

**MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**February 1, 2010 Minutes**

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on February 1, 2010, at the Mount Joy Borough Office.

President Rebman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, Mayor Ginder gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**Oath of Office to Re-Elected Council Member**

Mayor Ginder administered the Oath of Office to Council member Robert Golicher.

Roll Call - Present were: President Rebman; Councilors Bower, Glessner, Golicher, Hall, Metzler, Murray, and Shaffer. Also present were Interim Borough Manager, Scott Hershey, Chief O'Connell, and Mayor Ginder.

**Report of the Mayor**

A written report was provided.

**Report of the Chief of Police**

Chief O'Connell highlighted the monthly report for December 2009. The report shows there were 22 traffic arrests and 35 criminal arrests for the month. There were 159 calls answered for the month, and a total of 2,235 calls answered for the year. Monies collected by the Police Department for the month of November for tickets, permits, reports, and services totaled \$9,039.59.

Mayor Ginder, and Council members Golicher and Murray all reported that the Citizens Police Academy was a huge success; very well organized, professional, and educational.

**Report of the Emergency Service Providers**

A written report was provided.

**The Report of Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ)**

Main Street manager, Stacy Rutherford reported that Mount Joy is now part of a website that discusses the planning for the train station development and the Downtown Destination Branding Plan. She invited everyone to visit the site at [www.planthekeystone.com](http://www.planthekeystone.com).

Rutherford reported that the Fire and Ice Festival will be held February 25-27, 2010, which will include Fourth Friday. There will be many activities, including an ice carving contest, ice carving demonstrations, and a chili challenge taste off.

Rutherford reported that they are planning a Main Street appreciation reception on March 31, 2010. More details will follow.

Rutherford stated that Main Street Mount Joy is working on a new website. Dave Schell will be helping with that.

Rutherford stated that Main Street Mount Joy now has a new logo. Mayor Ginder asked who decides what the logo looks like. Rutherford said it was part of the community meetings. Ginder asked if it is just for Main Street or if it is also Mount Joy's town logo as well. Rutherford said it is just Main Street Mount Joy's logo.

**Report of Planning and Zoning Director**

A written report was provided.

**Report of the Special Projects Manager**

A written report was provided.

**Report of the Borough Manager**

Hershey reviewed the monthly written report for January 2010.

Hall asked if Council members are going to assist with the interviewing of the new Borough Manager. Rebman said Council will interview the final three candidates.

Hall and Murray voiced concerns with the YMCA, asking why, when we do not have the funds to pay the current issues, we continue to take time on the new YMCA. Hall said that everyday is costing tax dollars and feels we need to get out of it. Hershey stated that the community wanted that land to be kept a green space, used as a community/park area and not developed, and doing such may affect the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Grant. Metzler stated that the amount allotted in the budget for Grandview was sensible practice for the budget. He and Bower both stated that the YMCA is very clear that there is no Borough tax money to be used for any future project. Bower said the YMCA is working on their own finances, and any decisions that are to be made with the property at all would have to be cleared with Council. Murray said he understands the ramifications based on the Grants.

**Public Input Period**

No public input.

**Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

On a **MOTION** by Bower, and a second by Metzler, the minutes from the regular meeting on January 4, 2010, were approved. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**Administration and Finance Committee**

Discussion and action on the vacation and abandonment of Patterson Alley – Ordinance # 01-10.

Murray asked if the petition is the contract where conditions are set to address concerns Council would have. Hershey said yes. Stoner said the petition is approved first before accepting the Ordinance.

On a **MOTION** by Glessner, and a second by Metzler, approval was given to accept the petition to vacate Patterson Alley. Councilor Bower abstained. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Murray stated that he does not agree with the first sentence of #14 in the petition, stating that providing enhanced right-of-way widths to aid traffic would more than offset any inconvenience that the vacation would cause to the general public. He feels this is untrue and should be removed. Stoner agreed that could be eliminated.

Hall stated that public safety discussed the \$2,000. escrow and feels it is not adequate. Stoner said the values were based on the cost occurring and the current value. He said the contingency value is usually 5-10% and they used 20%.

On a **MOTION** by Murray, and a second by Metzler, approval was given to amend the petition by striking the first sentence in #14, plus the word 'addition'. Councilor Bower abstained. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Glessner, and a second by Golicher, approval was given to adopt Ordinance # 01-10, vacating and abandoning a portion of the right-of-way of a public road known as Patterson Alley. Councilors Bower and Hall abstaining. *Motion carries.* Councilors Golicher, Glessner, Murray, Shaffer, and Rebman voting yes. Councilor Metzler voting no.

On a **MOTION** by Glessner, and a second by Shaffer, approval was given to adopt Resolution # 02-10, appointing various individuals to various positions. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Mayor Ginder administered the Oath of Office to Diane Rice, Civil Service Commissioner.

On a **MOTION** by Glessner, and a second by Bower, approval was given for the Messiah Family Services request for a time extension until May3, 2010, to record the Mount Joy Country Homes Phase 1 Final Plan. *Motion carries unanimously.*

#### **Report of the Public Works Committee**

Ken Barto, Assistant Public Works Director, reviewed the monthly written report for January 2010.

Barto reported that PennDot said there will be no change to the traffic line striping on Main Street. They want to keep it the way it is.

#### **Report of the Public Safety Committee**

On a **MOTION** by Hall, and a second by Metzler, approval was given to hire Gary A. Rux II as a Full-Time Police Officer. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Mayor Ginder administered the Oath of Office to Gary A. Rux II, Mount Joy Borough Police Officer.

On a **MOTION** by Hall, and a second by Murray, approval was given to the Milanof-Schock Library to place a banner in the 200 block of East Main Street from April 1, 2010 through April 26, 2010. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** BY Hall, and a second by Metzler, approval was given to the Mount Joy Rotary Club Popcorn Festival Committee to place a banner in the 200 block of East Main Street from May 3, 2010 through June 3, 2010. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Hall, and a second by Murray, approval was given to the Relay for Life Committee to place a banner in the 200 block of East Main Street from June 7, 2010 through June 28, 2010. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Hall asked if the applicants could coordinate taking down and putting up banners at the same time to save the truck from running out several times. Rebman said yes.

#### **Any Other Matter Proper to Come Before the Council**

#### **Authorization to Pay Bill**

On a **MOTION** by Glessner, and a second by Hall, it was approved to pay the bills as presented:

GENERAL FUND	\$	138,820.80
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	17,042.20
EMA	\$	-
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	3,507.02
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	-
TAX ACCOUNT	\$	10,158.18
COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND	\$	-
ESCROW FUND	\$	-
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	169,528.20

*Motion carries unanimously.*

**Meetings and dates of importance:** See the pink colored calendar for the month of February.

#### **Adjournment**

On a **MOTION** by Metzler, and a second by Shaffer, it was approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

*Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Hershey  
Interim Borough Manager