

**Montgomery Borough Council
Special Meeting
February 19, 2019**

President Crist called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

- I. Pledge of Alliance-None
- II. Roll Call was taken. Whitlow Wertz-P, Dale Brendle-P, Susan Andrews-P, Fae Herb-P, Lynn Crist-P, Amber Wilt-P and Mark Barbier-P Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and Mayor Sean Leet.
- III. Interviews for Water Authority Member was done.
 - a. Chris Johnson at 6pm. President Crist conducted the interviews, asking the questions: Why do you want this position?; Do you know what the position is?; Are you able to attend the monthly meetings?, Donna Miller responded as she was informed today that the Water Authority was going to change their meeting dates to the 3rd Tuesday of each month due to Attorney being able to attend; and are you a team player? Councilwoman Herb asked the question of the background knowledge the applicates have.
 - b. Randy Eddinger at 6:15pm. Due to work, Randy had his interview at 8:30pm after the regular monthly Council meeting. He was asked the same questions.

**This meeting was delayed due to Randy Eddinger coming late due to his work, it continued after the regular Council meeting.

After a discussion was held, a nomination for Chris Johnson was made by Amber Wilt, also a nomination for Randy Eddinger was made by Dale Brendle. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Whitlow Wertz-Randy Eddinger
Dale Brendle-Randy Eddinger
Susan Andrews-Randy Eddinger
Fae Herb-Randy Eddinger
Lynn Crist-Randy Eddinger
Amber Wilt-Chris Johnson
Mark Barbier-Randy Eddinger

Randy Eddinger is the new Montgomery Water Authority member.

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- IV. Adjournment. Motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm; second by Dale Brendle. Motion carried.


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President Crist called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

- I. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Roll call was taken: Whitlow Wertz-P, Dale Brendle-P, Fae Herb-P, Lynn Crist-P, Mark Barbier-P, Susan Andrews-P, Amber Wilt-P. Also present was Borough Coordinator Donna Miller, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and Mayor Sean Leet.

President Crist welcomed the new Council member-Mark Barbier and new Borough Mayor-Sean Leet; a round of applause was given.

- III. Fire Department Report. None
- IV. EMA Report. The monthly report was included in the packet.
- V. Public Concerns. Devon O'Rourke, the new owner of the Riverside Lounge, was here and introduce himself and had some of his and other resident complaints for our Police Department. This will be addressed with the Police Committee and Mayor, and they will get back with him. Some Council members had questions for him, as to security with large events, Mr. O'Rourke stated he does provide security and also provides rides home for his patrons. Mr. O'Rourke stated he does NOT want any Police coverage at his establishment or on his property until these matters can be resolved. "If we need you; we will call". Mr. O'Rourke reviewed the incidents occurring at or directly from 125 S. Main Street. Councilman Brendle stated that a police car can park on Borough property for as long as they want, Mr. O'Rourke is aware of that. Riverside is looking into having a car show on their property sometime this summer. Other council members stated they were also aware of people being pulled over for no cause. A copy of Mr. O'Rourke agenda is attached to these minutes. Realtor Sara Boyer was present and asked what is being done for house inspections due to no codes officer. A decision was made under Code Enforcement report.
- VI. Approve January 8, 2019 Minutes. A motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to approve; second by Dale Brendle. Motion carried.
Approve January 28, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Fae Herb to approve; second by Dale Brendle. Motion carried.
Approve February 4, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to approve, second by Dale Brendle. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve December 2018 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Susan Andrews to approve; second by Fae Herb. Motion carried.
Approve January 2019 Treasurer's Report. Tabled until next months' meeting.

- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. At this time a decision was made to hire Codes Inspections Inc. to handle our code enforcement. A motion was made by Susan Andrews to hire Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc. with a possibility of having office hours twice a week; no second; A motion was made by Fae Herb to hire Codes Inspections, Inc.; second by Dale Brendle. A roll call vote has taken: Whitlow Wertz-Codes Inspections; Dale Brendle-Codes Inspections; Susan Andrews-Light-Heigel; Fae Herb-Codes Inspections; Lynn Crist-Codes Inspections; Mark Barbier-No Vote; Amber Wilt-No vote
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Atty. Jonathan Dewald gave information about the Excavating Permits and Zoning Ordinances fees to be reviewed by Council, this will be discussed more at the upcoming meeting on March 4, 2019.
- X. Police Report. Chief Delp handed in the written report for review. Councilman Barbier asked if this was a one-time thing for the summary of incidents at the Riverside; Ernie responded as the Mayor requested this, due to Mr. O'Rourke attending the meeting. Councilman Barbier and Councilwoman Andrews asked about the numerous numbers of incidents occurring that have not been reported by Police; that were stated on the bottom of the incident report from Riverside. Chief Delp replied he will compile the information and report back at the Police Committee meeting.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Sean Leet gave his first report, he introduced himself. He asked for everyone's help as he is new to this, he can be contacted thru email, phone. He stated he cannot help with a situation if he does not know about it.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported on the following:
1. Lycoming/Sullivan Borough's Association meeting will be Thursday, February 21st, at 6pm at the Villa Restaurant; the Speaker will be William Carlucci, who is currently seeking the county judge seat. Dale Brendle will be attending.
 2. Read a thank you note from the Montgomery Food Bank for the Borough's donation.
 3. Received an estimate cost of \$1190.00 for materials only for replacement of the fence at the W. Houston Ave./N. Main Street parking lot.
 4. No more updates were received from the Muncy State Prison for clean up help for Spring 2019, hopefully to help with the clean up of Stackhouse Park; the Girl Scouts would like to bury a time capsule there and help with planting etc.
 5. Community Clean up day information was reviewed on several ways to do it: 1. Drop off day-approximate cost \$3000.00; 2. B&W Disposal would bring 30-yard dumpsters, empty when needed; \$150.00 per dumpster-at landfill and \$100.00 per dumpster to delivery and \$100.00 per dumpster to pick up. 3. Curb side pick-up (usually 4 days)-Our maintenance employees would walk along to pick up items-cost approximately \$2700.00; it would be best to divide the Borough in parts and have a different pick up day for each, this way

the maintenance guys could do other work also. All cost were based on 2018 landfill fees. A sample of the information sheet was included in the packet of what Watsonstown Borough uses. More discussion will be done at the work session of March 4, 2019.

6. Received the Montgomery Volunteer Fire Company Annual Ambulance Subscription dues; for a business it is \$60.00. A motion was made by Dale Brendle to pay this; second by Susan Andrews. Motion carried.

XIII. Committee Report.

Summer Alive Program: None

Montgomery Community Development Committee: Councilwoman Herb stated they received a letter from Larson Design Group about seeking help with the preparation of a Recreation Master Plan, which will identify the specific needs for the park, estimate project costs and show the proposed improvements on a plan to be included in grant applications. This must be done before the application can be done for the DCNR C2P2 grant. Councilwoman Herb stated the regular meeting of the Montgomery CDC is the 4th Thursday's of each month at the Adam's room on W. Houston Ave, she is reaching out for more community help with this. Questions from the audience were taken about the condition of the skateboard park and why it is closed, and changing back to a basketball court. The Borough received this skateboard park thru a grant and restrictions apply upon how long we must keep it as a skateboard park, or we must pay the monies back.

XIV. Old Business.

1. Firework Ordinance 2019-1-second reading. A motion was made by Dale Brendle to accept; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.

XV. New Business.

1. New Water Authority Member-This was tabled at this meeting; it will be continued at the conclusion of this meeting and opened at the continuation of the Special meeting of 6pm.
2. Resolution 2019-2-19; Police Pension Plan 2019-2021. This is the yearly resolution done for no contributions from the Police to their pension plan. This can be done with the same years as their contract; if changes need to be made, they can be done. A motion was made by Susan Andrews to accept; second by Fae Herb. Motion carried.
3. Councilwoman Wilt gave an update on the Junior Council member, a resolution is not needed as the Borough did this in the past, the next step is to contact Montgomery School about this. She will report back to Council with more information at the next work session.
4. Councilwomen Andrews stated the Borough's Association is having a conference in Hershey in June 2019 again, it was very informative, she recommends more Council members to attend. She would like to attend again.
5. New committees for 2019 were done. A new list is attached.

XVI. Public Comments.

"Flash"; John Sanguedolce talked about when they came to the Borough and

started the Riverside Lounge and Campground. Councilwoman Andrews asked about the letter that was drafted a year or so ago about some of the same incidents that are happening now at Riverside; Council was not aware of this.


Councilwoman Herb stated the Historical Society's 3rd Thursday event would be held on February 21st, the speaker will be Paul Metzger, talking about his book "Deeds of the Valley", which is an account of land ownership within the Ordinance. These books are available for a cost, order forms were placed on the front counter. Also, she stated this is the 6th year for the Hometown Hero Banners, if order is placed by April 5th, there is a 15% discount, orders are due by the first week of September, with delivery by mid-October. There are 48 different sponsors as of now.

Councilwoman Wilt reviewed numerous webinars that are available thru the PA State Association of Boroughs.

Councilwoman Andrews said the Garden Workshop of February 18th was canceled due to sickness, it is scheduled for March 18th at 7pm.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Dale Brendle to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm; second by Fae Herb. Motion carried.

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