

Mount Gretna Borough
Minutes
December 9, 2024

William Kleinfelter, President, called the meeting of the Mount Gretna Borough Council to order at 6:02 PM. The meeting was held in the Firehall.

COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Bell

ALSO PRESENT:

Officer Conklin, for police report only
Katie Knol, reporter with LebTown
William Osburn, 110 Temple Avenue
Cheryl Burke, Campmeeting

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Boerst, Cornwall Borough Police Department, read the November police report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

William Osburn wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year.

AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

Robert Eynon made a motion to accept the October meeting minutes, seconded by Allan Feldman. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND INVOICES LIST:

Allan Feldman made a motion, seconded by Robert Eynon, to accept the financial report and invoice listing as presented. All were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority December Meeting minutes available on website - www.goglra.org

Letter was read by William Kleinfelter from Cheryl Burke regarding the closing of Pennsylvania Avenue between Carnegie Avenue and Gettysburg Avenue on May 24, 2025, from 3pm to 5:30pm. Deborah Simpson made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Robert Eynon. All were in favor.

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. Mayor Joseph Shay reviewed the report.

SOLICITOR:

Ordinance 233 (minimum stay for short-term rentals): Solicitor Kilgore reviewed Ordinance 233. A motion was made by Deborah Simpson to approve. Allan Feldman seconded the motion, and all were in favor. An amendment was offered on the wording and approved. Robert Eynon made a motion to approve Ordinance 233 as amended. Deborah Simpson seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

2025 Haulers rebate: Solicitor Kilgore recommended that the Council approve the 2025 Haulers Rebate agreement as written. Allan Feldman made a motion to approve, and Deborah Simpson seconded it. All were in favor.

Ordinance 234 (millage rate): Solicitor Kilgore reviewed Ordinance 234 regarding the Mount Gretna Borough millage rate. Deborah Simpson made a motion to approve, and Allan Feldman seconded it. All were in favor.

Resolution 12-9-2024 (tax percentage): Solicitor Kilgore reviewed resolution 12-9-2024 regarding the Mount Gretna Borough tax rate. Deborah Simpson made a motion to approve, and Robert Eynon seconded it. All were in favor.

Resolution 12-9-2024A (accountant): Solicitor Kilgore reviewed resolution 12-9-2024 regarding the appointment of the Mount Gretna Borough Accountant. Robert Eynon made a motion to approve, and Deborah Simpson seconded it. All were in favor.

Resolution 12-9-2024B (liquid fuels): Solicitor Kilgore reviewed resolution 12-9-2024 regarding liquid fuels. Allan Feldman made a motion to approve, and Deborah Simpson seconded it. All were in favor.

ROADS AND STREETS:

William Care stated that the leaf collection had been completed for the year. The second round of brush collection to occur on December 30, 2024.

William Care stated that the paving of Stevens Avenue will occur in the spring.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

None

VARIANCE REQUESTS:

None

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LIAISONS:

Pennsylvania Chautauqua:

Allan Feldman stated that the budget will be reviewed on Wednesday and the board is in the process of clarifying some things.

Mount Gretna Authority:

- Water main project: William Care stated that in late winter/early spring the final phase of the project should be completed.
- DEP Lead Line Survey was submitted with revisions on December 9, 2024.
- William Care stated that the drought watch is still in effect.

OLD BUSINESSES

Short Term Rental License:

Robert Eynon made a motion to approve short term rental licenses for:
122 Columbia Avenue
5 Muhlenberg Avenue

Allan Feldman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Budget

There was discussion regarding the 2025 Mount Gretna Borough Budget. Robert Eynon made a motion to approve, and Alan Feldman seconded it. All were in favor.

Additional AED for the Borough

There was a discussion about the purchase and location of additional AEDs in the Community. Deborah Simpson made a motion to purchase an automatic AED. Allan Feldman seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

William Care brought up the idea of the Borough staff taking CPR training at a cost of \$45 per person. Robert Eynon made a motion to approve, and Deborah Simpson seconded it. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Per motion made by Allan Feldman, seconded by Deborah Simpson, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:57pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Goepfert
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Borough Council