THE MOUNT WOLF BOROUGH REGULAR/COMMITTEE MEETING

September 22, 2026

The Mount Wolf Council conducted Regular-Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2026. The meeting was called to order by President Michael Barlett at 7:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor: Josh Parish, President Michael Barlett, Vice President Dennis Naylor, Dan Schleig, Travis Altland, Todd Hess, Secretary: Kim Kunkle, and Maintenance worker: Blane Bowers

ABSENT:

Brian McKenna, Larry Murray Jr., Treasurer: Jennifer Reiner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Hess/Schleig motion to approve the agenda, motion passed unanimously.

VISITORS:

Holly Sarti, Northeastern Senior Center

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Holly Sarti attended the meeting on behalf of the Northeastern Senior Center. They asked her to attend the meeting to inform the council that they are moving to Strinestown, as well as thank them for their continued support and to ask if the council would consider increasing their annual contribution. If council decides to increase their contribution, they are asking that the extra amount be specifically designated to go towards their building fund. She also gave an overview of what the senior center does, how they support the community, and where their funding comes from. In her overview she mentioned that during the last fiscal year Mt Wolf residents accounted for about 14 percent across 10 municipalities of attendees who regularly attended their facility Monday through Friday. Michael Barlett asked some budget questions to help determine where they currently are financially. Michael also asked if other municipalities also make donations and Holly said that they do.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Blane Bowers reported on the following:

- He came down last week and got the keys to start the backhoe since it hadn't been run for weeks. It started hard and some of the lights were on. After it ran for about a half an hour the lights went off.
- They got the street sweeping behind the building cleaned up as best they could and took it over to the orchard.
- He called the company about the black top, but they do not take it, so they aren't sure what to do about it. Michael Barlett said that they will keep working on it.
- He took measurements for the new box.
- He's going to call the gentleman back who called the office and asked if he could come to check out the backhoe. He'll make arrangements to meet up with him. He asked council if he could take the keys so that when people want to see the backhoe, he doesn't have to worry about whether the office is open for him to get the keys. Michael Barlett said that is fine.
- He's going to go around tomorrow and check the drains.
- He and Ted serviced the new cheetah mower. They found all of the grease fittings, but one so Ted is going to call or make a trip to where they bought it and have them show him where the fitting is. It's soon coming up for oil and hydraulic service to be done. They would like to get the stuff directly from the dealer so that they are sure they have the right stuff. Michael Barlett said that he thinks that they should make an appointment and get the hydraulic service done at the dealer rather than doing it themselves. Josh Parish agreed that since it's still under warranty the service should be done by the dealer. Michael Barlett asked Blane to contact the dealer for a quote on the service and transportation of the mower so that they can approve it at the next meeting.
- He's going to make calls to see who they can take the asphalt to and if they charge a fee he'll get quotes for council to review and approve.
- He thanked Travis for taking care of the tree.
- They moved the bike racks to inside the pavilion because the kids took them and propped them up against the building so they could use them as a ladder to climb on the roof.

Michael Barlett asked if there was enough salt for winter. Dennis Naylor said that we should be able to get it whenever we need it. Blane said that right now we have plenty.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Hess/Altland motion to authorize Barry Isett to send a courtesy letter to 121 S 3rd Street for the dangerous barn structure, motion passed unanimously. Kimberly Kunkle will contact Barry Isett about sending the letter.

Hess/Schleig motion to authorize payment of the Liftoff Office 365 annual renewal invoice for $2268, motion passed unanimously.

Kimberly Kunkle asked about the status of a computer for the maintenance guys. Josh Parish said that it's up and running. Blane Bowers will check the emails once weekly.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Josh Parish reported on the following:

- He did not perform any weddings.
- He sent a lot of grass violation letters. One of the locations he sent to came out with a track hoe and cleaned the whole area out. There was one property that the letter was sent out certified since it was the second notice. Kimberly Kunkle said that we received the receipt today showing that the certified letter was signed for. Josh Parish said that they have 7 days from today to comply with the letter. If they don't comply then technically the Borough Council can send out a landscaping company to do the cleanup and invoice the property owner.
- He said that he takes walks 5 days a week but asked council members if they noticed any high grass or weeds to please text him the address so that he can go check it out. Blane Bowers said that there are some properties on 3rd street behind him that should be looked at.
- He mentioned the loud noise from Brunner Island was steam coming from one of their units that malfunctioned. They shut the unit down entirely until they can get the issue resolved. Talen Energy said that they are going to set up a community page on Facebook so that they can announce these things.
- He said that the township hasn't officially said no but they still haven't technically discussed the software purchase for the fire department. Josh Parish suggested that the full amount be put in the budget for next year that way it is accounted for if the township doesn't support the purchase.
- Mark Sands sent him a registration form for the Mysterious Mt. Wolf Trick or Treat Trail. He's going to post it on the Facebook page.

Hess/Schleig motion to authorize the road closure on October 31st from 5pm to 9pm on 4th Street from Maple Street to Park Alley for the Mysterious Mt. Wolf Trick or Treat Trail & Park use, motion passed unanimously.

Altland/Hess motion to authorize the road closure of Maple Street from 5th Street to Main Street for the Halloween Parade on October 18th from 1:30pm until the parade ends, motion passed unanimously.

Tood Hess asked about the hours for the police department since he's working on the budget. Josh Parish said that he'll ask at the next meeting to see if he can get information for Todd to use for the budget.

STREET REPORT:

Josh Parish said that he saw about a dozen PA1 calls come in today and he thinks that they are all for the paving of the alleys. Dennis Naylor said that he hasn't heard anything about the sink hole.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

Dan Schleig reported that the park will be used on October 3rd for a party.

Schleig/Naylor motion to approve Travis's Outdoor Services to remove the hazardous tree in the park for the amount not to exceed $1500, motion passed unanimously. Travis Altland abstained from voting due to conflict of interest because he owns a tree business.

Josh Parish mentioned that Chad Krebs reached out to offer his assistance with a plan and grants for the park if what we are currently looking into falls through.

PROPERTY AND SERVICES REPORT:

No Report

BUDGET AND FINANCES REPORT:

Budget was discussed. Todd Hess asked questions about annual donations and some other items on previous budgets so that he could take notes and adjust the line items for the new budget. Some suggestions were made by council members as to items that should be added to the budget. Budget will remain on the agenda until the final vote.

Kimberly Kunkle will add discuss/action on additional donation to Senior Center for Building Fund to the next meeting's agenda.

Tood Hess requested that discuss Sewer Authority be added to every single meeting agenda until further notice.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT:

All items were previously discussed.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

No Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance Review will remain on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Naylor/Schleig motion to the meeting and enter into an executive session to discuss legal matters and personnel at 8:45 pm, motion passed unanimously.

Next Council Meeting Tuesday October 13th, 2026 @ 7 pm

Next Committee Meeting Tuesday October 27th, 2026 @ 7 pm