

THE MOUNT WOLF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 8, 2025

The Mount Wolf Borough conducted a meeting on Tuesday April 8, 2025. The meeting was called to order by President Darryl Main at 7pm.

ATTENDANCE:

The following Council Members were present: Pat Poet, Josh Parish, President Darryl Main, Vice President Dennis Naylor, Michael Barlett, Brian McKenna (arrived at 7:20pm).

Official: Mayor Maureen Starner, Attorney: Devon Myers, Engineer: Chris Owens
Treasurer: Jennifer Reiner, Secretary: Bonnie Bentzel, Maintenance worker: Blane Bowers

ABSENT:

Dan Schleig

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA:

A motion was made by: Pat Poet and seconded by: Michael Barlett to approve minutes from March 11th, 2025, Council Meeting and March 25th, 2025, Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Parish and seconded by Dennis Naylor. The motion was approved with the additions to the agenda with the addition under President's Report: Sewer Authority. The motion was passed unanimously.

VISITORS:

Jared Gasiewski, Barry Isett and Company

Bryan Rizzo, YCRPD

Barbara Abrecht, 148 North 4th Street

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Barbara Abrecht asked if Dewey Street gets mail delivered. Michael Barlett reported that Dewey Street is on a rural route, and they have mailed delivered. Josh Parish informed Barbara Abrecht that if you live on a rural route the residents are unable to get a P.O. Box. Mayor Starner also commented that Center Street and Maple Street have mail delivered to the residents' homes.

Barbara Abrecht also reported that she has seen speeders at the ball fields. Barbara Abrecht stated that people are speeding up north 4th St. Chief Rizzo asked Barbara Abrecht what time of day she sees the speeders. Barbara Abrecht stated 6:30 am. Chief Rizzo asked Barbara the make and model and color of the vehicle. Babara Abrecht gave Chief Rizzo the information he was requesting. Barbara Abrecht asked Council if they could put up signs "Children at Play".

Darryl Main stated that the Borough had signs, but they were damaged by vehicles. Darryl Main stated that the Borough can purchase more and place them by the parks in the Borough.

Barbara Abrecht reported that the properties in the Borough “not as nice as they use to be”. Barbara Abrecht stated that the borough Council in the 90’s cared about this community. Barbara Abrecht asked why is this Council allowing some of the residents not to care for their property? Barbara Abrecht asked if there is any recourse? Mayor Starner commented, Borough Council has ordinances for rental property inspections. Mayor Starner stated the Borough Council did passed ordinance to have inspections done and then COVID hit at that time, Council could not find anyone to preform those inspections. Mayor Starner stated the Council has found a company that will do those inspections, and this should eliminate a lot of these concerns you have.

Barbara Abrecht stated that she attended a Council Meeting in February, where she presented a list of homes in the Borough that she felt needed attention. She specifically mentioned a home on North 4th Street, where the residents built a porch over an existing porch. Barbara inquired whether anyone had inspected the work, as she believed the residents did not obtain a building permit. She expressed her concern that the new porch may not have been constructed properly.

Michael Barlett explained to Barbara that, before January 2025, the borough had a different company responsible for building code inspections. However, that company is no longer conducting inspections. The borough's new contractor will now take over all building code inspections within the borough limits.

Barbara Abrecht mentioned to Council the property located on North 3rd Street. Mayor Starner stated that she can only do so much. Mayor Starner stated that she understands that this property is “an eyesore” but again she can only do what's in the code.

Barbara Abrecht asked Council if the borough is going to have twice a week trash collection in the summer. Darryl Main stated no the Borough will not have twice a week trash collection. Barbara Abrecht voiced her concerns regarding the cost that the residents are paying for trash collection. Mayor Starner stated that Penn Waste was the only company that bid on contract and the reason for that is most of these companies want to come in with the automatic unit and because 2nd and 3rd Streets are so narrow, this can not be used in the Borough. Mayor Starner stated that the Borough had a 5-year contract which the rates stayed the same.

Barbara Abrecht reported that the property at 133 North 4th Street has a shed in the back is falling apart. Council will have Barry Isett evaluation the shed.

Barbara Abrecht reported that the bushes need to be trimmed back at the alley behind the Post Office at 3rd Street and Center Street. The bushes are making it difficult to see when pulling out onto Center Street. Barbara Abrecht stated that resident’s hedges need to be cut back due to not being able to see oncoming traffic. Barbara Abrecht is concerned that there may be an accident when she tries to pull out onto Center Street. Darryl Main stated Council will look into this situation.

Blane Bowers stated that someone is using the trash bins at Greiman Park for their personal trash. Blane Bowers stated that the trash can was overflowing. Darryl Main recommended to Blane Bowers that if this happens again to put on a pair of gloves and look through the trash to see if there is any personal information and if there is, give that information to Chief Rizzo.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Chris Owens reported that he provided application for payment for 2nd Street Storm Sewer Replacement Project.

A motion was made by Michael Barlett and seconded by Pat Poet to approve payment for 2nd Street Storm Sewer replacement project of \$39,581.00. The motion was passed unanimously. Darryl Main reported the funds for this payment should come out of the ARPA funds.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Devon Myers reported that Columbia Gas's attorney did make some changes to the amendments to the agreement to make it consistent with last agreement. Columbia Gas's attorney asked Devon Myers to add PennDOT regulation. Devon Myers stated that before she responds back to them, she wanted to make sure that LTAP contacted the borough. Darryl Main reported that LTAP did contact the Borough stating that new paving must be flush with the curbs in order to following with ADA regulations. Dennis Naylor stated that LTAP informed him that when the paving is completed the sidewalks must be within ADA regulations.

A motion was made by: Dennis Naylor and seconded by: Michael Barlett to approve the amended agreement with Columbia Gas to have an extra 30 days to complete their work and that the curbs are within the ADA compliance with LTAP recommendation. The motion was passed unanimously.

Darryl Main reported that the Borough needs a new ordinance stating that no trucks over 30 feet are allowed from the beginning of Maple Street at Main Street to the end of Maple Street at Eighth Street in the Borough. Pat Poet asked if the signs could be order now so when the ordinance is passed, they will be ready to be placed. Darryl Main stated yes, the signs be order in advance. Darryl Main asked Dennis Naylor to order the required signs.

A motion was made by Pat Poet and seconded by Dennis Naylor to authorize Devon Myers to draft ordinance for review and prepare for advertisement "No Trucks over 30 feet" for Maple Street as the traffic study laid out. The motion was passed unanimously.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

Chris McDermott provided a zoning report for March. Bonnie Bentzel printed report and distributed to all Council Members. Bonnie Bentzel emailed the zoning report for March to Jay King.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Payment of Bills ~ Report of Finances ~ Receipt of Payments

A motion was made by Dennis Naylor and seconded by Michael Barlett to approve the payment of bills, report of finances, and receipt of payments. The motion passed unanimously, with Darryl Main abstaining from the vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Starner reported that she will contact the resident at 198 South 7th Street regarding her concerns. Blane Bowers reported that Keith Orendorff did look at the curb and stated that it was not damaged due to our plow during snow removal. Darryl Main stated that the curb was not damage due to the snow removal. Darryl Main stated that the plows in the borough are not like the PennDOT plows. Darryl Main stated that if the driver of the plow would hit the sidewalk it would break the plow. Dennis Naylor asked what type of damage. Blane Bowers reported that it is deteriorating.

Mayor Starner stated that she got a not so friendly voicemail from a resident stating that Phifer Inc. (old New York Wire Company) had the road blocked for at least 20 minutes at Chestnut Street. Mayor Starner stated that she will send a letter Phifer Inc. about unloading rebar and how long it takes. Mayor Starner stated that she will inform that they can not block streets for 20-30 minutes to unload and if this continues, she will contact the Police.

Pat Poet asked about Inch and Company's recreation fee that has not been paid at this time. Mayor Starner stated that she will send a letter to Inch and Company regarding the unpaid bill.

STREETS REPORT:

Dennis Naylor reported that 2nd Street Storm Sewer Project is completed as reported in the Engineer's report.

Dennis Naylor reported that he spoke to Keith Orendorff and asked if he spoke with Manchester Township regarding street sweeping. Dennis Naylor also informed Keith Orendorff not to sweep the streets that they are still working on. Dennis Naylor stated that East Manchester Township usually is finished with street sweeping their Township in May.

Dennis Naylor reported that Traffic Control Equipment has arrived.

Blane Bowers reported that the plow has been stored away.

Blane Bowers reported that the spreader was placed in the salt bin.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

Darryl Main reported for Dan Schleig that 3 pieces of playground equipment are out of commission. The equipment out of commission is, sliding board, bridge and see-saw. Blane Bowers reported that the see-saw has been removed. Dan Schleig reported to Darryl Main that if Maintenance crew could take apart the bridge, that he did find a company to repair the equipment at no cost. Mayor Starner stated that once the equipment is repaired, she will send a Thank you letter to the company and a Thank you on Facebook so the residents will be aware of the contributions from the company.

Pat Poet asked Blane Bowers if the Maintenance crew had a chance to look at the tire swing. Blane Bowers stated that due to mulching they did not have time to evaluate the tire swing.

PROPERTY AND SERVICES REPORT:

Brian McKenna reported that he did receive quotes from 3 different companies, for the damages to the Maintenance building and Borough office. The quotes were printed and given to each Council Member for review. Brian McKenna reported that each company that he received quotes from stated that they should be reviewed by the insurance company.

Brian McKenna asked Jennifer Reiner if she contacted the insurance company. Jennifer Reiner reported that she did contact the insurance company but has not received anything back from the insurance company. Brian McKenna asked Jennifer Reiner to contact the insurance company. Jennifer Reiner stated that she will contact the insurance company again and also to out broker. Brian McKenna asked Jennifer Reiner to add him to the email that will be sent to the insurance company.

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT:

No Report

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT:

Chief Rizzo reported that most of the calls in the Borough were domestic related. Josh Parish asked Chief Rizzo, when the officer on duty take their meal break is that time charged to the Borough. Chief Rizzo stated that this time is charged to all the municipalities.

Darryl Main stated that a resident report to him that there was an officer sitting down by the train station. Chief Rizzo stated that the officer maybe doing paperwork or on their meal break. Chief Rizzo asked when this occurred. Darryl Main gave Chief Rizzo the day and time. Chief Rizzo stated that he will look into this and report back to Council.

Josh Parish reported that the Eagle Fire Company had 2 successful fund raisers.

Josh Parish reported that he attended another building committee meeting with the Engineer for the Fire Company.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

No Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Darryl Main reported that he did receive an email from the Treasury Department stating that the ARPA funds must be used by the end of 2025. Devon Myers asked to have Darryl Main send him the email. Darryl Main stated that he will forward this email to Devon Myers.

Darryl Main reported that the superintendent for the Sewer Authority is not longer employed with the company and Drew Dubbs is acting superintendent for the Sewer Authority.

Darryl Main stated that he disagrees with the Sewer Authority Enforcement for homeowners. Darryl Main stated that he has a floor drain and he took care of the situation himself for around \$150.00. Darryl Main stated that a lot of residents will be unable to fix the situation themselves and will require a plumber to fix this. Darryl Main feels this is an unjustified action from the Sewer Authority, due to the fact that our residents may not have the funds to have this fixed. Darryl Main and Mayor Starner stated that a lot of our residents' home predates the Sewer Authority.

Michael Barlett reported that the Sewer Authority Engineer got this passed due to the enforcement from the DEP.

Sewer Authority meetings are held the 4th Monday of every month at 6pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Blane Bowers asked Council if a person could be hired to “roll” the ball fields at Greiman Park. Dennis Naylor stated that the Wolves had someone in the past that did this for the ball field. Michael Barlett stated that Council may want to ask someone from the little league baseball team if they know anyone who could do this.

Blane Bowers stated that there are concerns regarding cats in the Borough. Mayor Starner stated there is nothing the Borough can do.

Barbara Abrecht asked Council how many yard sales the residents are allowed to have per year. Mayor Starner stated each resident may have 3 yard sales per year and they are required to inform Mayor Starner when they have the yard sales.

A motion was made by Josh Parish and seconded by Michael Barlett to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at: 9 pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 22^h @ 7 pm

The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 13th @ 7 pm

