

Montgomery Borough Council
August 14, 2018

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, James McCarty-P, Susan Andrews-P, Amber Wilt-P. Also present was Donna Miller, Mayor Robert Hoover Jr. and Solicitor John Dewald.
- III. Fire Department Report. Brad Harding read and reviewed the written report for July 2018; with a total of 33 calls; 7 Fire, 3Rescue, 15 EMS and 8 Public Assist. July fundraiser was a success, the September fundraiser is the Hoffner's Chef Salads with orders due by September 14th. Hydrant repainting is started. Two fires were in the Borough last month. Trainings are being scheduled for Pump I, Pump II and Vehicle Rescue Series. Brad stated ALL Borough hydrants must be tested annually and reports with GPM flows be given to the Fire Department so the hydrants can be color coded appropriately.
- IV. EMA Report. Dennis Gruver handed in a report for review; also, he stated our community was "blessed" in the recent rain storms, he wanted to thank everyone for their cooperation. The only concern he had was about the parking in the rear of the Borough building when the water does come up and the Hum V at the rear of 51 S. Main Street. EMA would like to place(paint) a flood gauge on the Little League building due to inaccuracy of the one that is placed on the Little League bridge, this gauge would read from 17 feet to 25 feet. Councilwoman Herb thanked Dennis and Leslie Gruver for all the hard and persistent work as to cleaning out the creek etc. they do in emergencies.
- V. Public Concerns. Rocky Sanguedolce; who owns property on 2nd Street in the Borough, asked about what could be done about the water problem on 2nd Street during heavy rain, Councilman Wertz addressed the problem, stating the drain was televised, but at the bend it is clogged. Councilman Wertz is also on the Montgomery Water and Sewer Authority and they will be addressing this problem at the Authority meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2018. Christy Phillips from the CDC committee was here and stated they had a stand at the recent Wine fest and sold Walking Tacos and had a donation can; also, she discussed about applying for DCNR's Peer Grant Program. This grant would be a planning grant of \$10,000.00; deadline for applying is April 30th. She would like to work with Alice Trowbridge from the Susquehanna Greenways for this. She was asking for \$1000.00 from the Borough to start the process for this. After a discussion this was tabled until next months meeting. Council President Crist stated he understood that Public meetings had to be held first, to see if there is enough interest in the Community and if that is what the Community would like to do.

Steve Cook from 108 E. Houston Ave., was here asking about the water supply problems on his street, Councilman Wertz replied this is being addressed at the Montgomery Water Authority meeting of Thursday, August 16, 2018.

- VI. Approve July 2018 Minutes. Motion was made by Fae Herb to approve; second by James McCarty. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve June 2018 Treasurer's Report and July 2018 Treasurer's Report. Both were tabled until next months' meeting until some questions can be answered.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Wally Bohner handed in his monthly report for review. Wally mentioned that next months meeting is scheduled to be held on September 11, 2018. Due to the annual 911 Motorcycle Run a motion was made by Susan Andrews to move the regular September meeting to Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 6:30pm, second by Dale Brendle. Motion carried. Brad Harding from the Fire Department asked Wally about an update on 38 Bower Street, Wally replied he has contacted Codes Inspections for this.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. John Dewald reported that the Fireworks Ordinance, Non-Smoking Ordinance and the Ordinance for No-left turn sign at the intersection of Lewis and Warren Streets are ready for review. A copy of each will be given to Council for review. Councilwomen Herb stated after investigating two properties 1. Next to 8 Broad Street and 2. The playground next to 37 W. Houston Ave., these are still in the Lycoming County Redevelopment Corporation name, asked the Solicitor what could be done, the Borough has been maintaining these properties for some time.
- X. Police Report. Police Chief Delp reviewed the written report for July. Chief Delp thanked the Fire Department for the use of their grounds for the National Night Out that was held on August 7, 2018.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Hoover reported the National Night Out was August 7, 2018 at the Carnival grounds from 6-8pm. He thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, EMA and the Lycoming County Coroner, Tom Staggert for doing the hot dogs, Thad's for donating the hot dogs and Dominos for the 10 pizzas that were donated also for New Covenant church for the drink donation. The Wine fest was August 11, 2018 from 1-5pm in the Park; it was a great success; proceeds of \$5168.56 from the Wine fest went towards Lifting Little Lives.
- XII. Borough Manager's Report. Donna Miller reported on the following:
Purchase bricks from Watsonstown Brick Co for the storm sewer inlet boxes. - Smooth \$429.00 per 1000; and Luzerne Paners \$350.00 per 1000. In a discussion about this is this available for grant funding? This was tabled until next months' meeting. Councilwoman Andrews asked about receiving an updated budget report (of monies allowed, used and left in the account) so they (Council members)

would have a better understanding of the available monies in the accounts.

XIII. Committee Report.

Summer Alive Program-Councilwoman Andrews stated the program is ended for the year, a Carnival was held, with EMA providing popcorn. Councilman Brendle said we must discuss the garden with the Summer Alive Program.

XIV. Old Business. None

XV. New Business.

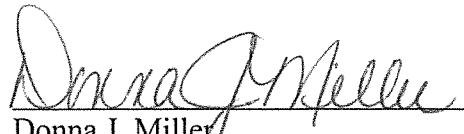
Councilwoman Wilt asked about the old concrete pad at the Park on the hill, if it could be cleaned up and used again for concerts etc. Years ago, a buffer zone was planted here for erosion due to the river, through a grant done by the Black Hole Creek Watershed program and Susquehanna Greenway, Christy Phillips will look into what we can do about the clean up around it. Councilman Brendle asked about the truck to advertise Riverside campground next to the Park, the truck is on Campground property. Councilwoman Andrews stated that her, Donna and Angie attended a Capital Planning meeting held at Watsontown Borough, it was informative, that Boroughs must plan ahead and place monies back for future projects, repairs etc., this should be done at budget time. She would like to have budget meetings started. She also stated, she would like to attend the Boroughs Association Budget and Finance Course in State College on October 3, 2018, the cost will be \$125.00. This was tabled.

XVI. Public Comments.

Councilwoman Herb stated the Montgomery Historical Society 3rd Thursday event will take place this Thursday, August 16, 2018 at the Library at 6:30pm with Barry Rake speaking about Montgomery Little League, which is the 2nd Chartered League in the World. Deadline is September 7th for the Hometown Hero Banners. Councilwoman Wilt asked for an update on the Beckoning Cat Program, Donna Miller responded, papers have been received for residents to pick up and fill out, monies have been deposited and account has been opened. Information will be placed on website.

Executive Session-Council entered into Executive Session at 7:32pm, out at 9:12pm; for Personnel reasons; No decisions will be made after, the regular meeting was adjourned.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm; second by Dale Brendle. Motion carried.


Donna J. Miller
Acting Borough Manager

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