

Mount Gretna Borough
Minutes
October 14, 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 Firehall.

COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

William Kleinfelter, President
Robert Eynon
Allan Feldman
Michael Bell

Keith Kilgore, Solicitor
William B. Care, Director of Public Works
Betsy Goepfert, Secretary/Treasurer

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Shay, Mayor, Deborah Simpson

ALSO PRESENT:

Officer Conklin, for police report only
Katie Knol, reporter with LebTown

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Conklin, Cornwall Borough Police Department, read the September police report. A copy of the report is attached and heretofore made part of the minutes. National night out will not occur until next August. Allan Feldman asked Officer Conklin about the status of a speed table for Lebanon Avenue. Officer Conklin stated he thought that we were no longer requesting the speed table. William Care confirmed that the speed tables on RT117 will be temporarily moved to Lebanon Avenue.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Katie Knol, reporter with LebTown was asked if she will be at future Borough Council Meetings. She replied that hopefully there will be coverage every month going forward.

AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

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

FINANCIAL REPORT AND INVOICES LIST:

Robert Eynon 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 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. William Kleinfelter reviewed the report.

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SOLICITOR:

Solicitor Kilgore stated that South Londonderry Township has ABI review drawings for the bridge support for the Soldier's Field Project. Since ABI also represents the Mount Gretna Borough as a Code Enforcement Officer, Solicitor Kilgore recommended that ABI's conclusions be accepted and no additional review needs to be done. Solicitor Kilgore will draft a letter from the Borough to the PA Chautauqua Foundation. William Care stated that a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2024 at Soldier's Field with Hershey Excavating.

ROADS AND STREETS:

William Care stated that he received a quote of \$9,102.00 from Martin Paving to pave Stevens Avenue. William Kleinfelter asked if it had to go out to bid. Solicitor Kilgore stated because it is under \$10,000 it does not need to go out to bid. William Care asked for permission to proceed. Robert Eynon made a motion to proceed with the paving of Stevens Avenue. The motion was seconded by Allan Feldman and all were in favor. William Care to notify Martin Paving to proceed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

William Care stated that a resident on Harvard Avenue is putting in a curb made out of concrete and bricks on the street. He stated that the resident did not obtain permission and that the curb could be damaged by the snow plow. Allan Feldman asked if the resident can build in the Borough right away. William Care said no and that he asked the resident to stop. Solicitor Kilgore stated that he can put together a letter stating that if the curb is damaged by a snow plow the Borough is not at fault. Allan Feldman asked if a letter is issued, doesn't that assume that the Borough is giving the resident the right to build the curb. Robert Eynon asked if the curb is an improvement to what was there. During the discussion it was revealed that the individual does not own the home. William Care to review what other things have taken place there and then he will approach the home owner.

VARIANCE REQUESTS:

None

LIAISONS:

Pennsylvania Chautauqua:

Allan Feldman stated that at the Chautauqua has created communities and if anyone is interested in participating to contact James Cassel.

Mount Gretna Authority:

- Water main project: William Care stated that the water project on Chautauqua Drive has been completed. Work on Princeton Avenue will start next week with Zimmerman. Once Princeton has been completed, work will move to Harvard Avenue and Vassar Avenue near Pennsylvania Avenue. After that work on Lafayette Alley to Lehigh Avenue will complete the water main replacement that began about 40 years ago.
- DEP Lead Line Survey: Survey is underway and needs to be completed by November 16, 2024
- Treatment Plant: staff is continuing to work on Ammonia levels. There will be upcoming tours of the plant with Campmeeting and the Chautauqua Board.

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OLD BUSINEES

Snow Plow Agreements

William Care stated that all Snow Plow Agreements have been signed and returned.

Short Term Rental License:

Robert Eynon made a motion to approve short term rental licenses for 114 Lancaster Avenue, 428 Pennsylvania Avenue, and 1 Muhlenberg Avenue. Allan Feldman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

AED in Borough

William Care stated that the AED in the VOC is on it's third battery, and the AED in the Playhouse should be moved to the Post Office for the winter. There was a discussion about continuing to replace batteries or replace/upgrade the current units. William Kleinfelter asked what the cost is to replace. William Care will obtain pricing. William Care also proposed AED training for the staff (6) at an estimated cost of \$45.00 per person. Robert Eynon made a motion to approve the training. Allan Feldman seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Leaf & Brush Collection

William Care stated that the Leaf and Brush Schedule for Fall 2024 was sent out to all residents. Leaves will be picked up the weeks of October 28, 2024 and November 12, 2024. Brush pickup will be the weeks of November 25, 2024 and December 30, 2024.

Replacement car for Director of Public Works

William Care stated that the Borough Vehicle (Ford Escape) will not pass inspection which expires November 30, 2024 due to rust. He will get quotes for a replacement vehicle and present at the November meeting.

Brough Budget

William care stated that he will be meeting with William Kleinfelter and Betsy Goepfert to review and put together a tentative budget for the Borough for 2025. A preliminary budget will be presented at the next meeting.

Lighting

Allan Feldman brought up the topic of lights being mounted on trees not for security purposes but for decorative purposes. He asked if this is appropriate. Robert Eynon stated that this might be a question for the Chautauqua not the Borough.

William Care stated that several lights are out on RT117, but no one has reported them. He will get the pole numbers and report them to MetEd.

ADJOURNMENT

Per motion made by Michael Bell, seconded by Robert Eynon, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:37pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Goepfert
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Borough Council