

Montgomery Borough Council
October 13, 2020

**Meeting was conducted in house and by Zoom remotely.

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

- I. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Roll call was taken: Susan Andrews-P, Allen Bennett-P, Laurel Green-P, C. Roger McRae-P, Andrew Onufrak III-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-P and Clayton Steward-P. Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller and Solicitor Jonathan Dewald.

*President Andrews stated an Executive session has held prior to this meeting for legal and budget issues.
- III. Fire Department Report. None
- IV. EMA Report. The monthly report was handed in for review, Dennis Gruver reported that the inflatable boat cannot be repaired due to the age and design. The cost would be \$7400.00 for replacement, grants and donations are being applied for the purchase. Councilman Steward asked for a proposal to be sent to the Montgomery Lions for possibly a donation. Mr. Gruver also stated he has been attending the Lycoming County Hazard Mitigation meetings. A study of Black Hole creek will be done at no charge for possibly a rerouting of the creek.
- V. Public Concerns. None
- VI. Approve September 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Clayton Steward to approve; second by Andrew Onufrak III. Motion carried.
Approve October 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve, second by Allen Bennett. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve August 2020 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Andrew Onufrak III to approve; second by Clayton Steward. Motion carried.
Approve September 2020 Treasurer's Report. Tabled until next month's meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Donna Miller reviewed the report for the months of July, August and September. Various building permits and citations were issued.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor Dewald will report under Old Business.
- X. Police Report. Police Chief Cassel reviewed the written report for September. At this time, discussion was held on selling the Impala cruiser and the old inventory

that is not being used. A motion was made by Clayton Steward to authorize Chief Cassel to sell the Impala and the old Police inventory that is not being used on Minicibid with a reserved price for the Impala for \$5500.00 fully equipped with Chief Cassel having the discretion of the pricing; second by Allen Bennett. Councilman McRae asked about doing sealed bids, at this time there will be no cost to the Minicibid if no response to this, the sealed bids will be looked into. Motion carried.

Resident Ruth Little asked about the missed ambulance calls, these were done when no one was on duty. She had a question about the high mileage on the SUV, this was for two months, last month the SUV was at the garage and unable to have mileage report. The Police will be working on getting items ready to sell during their regular shifts.

Councilman McRae asked Chief Cassel if he had a number of how many adults are on probation in the Borough. Chief Cassel had no idea at this time.

Councilman Onufrak asked Chief Cassel if the Borough resident that stated about the drug activity on Main Street ever contacted the Department, the response was no.

XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Alexander stated due to new computers being purchased, the Department have two old laptops available for sale. A sale price was not determined due to a cost of "cleaning" the information off of the old one. Mayor Alexander stated an Officer is working one day a week in the day time.

XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported on the following:

1. Water line on E. Houston Ave. Paving is completed except for a few items.
- 2 Dept of Agriculture grant/loan-No new updates.
- 3.Evergreen tree. The evergreen Christmas tree was ordered and should be here by the end of October.
4. She thanked Chuck & Peggy Yohn, Wayne & Deb Stine for redoing the Christmas decorations.
5. All of the EMA documents were sent to the Governor's office.
6. The Halloween Parade will be Saturday, October 31 at 6pm with Trick or Treating from 6:30-8:30pm. If participating please turn front porch light on.
7. Remember to vote in November.

Councilman Steward also thanked the Yohn's and Stine's for their help.

XIII. Committee Report.

-Junior Council-President Andrews stated there has been no response, she will try one more month.

-Summer Alive Program-None

-Montgomery Community Development Committee-None

-Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.-

Councilman Steward stated nothing more than what was reported under the Borough Coordinator's report.

-Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Councilwoman Green stated the next meeting will be October 29 @ 6:30pm at the Riverside Roadhouse. She invited the AYSO and Summer Alive Programs to the meeting to talk about the storage of their

equipment. The basketball pole is in, just waiting to be put up, Roger McRae will take care of the volleyball net for the winter. Drew Onufrak is working on a new sign for the skateboard park. The next project will be the Rails to Trails. Councilman McRae stated he toured the Little League building. The outside part of the beam over the concession area needs to be repaired. He said he would personally pay up to \$2000.00 for the repairs needed. A motion was made by Allen Bennett to have a licensed contractor come in and inspect the structure for damage, second by Rocky Sanguedolce. Motion carried. Dennis Gruver asked if the EMA could paint water lines for the river gauge on the pier to show the height of the water during flooding.

-General Administration/Labor Relations-None

-Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA-Councilman Steward stated everything was discussed prior in the meeting,

-Budget/Finance Committee-President Andrews stated the Budget was addressed in the Executive session prior to this meeting and will be done at the November meetings.

-Tech Committee-Councilman Bennett stated all new equipment for the zoom sessions have been purchased and working.

-West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce had nothing new to report.

-Holiday Committee-Chairman Steward said the Halloween parade is October 31st at 6pm., with no school participating due to Covid 19, but if any other organization would have a float etc., please participate. The annual Lions Thanksgiving free meal is from 11-2 on Thanksgiving Day, takeouts are available. Volunteers and donations are needed.

-Planning & Development-None

-Vacancy Board Committee-None

-Zoning Board-None

-Planning Commission-None

XIV. Old Business.

1. Amendment of Street Parking Ordinance. Solicitor Dewald stated the changes that Council discussed about the width and the weight of vehicles. After a discussion a motion was made by Rocky Sanguedolce to amend this Ordinance to state the banning of vehicles of three (3) or more axles and the width of boats and utility trailers no more than eight (8) feet, and containers or dumpsters can only be placed on the streets for a time of two (2) weeks or less; second by Andrew Onufrak III. Motion carried.

XV. New Business.

1. Resignation of Andrew Onufrak III. With regret a motion was made by Clayton Steward to accept this resignation; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.

2. Resignation of Allen Bennett. With regret a motion was made by Laurel Green to accept this resignation; second by Clayton Steward. Motion carried.

A thank you was given to both for all the work they have done.

Councilman Sanguedolce asked what has to be done to reduce the size of Council to five (5). Attorney Dewald stated there are restrictions for this, petitions must be done and placed on the upcoming ballot. Attorney Dewald will follow up with

more information. Councilman Sanguedolce also stated two new members at this time are needed.

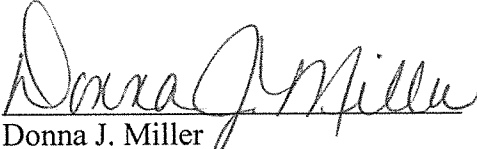
3. 2021 Borough Budget. President Andrews stated this is being work on.

Councilman McRae asked about the restrictions of target shooting, discharging firearms within the Borough limits. Chief Cassel will look into this and get back with Councilman McRae.

XVI. Public Comments. Resident Ruth Little thanked Drew Onufrak and Allen Bennett for their service to the community. Ms. Little asked Mayor Alexander about the helmet law regarding the age that a helmet is required. The law states it is the age of 12 for riding on streets etc., but for the skateboard park it is required for all ages. Mayor Alexander stated it is the parents' responsibility for helmets. Ms. Little stated she has given some helmets to area youth. A report was given that a youth got a twisted ankle at the Park, signs are posted that you skate at your own risk.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm; second by Clayton Steward. Motion carried.

Members of the public present at the commencement of the meeting are set forth on the sign in sheet attached to these minutes as "Exhibit A".


Donna J. Miller
Borough Coordinator

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**Montgomery Borough Council
Meeting
November 2, 2020**

This meeting was done remotely by Zoom and in person.
President Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

- I. Pledge of Alliance-All rose for the Pledge of Alliance
- II. Roll Call was taken. Susan Andrews-P, Laurel Green-P, C. Roger McRae-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-P, and Clayton Steward-P. Also present was Borough Coordinator Donna Miller and Mayor Edward Alexander.

At this time, President Andrews stated Executive session(s) were held on October 20 and 27 and prior to this meeting for budget and legal issues.

- III. Public Concerns: Resident Ruth Little stated the website is outdated with information, President Andrews stated this is being worked on. Also Ms. Little asked how many Police officers are employed by the Borough, President Andrews replied nothing has changed, still four Officers.

- IV. Old Business:
 1. Ordinance 2020-1. After a question by Councilman McRae asking if the Police reviewed the correct street directions, one change was made; a motion was made by Clayton Steward to approve Ordinance 2020-1, second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
 2. 2021 Montgomery Borough Budget. President Andrews stated this will be approved at the November 10 2020 meeting, with no tax increase for 2021.
 3. Councilwoman Green stated she talked to AYSO about moving their items from the enclosed park pavilion for the winter to the second floor of the Little League building. Mike Sherman from AYSO was in attendance and stated the few items that they do have at the pavilion, they will move to their shed for the winter months. Councilwoman Green said she talked to a representative from the Summer Alive program regarding their items, Summer Alive is willing to work with the committee to store items where ever necessary. Some of the Summer Alive items will be gone soon.

- V. New Business:
 1. Council Vacancies. One letter of interest was received from Andrew Onufrak II, who was in attendance, it was decided later in the meeting that the deadline will be extended to 3pm on Monday, November 9, 2020. This will be discussed at the meeting of November 10, 2020.

- VI. Public Comments: Resident Ruth Little asked Councilman McRae about an update on fixing the Little League building. Councilman McRae stated he had a licensed contractor look at the building, he discussed what needs to be done, Councilman McRae stated he would personally pay up to \$2000.00 for the repairs. The pavilion is being

looked into having roller skating on Saturday's starting in January 2021. Elizabeth DeSantis from Montgomery PTO asked about having a place to have the Secret Santa workshop somewhere and a vendor/craft event at the Park on December 12th following the Santa parade. Options were discussed with the Montgomery Lions for the use of the hall for the Workshop. The Park will be available to have the vendor/craft event.

Mike Sherman from AYSO thanked the Borough for all they have done for the program.

VIII. Adjournment. A motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm; second by Rocky Sanguedolce. Motion carried.

Members of the public present at the commencement of the meeting are set forth on the sign in sheet attached to these minutes as "Exhibit A".



Donna J. Miller
Borough Coordinator

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