane Boerst, for police report only
Katie Knol, reporter with LebTown
William Osburn, 110 Temple Avenue

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Boerst, Cornwall Borough Police Department, read the October police report. A copy of the report is attached and heretofore made part of the minutes. Office Boerst stated that he was privileged to hand out candy in Mount Gretna for Halloween. William Kleinfelter asked Officer Boerst about covered up car on Brown Avenue with an expected fraudulent inspection sticker. Office Boerst stated that until the car is driven, there is nothing that can be done. He did state that the Borough can send a letter to the owner to remove the vehicle per the Borough ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

none

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 October meeting minutes, seconded by Allan Feldman. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND INVOICES LIST:

Deborah Simpson made a motion, seconded by Michael Bell, to accept the financial report and invoice listing as presented. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority November 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

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is attached and heretofore made part of the minutes. Mayor Joseph Shay reviewed the report.

SOLICITOR:

Solicitor Kilgore reviewed Mount Gretna Borough Resolution Number 11-11-2024 (collection cost increase). He asked if there were any questions and there were none. Michael Bell made a motion to approve the resolution. It was seconded by Allan Feldman, and all were in favor.

ROADS AND STREETS:

William Care stated that Stevens Avenue will be paved in the spring instead of the fall. There is also some spot paving on Princeton Avenue and Chautauqua Drive to be done. William Care also stated that the second round of leaf collection started on November 11th.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

William Care stated that the debris at the curb on Harvard Avenue has been cleaned up. A conversation was had regarding a letter to be sent to the resident. William Care to provide information to Solicitor Kilgore for a letter.

VARIANCE REQUESTS:

None

LIAISONS:

Pennsylvania Chautauqua:

Allan Feldman stated that the Chautauqua is on hold for long range planning.

Mount Gretna Authority:

- Water main project: William Care stated that the Princeton Avenue project is complete. All houses have been connected to the new water main. The last section to be worked on will be the Lafayette Avenue.
- DEP Lead Line Survey has been submitted. Letters were sent to residents that need to have the system line inspected. Authority purchased a camera to use at the curb stops to identify material.
- William Care stated that the DEP has issued a drought watch. He stated that there was only 0.20" of rain in October. He also stated that he is working on a drought plan WLCREMA.
- William Care stated that the wells are being measured twice a week, and so far there hasn't been any drop in the levels.

OLD BUSINESS

Short Term Rental License:

Allan Feldman made a motion to approve short term rental licenses for:

- 216 Harvard Avenue
- 312 Lafayette Avenue
- 8 Muhlenberg Avenue
- 118 Princeton Avenue
- 316 Pennsylvania Avenue
- 417 Yale Avenue
- 418 Yale Avenue

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Deborah Simpson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Collector Bond

Allan Feldman made a motion to approve the cancellation of the tax collector bond for 2025 as the county will be taking over the collection of real estate taxes. Deborah Simpson seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Replacement car for Director of Public Works

William Care presented information for vehicle replacement as the existing Borough vehicle frame is rusted and will not pass inspection. He presented 3 quotes:

2021 Ford Escape \$21,995.00 – Hondru Ford

2021 Chevrolet Equinox \$22,000

2021 Jeff Cherokee \$24,995.00

Deborah Simpson made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2021 Ford Escape from Hondru Ford at a price of \$21,995.00. Allan Feldman seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Borough Budget

William Kleinfelter asked that all board members review the preliminary budget and if there are any questions to email them to the office.

Lighting

Allan Feldman asked about new streetlights for the Borough. He asked if a savings account could be started for future projects. He will have a conversation with the Chautauqua Board at their next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Per motion made by Michael Bell, seconded by Allan Feldman, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:43pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Goepfert
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Borough Council