

Mount Gretna Borough
Minutes
December 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 Mount Gretna Fire Hall.

COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

none

ALSO PRESENT:

Bill Osburn, 110 Temple Avenue	Katie Knol, reporter with LebTown
Linda Bell, 200 Brown Avenue	Mark Malay, 106 Temple Avenue
Lynne Davies, 3 Muhlenberg Avenue	Fire Chief, Travis Haak
Office Dunmoyer, for police report only	

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Dunmoyer, Cornwall Borough Police Department, read the November police report. A copy of the report is attached and heretofore made part of the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

AGENDA:

The agenda was amended to move the Approval of the 2026 Budget to after the Fire Report and before the Solicitor's report. 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 November meeting minutes, seconded by Allan Feldman. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND INVOICE LIST:

Robert Eynon made a motion to accept the financial report and invoice list as presented. It was seconded by Deborah Simpson, and all were in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR:

Mayor Royer congratulated Linda Bell and Mark Malay for winning Borough Council seats.

MOUNT GRETNNA FIRE COMPANY:

Chief Haak stated that they are switching to a new reporting system and it is not up and running yet. He

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reviewed the calls for November.

BOROUGH BUDGET:

William Kleinfelter stated that the budget for approval reflects either a 5% or a 7% increase in real estate taxes needed to balance the budget. He further stated that the last time the Borough increased real estate taxes was in 2016. Robert Eynon stated that there is a very slight difference between the two increases which amounted to about \$14 per household. William Kleinfelter stated that the 7% increase covers the budget. Deborah Simpson made a motion to approve the 2026 budget with the 7% increase in real estate taxes. Michael Bell seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

SOLICITOR:

Ordinance 236 (millage rate): Solicitor Kilgore reviewed Ordinance 236 regarding the Mount Gretna Borough millage rate which reflects an increase to 2.4 mils. Robert Eynon made a motion to approve, and Deborah Simpson seconded it. All were in favor.

Resolution 12-8-2025 (Police Services): Solicitor Kilgore reviewed resolution 12-8-2025 authorizing the Intermunicipal Agreement for police services between Mount Gretna Borough and Cornwall Borough for police services for a 5-year period commencing January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2030. Deborah Simpson made a motion to approve, and Michael Bell seconded it. All were in favor.

Resolution 12-8-2025A (EIT and Real Estate Transfer Tax): Michael Bell made a motion to accept Resolution 12-8-2025A continuing the earned income tax and real estate transfer tax for 2026 at 1%. Robert Eynon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Resolution 12-8-2025B (accountant): Solicitor Kilgore reviewed resolution 12-8-2025B regarding the appointment of Hamilton and Musser as the Mount Gretna Borough Accountant. Allan Feldman made a motion to approve, and Deborah Simpson seconded it. All were in favor.

Resolution 12-8-2025C (liquid fuels): Solicitor Kilgore reviewed resolution 12-8-2025C regarding liquid fuels. Michael Bell made a motion to approve, and Allan Feldman seconded it. All were in favor.

ROADS AND STREETS:

William Care stated that the first snowstorm of the season occurred. He said the office received an inquiry about who is responsible for cleaning a set of steps on Yale Avenue. William Care said that the right of way was granted to the Authority many years back. The Borough will clear the steps only within the easement. He reported that brush collection would be completed this week for the season. If there is any damage from a storm, he requested that residents contact the office so it can be collected.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

none

VARIANCE REQUESTS:

none

LIAISONS:

Pennsylvania Chautauqua:

No report was given.

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William Care stated that there was 1.5" of rain in November. There are no issues with the wells.

OLD BUSINESS

2026 Short-Term Rental Licenses:

Robert Eynon stated that there are 10 short-term licenses ready for approval:

310 Pennsylvania Ave	216 Harvard Ave
206 Lancaster Ave	417 Yale Ave
312 Lafayette Ave	118 Princeton Ave
122 Columbia Ave	5 Muhlenberg Ave
8 Muhlenberg Ave	316 Pennsylvania Ave

Allan Feldman made a motion to approve all 10 short-term rental licenses. Deborah Simpson seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Allan Feldman brought up garbage cans in the Borough being left out after trash day. There was a discussion about expanding the ordinance to include all properties as it currently only addresses short-term rental properties. It was stated that if a resident sees a trash can out to report it to the office. There was also further discussion about a new ordinance to capture a few items such as placement of handicapped spots already in the Borough, garbage cans being left out, and restricting parking on Rt 117. All of the above was tabled until a further discussion could be had.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2026 Meeting Dates:

A reminder was given that the reorganization meeting will take place on January 5th in the Borough Office.

Michael Bell made a motion to approve the 2026 meeting dates as presented. Allan Feldman seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Michael Bell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Before the motion could be seconded, Deborah Simpson presented a special proclamation to William Kleinfelter and Robert Eynon for their dedication and work on Borough Council. Michael Bell's motion was still on the floor to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Allan Feldman, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Goepfert
Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Borough Council