

Mount Gretna Borough
Minutes
January 14, 2025

William Kleinfelter, President, called the meeting of the Mount Gretna Borough Council to order at 6:01pm. The meeting was held in the Firehall.

COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

William Kleinfelter, President
Deborah Simpson
Joseph Shay, Mayor
Betsy Goepfert, Secretary/Treasurer

Keith Kilgore, Solicitor
Michael Bell
William B. Care, Director of Public Works

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Eynon
Allan Feldman

ALSO PRESENT:

Officer Itzen, for police report only
Katie Knol, reporter with LebTown
Travis Haak, Fire Chief

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Itzen, Cornwall Borough Police Department, read the December police report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

Michael Bell made a motion to accept the December meeting minutes, seconded by Deborah Simpson. 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 December Meeting minutes available on website - www.goglra.org

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR:

No Report

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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. He asked Fire Chief Haak to clarify what a “good intent” call is. Fire Chief Haak will review and report back. Mayor Shay also reminded that the Annual Pasta Dinner at the Fire Hall is Saturday January 18th from 4-7pm.

SOLICITOR:

Nothing to report.

ROADS AND STREETS:

William Care reported that there were snow events in December & January as follows:

December 24, 2024 - salted

January 3, 2025- salted

January 5, 2025 - salted

January 6, 2025 – plowed and salted

January 10, 2025 - salted

January 11, 2025 - salted

Deborah Simpson asked if we were still in a drought, and William Care stated yes. The drought warning is still in effect.

William Care stated that the quote for the paving of Stevens Avenue came back less than the donation made from a resident for the paving. The Borough reached out to the donor, and they advised the Borough to use the balance of the money for other paving projects. William Care stated that he is looking at an area of road from Pinch to Chicago to Stevens Avenue.

William Care stated that there are streetlights out on Route 117. MetEd has been contacted several times via email and phone. In addition, there is a downed wire at the playground that has been down since the Summer. This wire is contacted to the light near the pump station. MetEd sent someone out and they are unwilling to repair it without a design. William Care asked Solicitor Kilgore if we could hold payment for the invoice for the streetlights on Route 117 until the lights are fixed. Solicitor Kilgore said no, the invoice needs to be paid. Solicitor Kilgore suggested contacting Senator Gebhard’s office to ask for assistance.

William Care stated that Borough received the new AED.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

None

VARIANCE REQUESTS:

None

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LIAISONS:

Pennsylvania Chautauqua:

No report as Allan Feldman was absent.

Mount Gretna Authority:

William Care stated that there are currently no issues with the wells, however, they are being monitored on a weekly basis.

OLD BUSINESSES

Short Term Rental License:

Michael Bell made a motion to approve short term rental licenses for:

210 Pennsylvania Avenue
310 Pennsylvania Avenue
402 Lancaster Avenue

Deborah Simpson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session: An executive session was called at 6:20 PM to discuss an illegally parked car in the Borough. The session closed at 6:25PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Per motion made by Michael Bell, seconded by Deborah Simpson, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:31pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Goepfert
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Borough Council