

Mount Gretna Borough  
Minutes  
September 8, 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. He reminded everyone that the October meeting will be held in the Fire Hall.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

none

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Sgt. Conklin, for police report only	Katie Knol, reporter with LebTown
Linda Bell, 200 Brown Avenue	Fire Chief Travis Haak

**POLICE REPORT:**

Sgt. Conklin, Cornwall Borough Police Department, read the August police report. Sgt. Conklin reported that prescription pills can be handed in to the Cornwall Borough Police Department at any time and that the labels do not need to be removed. William Kleinfelter notified Sgt. Conklin that there are still youngsters racing down Pennsylvania Avenue on scooters and bicycles and asked if they could please keep an eye out so that someone does not get injured.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**AGENDA:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Deborah Simpson made a motion to accept the August meeting minutes, seconded by Allan Feldman. All were in favor.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND INVOICE LIST:**

William Kleinfelter reviewed the MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) Worksheet for the pension plan for the Borough for 2026. The obligation was reported as \$29,818.00. Allan Feldman made a motion to accept the financial report, invoice list and the MMO Worksheet as presented. It was seconded by Robert Eynon, and all were in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority Meeting minutes available on website - [www.gogira.org](http://www.gogira.org)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MAYOR:**

Mayor Royer reported regarding the 2025 Art Show. Donations from the Art Show were made to the Mount Gretna Volunteer Fire Company (\$21,457.05) and the Mount Greta Borough (\$23,348.46). She reported that it was a successful show with over 10,000 attendees and two sunny days.

**MOUNT GRETNA FIRE COMPANY:**

The Mount Gretna Fire Company report was reviewed by Chief Travis Haak. Chief Hakk stated it was a busy month. He also made mention that there was a Car Show at Shay's Field on Saturday and Wing Night at the Hideaway that evening.

**SOLICITOR:**

**Handicapped Parking Spot on Yale Avenue**

Solicitor Kilgore stated that he sent a letter to the resident requesting the parking spot. He received an email from them stating that they would provide information regarding becoming a full-time resident but not their financial information. Solicitor Kilgore notified them that just because they provided some information does not mean that a parking spot will be issued. Allan stated that he has been contacted by phone twice by them. He stated that he suggested to them that they attend a meeting and plead their case. Robert Eynon stated his concern that if a spot is assigned that others will request the same. He also asked for clarification that if a spot was designated as handicapped that it would be a public spot and not designated to an individual. Deborah Simpson stated that she would like to do some more research. She questioned whether there are other residents that have the same need. William Care stated that the handicapped spots in front of the Playhouse were established for the patrons. William Kleinfelter asked if there would need to be an ordinance written to designate a handicapped spot. Solicitor Kilgore said yes. William Kleinfleter mentioned that an ordinance costs money. Robert Eynon stated that when he looked at ordinances for other Boroughs, he found that there was a fee for the application, the neighbors were consulted and there was an evaluation done regarding the space available. Deborah Simpson asked if there are certain rules regarding a mandatory number of handicapped parking spots per public street. William Care recommended contacting the State Association of Boroughs. Solicitor Kilgore suggested that this be added to the October agenda and be voted on. He will contact the resident and let them know. Deborah Simpson volunteered to do further research.

**ROADS AND STREETS:**

William Care stated that the roof for the new salt bin is scheduled to be installed this month.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

**Storm Water Drainage**

William Care stated that he has been made aware of a property that is discharging their stormwater onto their neighbor's property, and it is getting into their garage. He said that Ordinance 108-24 prohibits this. He asked if he had the authority to send a letter to the resident. Solicitor Kilgore stated that William Care has the authority to send the letter, but he cannot move the pipe.

**Noise Complaint**

William Care received a complaint about a contractor working after 5pm at a cottage in the Borough. He spoke with the contractor and told them they were in violation of an ordinance that requires contractors work to cease at 5pm. The contractor was cooperative.

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Trash Cans

Allan Feldman asked about trash cans being left out at rental properties. William Care told him this does not fall under Code Enforcement. It falls under Borough's property maintenance codes. William Cre said if there are trash cans left out to contact the office with the addresses.

**VARIANCE REQUESTS:**

none

**LIAISONS:**

Pennsylvania Chautauqua:

Allan Feldman stated that a new slate of officers has been elected. He said they are gathering information through technology, and their mission is to do whatever was listed on the long-range plan.

Mount Gretna Authority:

William Care stated that the final phase of the water main project is scheduled to start on October 1, 2025. Robert Eynon asked about access to the roads. William Care stated that they will be out of commission for approximately two days and that there should be no interruption to service.

**OLD BUSINESS**

none

**NEW BUSINESS**

none

**ADJOURNMENT**

Per motion made by Michael Bell, seconded by Allan Feldman, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Goepfert  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Mount Gretna Borough Council