

Montgomery Borough Council
June 19, 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 Borough Manger John Lynch, Mayor Robert Hoover Jr. and Solicitor John Dewalt.
- III. Fire Department Report. Brad Feaster read and reviewed the written report for May 2018; with a total of 17 calls; 6 EMS, 3 Rescue, 6 Fire and 2 Public Assist. Carnival went well for the week, except for the last night due to the rain. Hydrants are being prepared for painting and the engine is out for repair and soon should be ready for paint. Councilwoman Herb asked about the Box Cards, deadline is July, with final by September 24th.
- IV. EMA Report. Dennis Gruver handed in a report for review; also, he stated the EMA will be selling hot dogs, popcorn, chips and drink for the July 3rd fireworks, also the Fireman will be having their food stand open for the fireworks.
- V. Public Concerns. Chase Kelch from Kelch Engineering gave a report about fixing the skateboard park, it would cost approximately \$50,000 to fix the park correctly. Options were talked about-Just taking off top layer and fixing, removing all the equipment and starting from bottom up or moving the skateboard park to another location. Councilwoman Andrews asked to possibly have a survey of interest in the community to see if this was worthwhile. Manager Lynch was asked about the original agreement for the Park, he said he would check into it and get back with Council-questions were asked if the Borough has to maintain it for a number of years, if we can sell the equipment?
- VI. Approve May 2018 Minutes. A correction was made to the May 2018 minutes, stating the Solicitor John Dewalt was in attendance, but came late. A motion was made by Fae Herb to approve; second by Dale Brendle. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve April 2018 Treasurer's Report. Motion by James McCarty to approve; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.
Approve May 2018 Treasurer's Report. Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Wally Bohner was not in attendance but handed in his monthly report for review.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. John Dewalt had nothing new to report.

- X. Police Report. Police Chief Delp reviewed the written report for May. Officer Houseknecht had an incident on Monday evening-6/18/2018; all went well; Good job Jeff. Councilwoman Herb asked about the parking on Main Street, she received a complaint, it is one-hour parking, more signs are needed stating one-hour parking.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Hoover commended Officer Flewelling for the assist he had with the rescue team with a 9-month pregnant woman, also he stated what a Good Job all the Police Department is doing. The fireworks are Tuesday, July 3rd extra Police will be on duty and the Wine fest is August 11, 2018 in the Park with 8 wineries, 1 microbrewery and 33 craft and food vendors.
- XII. Borough Manager's Report. John Lynch reported on the following:
The Summer Alive Program started in the Park running Monday-Thursday from 9am-12:15pm; also, Tina Tickle planted the flowers around the trees on Main Street. Borough resident Barb Sampsell purchased and planted several flower planters placed within the Borough, a BIG thank you to her. One of the planters have been stolen; B&W Disposal will provide a dumpster for the Community Clean up day, for a charge plus the landfill charge of the weight of the filled dumpster, the Clean up day is possibly being scheduled for early spring of 2019, restrictions will apply for items to be dropped off; the Non-uniform employees contract will be up for negotiations; no meetings dates are scheduled as yet. John also announced he will be retiring at the end of the year (December 31, 2018).
- XIII. Committee Report. No committees met. Councilwoman Herb stated a Police Committee meeting should be set up. Budget meetings should start end of September early October.
- XIV. Old Business.
1. Ordinance #2018-1; Amending Police Pension-Second Reading. A motion was made by Fae Herb to accept; second by Amber Wilt. Motion carried.
- XV. New Business.
Councilwoman Andrews asked to start a 2019 Community Garden Project using the land that the Borough already owns, the land would be on Bower Street to Campground and S. Main Street/Broad Street. These raised bed gardens could be used by Footprints(free), and rented by the Community, they could also be an educational instrument, Councilwoman Andrews will ask for donations, but \$500.00 would probably be enough for startup, Police Chief Delp asked about security, Susan replied that if needed trail cameras could be used. Watering could come from the creek. She was given the okay from Council to proceed with this project. She will have more information at next meeting. Councilwoman Andrews also would like to have a free class for employees and the public for Active Violence (response and preventing) and "Stop the Bleed" classes. Kerry Perry, from Beckoning Cat Project; had a presentation to trap, catch and collect stray/feral cats within the Borough, get them spayed/neuter for a Borough

cost of \$25 per cat and then return them to the Borough. Gretchen Clapper also works on this project, doing fundraisers to offset the cost for Boroughs, she has \$400.00 to give to the Borough for start up for this. A discussion was held, about the pros and cons of this. A folder of information was handed in, it will be reviewed for next meeting.

XVI. Public Comments.

Councilwoman Herb stated due to the changes in the firework law in Pennsylvania, Montgomery does not have an Ordinance to enforce any fireworks. Chief Delp responded there is no enforcement power at all, an updated Ordinance must be done for next year. A discussion was held on doing an Ordinance for NO smoking at the Park, Chief Delp stated the signs must have about Vapor and E-cigarettes and the monetary fine amount, Solicitor Dewalt was given the okay to proceed with this. Fae will also follow up with John about the dimensions for the plane to be placed at the Robert Stackhouse park.

The Montgomery Lions auction will not take place next year, due to low attendance and profits.


John Lynch stated that the funds that were being used to pay for Susan Andrews and Amber Wilt to attend the PSAB training cannot be taken out of the Tree Revitalization account because it was not authorized, the funds will be taken out of the General account.

Councilwoman Wilt stated that her and Councilwoman Andrews attended the PSAB training, it was very informational and she encourages others to attend upcoming training.

Councilwoman Herb stated the Historical Society 3rd Thursday event will be June 21st at 6:30pm with the speaker Jim Dunn, an Armstrong Twp. Supervisor, talking about the Montgomery Pike.

Executive Session-Council entered into Executive Session at 7:30pm for Personnel reasons, out at 7:39pm; no decisions will be made after, meeting was adjourned.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Dale Brendle to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.



John D. Lynch Sr.
Borough Manager

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