

THE MOUNT WOLF BOROUGH REGULAR/COMMITTEE MEETING

January 27, 2026

The Mount Wolf Council conducted Regular-Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. The meeting was called to order by President Pat Poet at 7:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

President Pat Poet, Brian McKenna, Larry Murray Jr., Mayor: Josh Parish, Michael Barlett, Travis Altland, Treasurer: Jennifer Reiner, Secretary: Kim Kunkle, and Maintenance Worker: Blane Bowers

ABSENT:

Vice President Dennis Naylor, Dan Schleig

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Snowblower – Added via Vote of council due to being left off the agenda accidentally. (Motion by Michael Barlett, Second by Travis Altland, Voted in favor – Pat Poet, Larry Murray Jr., Michael Barlett, Brian McKenna, and Travis Altland Voted against – None)
- Weight of Truck – Added via Vote of council due to being left off the agenda accidentally. (Motion by Michael Barlett, Second by Travis Altland, Voted in favor – Pat Poet, Larry Murray Jr., Michael Barlett, Brian McKenna, and Travis Altland Voted against – None)
- Adopt Resolution 2026-02 – Appointment of Trent Shaw to Vacancy Board Chair– Added via Vote of council due to being left off the agenda accidentally. (Motion by Michael Barlett, Second by Travis Altland, Voted in favor – Pat Poet, Larry Murray Jr., Michael Barlett, Brian McKenna, and Travis Altland Voted against – None)

VISITORS:

Trent Shaw, Andy Blessing

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Andy Blessing attended the meeting to see if he could get permission to do metal detecting. He mentioned that he saw another individual metal detecting and digging. Mayor Josh Parish asked him to provide him with the gentleman's contact information, and he will contact him to let him know that he does not have permission to be digging. No metal detecting is allowed without written permission. Council is going to ask Devon Myers for her advice and will get back to him with council's decision.

Trent Shaw attended the meeting to express his interest in the Vacancy Board Chair. Barlett/McKenna motion to appoint Trent Shaw to the Vacancy Board Chair – Resolution 2026-02, motion passed unanimously.

Blane Bowers reported on the following:

They are doing the best they can with snow removal. Council discussed what can be done if we get another snowstorm and need to move snow. Mayor Josh Parish is going to reach out to Neil Gingerich to have a plan in place if necessary.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Josh Parish reported on the following:

- He attended the police board meeting.
- He did not perform any weddings.
- He brought up the snow emergency ordinance because he received some complaints from residents stating that 4th street is not a snow emergency route. It is listed in the ordinance, but signs are not posted. It was decided to order signs and place them on the street so that the ordinance can be enforced.
- He received a complaint about trash in the alley behind main street. He's going to reach out to see if he can get a name so he can contact them to address the issue.
- He received some complaints regarding ice and snow.
- He said that he feels a snowblower should be purchased to help the maintenance crew with snow cleanup on sidewalks. Barlett/McKenna motion to purchase a snowblower up to \$2000.00, motion passed unanimously.
- He brought up the weight of the new truck. A salt spreader to do pretreating was an option that was discussed to add weight and be able to pretreat roads or to manufacture something to place in the back of the truck to add weight. Blane Bowers is going to talk with the maintenance guys to see what their thoughts are, and council is going to do some research or options.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

No Report

STREET REPORT:

McKenna/Barlett motion to give Keith Orendorf permission to sign the title for the 2008 Chevrolet Truck on behalf of Mount Wolf Borough, motion passed unanimously. Kimberly Kunkle will create the letter.

PROPERTY AND SERVICES REPORT:

No Report

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT:

Mayor Josh Parish said that the ambulance sent him an email saying that they only had 10 calls in December. As far as the fire company, he sent a message because he didn't receive a report. He suggested that Brian McKenna send a request for them to send reports on a regular basis.

BUDGET AND FINANCES REPORT:

No Report

PERSONNEL REPORT:

An Executive Meeting will follow the regular/committee meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The DCED letter was signed, and Kimberly Kunkle will send it to Kristie Masemer at East Manchester Township.

McKenna/Barlett motion to appoint Stephen Thompson to the Zoning Hearing Board – Resolution 2026-01, motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Kimberly Kunkle reported that the zoning hearing board ruled in favor of the variance for 5 Center Street with conditions. She will send a copy of the decision to borough council members. Pat Poet said that Donna Naylor said that was the best zoning hearing she had ever attended.

Pat Poet brought up the rental property letters. Mayor Josh Parish said that he must go through what former Mayor Mo gave him to find the letter. Jennifer Reiner has the invoices created. When Mayor Josh Parish finds the letter, he'll send it to Barry Isett & Associates for their review and to see if anything needs to be added. When he receives confirmation from them that the letter is ok to mail, he'll connect with Jennifer Reiner so that they can coordinate the mailings. After the invoices are sent out then inspections will be able to be scheduled.

Pat Poet brought up ordinance reviews. It will be added to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barlett/McKenna motion to approve that the LNI reporting be done by Barry Isett & Associates, motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm to go into an executive meeting. The executive meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Next Council Meeting Tuesday February 10th, 2026 @ 7 pm

Next Committee Meeting Tuesday February 24th, 2026 @ 7 pm