

Mount Gretna Borough
Minutes
August 11, 2025

William Kleinfelter, President, called the meeting of the Mount Gretna Borough Council to order at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Hall of Philosophy.

Mayor Joseph Shay submitted his formal resignation, effective immediately. He stated that it has been a pleasure working with the council for so many years. If he weren't moving out of the Borough, he would not be resigning. William Kleinfelter thanked him for his years of service to the Borough. Joe stated that even though he is moving out of the Borough, he is not leaving the neighborhood.

Michael Bell made a motion to appoint Kerry Royer as interim mayor. Allan Feldman seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Judge Bradford Charles did the swearing in of Kerry Royer as the new mayor of the Mount Gretna Borough. William Kleinfelter congratulated Mayor Royer, and states that she is the first female mayor of the Borough.

Mayor Royer thanked the council and thanked Joseph Shay for being a hero in the community.

COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

none

ALSO PRESENT:

Chief Hopkins, for police report only
Kerry Royer, 315 Muhlenberg Avenue
Friends and Family of Kerry Royer

Katie Knol, reporter with LebTown
Linda Bell, 200 Brown Avenue

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Hopkins, Cornwall Borough Police Department, read the July police report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AGENDA:

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

MINUTES:

Robert Eynon made a motion to accept the July meeting minutes, seconded by Deborah Simpson. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND INVOICES LIST:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

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.

Joseph Shay reviewed the report.

SOLICITOR:

Handicapped Parking Spot on Yale Avenue

Solicitor Kilgore stated that the request for a handicapped parking spot on Yale Avenue, which was previously denied was based on erroneous information he had provided. A spot can be assigned, however the resident needs to be a full-time resident. William Kleinfelter stated that it was denied in April. Michael Bell made a motion to deny a handicapped spot on Yale Avenue. Robert Eynon seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Allan Feldman asked why it should be denied. William Kleinfelter stated that there is already limited parking space available for residents on Yale Avenue. In addition, there is an area located at Yale and State Street that is designated as no parking to allow for the emergency vehicles to get through. Deborah Simpson asked if the resident's status changes, can the request be revisited. Solicitor Kilgore responded, if they become a full-time resident, then yes it can be revisited. Deborah Simpson stated that she received an email from James Cassel regarding the handicapped spot and wanted to know if she should reply. William Kleinfelter stated that he had already replied to him.

ROADS AND STREETS:

William Care stated that preparation for the Art Show is going on, and they are hoping for good weather.

He stated that there have been some stormwater issues due to all the rain that fell in July.

There have been issues with curbing and the spillway that flows from Brown Avenue to Columbia Avenue. He stated that the curbing has been fixed, and the spillway has a temporary fix. William Care stated that it will need more than a temporary fix. He also went on to state that the guys have been doing a great job.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

none

VARIANCE REQUESTS:

none

LIAISONS:

Pennsylvania Chautauqua:

Allan Feldman stated that the next board meeting is two weeks away and he urged residents to attend.

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Mount Gretna Authority:

Water Authority:

William Care stated that there was 14.12" of rain in July.

Sewer Authority:

William Care stated that they should be able to complete the water main project this fall.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

none

ADJOURNMENT

Per motion made by Michael Bell, seconded by Allan Feldman, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Goepfert
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Borough Council