

**Montgomery Borough Council**  
**November 10, 2020**

\*\*Meeting was conducted in house and by Zoom remotely. President Andrews apologized for the technical difficulties.

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, Laurel Green-P, C. Roger McRae-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-P and Clayton Steward-P. Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller, Mayor Edward Alexander and Solicitor Jonathan Dewald.  
  
\*President Andrews stated an Executive session has held prior to this meeting for personnel and budget issues. President Andrews stated that public interviews were held prior to this meeting for the Council vacancies. The people interviewed were Joshua Geiger, Margaret Mathis, Ruth Little and Andrew Onufrak II.
- III. Fire Department Report. Brad Feaster reviewed the written report and thanked the Borough for the use of the picnic tables at Fall festival. A total of 16 calls for service was in October, the Fall festival was a great success, the next fundraiser will be the Pizza and Wings for Super Bowl in February. The Department is always open to the Borough Council for walk throughs and to answer any questions.
- IV. EMA Report. Dennis Gruver stated nothing more than the written report. President Andrews thanked Dennis for his years of service.
- V. Public Concerns. None
- VI. Approve October 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Clayton Steward to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.  
Approve November 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve, second by Clayton Steward. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve September 2020 Treasurer's Report. Councilman McRae had a question about Compu-Gen invoices, Angie Adams replied. A motion was made by C. Roger McRae to approve; second by Rocky Sanguedolce. Motion carried.  
Approve October 2020 Treasurer's Report. Tabled until next month's meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. None
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor Dewald had nothing to report.

- X. Police Report. Police Chief Cassel reviewed the written report for October. The Explorer is marked and looks great, a positive response was received from the Public for this; a Women's self-defense class was held on October 14<sup>th</sup>, this went well with another possibly in the Spring at the Park, Halloween parade and trick or treating went well with no issues, the new computers are installed and working, the old laptops can be wiped cleaned for \$50 for both and the Impala is listed on Muncibid. Councilman Steward asked if the Impala was being sold equipped, Chief Cassel stated to another law enforcement agency yes, but to an individual no; no response was received from local agencies for purchase of this due to the age of the cruiser. Chief Cassel stated the Montgomery School will be conducting a "lockdown drill" at approximately 9:30am on Wednesday and Thursday, the department will be participating on Thursday. A discussion was held on the "cleaning" of the old laptops. A motion was made by Clayton Steward to have both laptops cleaned for \$50(Chief Cassel and Officer Houseknecht are paying for this) and sell the laptops to Chief Cassel and Officer Houseknecht for \$45.00 each; second by Laurel Green. A roll call vote was taken. Susan Andrews; abstained due to personal conflict; Laurel Green-yes; C. Roger McRae-yes; Rocky Sanguedolce-yes, Clayton Steward-yes. Vote was four-yes; one-abstained. Motion carried. President Andrews thanked Chief Cassel for the break down of the monthly Police report.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Alexander stated he would like to update the parking tickets with raising the fine cost and adding a fine for violating hand-i-cap parking. This will be worked on at the next Work Session.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported on the following:
1. Evergreen tree-The tree is planted at the circle at the Park and mulch will be placed around it for this year, the Girl Scouts will be decorating the tree, as they have in the past. Margaret Mathis from the Girl Scouts stated this will be done on November 28<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Last day for Brush pick up will be Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and last day for leaf pick up will be Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, after this date leaves must be bagged for pick up.
  3. Montgomery Christmas Committee. A motion was made by Rocky Sanguedolce to donate \$500.00 to this, second by Clayton Steward. Motion carried.
  4. Donna Miller stated an annual report from the SPCA was included in Council's packet for review.
  5. Due to a no tax increase budget for 2021; a line of credit for \$125,000 from Muncy Bank & Trust was applied for at 3.25%, for emergency purposes only.
- XIII. Committee Report.
- Junior Council-President Andrews stated she will reach out to the High School Principal for next year.
  - Summer Alive Program-Councilwoman Green stated the Summer Alive Program is willing to work with the Borough about moving their items at the Park.
  - Montgomery Community Development Committee-None

- Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.-  
Councilman Steward stated nothing more to report.
- Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Councilwoman Green stated the next meeting will be Thursday, November 19 @ 6:30pm at the Riverside Roadhouse. She is working with the Art teacher; Tina Sampsell for a new sign at the Skateboard Park and the Basketball pole will be ready for Spring 2021.
- General Administration/Labor Relations-None
- Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA-Chairman Steward stated they have talked to the Fire Department on issues. Angie Adams asked if any meetings were held; President Andrews stated a meeting will be set up soon.
- Budget/Finance Committee-The first reading of the 2021 Borough Budget will be under New Business.
- Tech Committee-None
- West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce stated a meeting will be held this Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Holiday Committee-Councilman Steward stated everything for Halloween went well, alternate routes for the Christmas Parade of December 12<sup>th</sup> are being looked into. Resident Shawn Coles asked if she was still on the Committee, she will be informed when the next meeting is, but no meetings have been held.
- Planning & Development-None
- Vacancy Board Committee-None
- Zoning Board-None
- Planning Commission-None

XIV. Old Business.

Councilman McRae stated he had a licensed contractor look at the Little League concession building. The support beam is okay. An estimate was received for the repair work at a cost of \$760.08 from Keefer's Home Maintenance & Improvements LLC, this work could be completed by the end of November. Councilman McRae will be paying personally for this. A motion was made by Clayton Steward to authorize this work on contingent of a copy of the Contractor's liability insurance, second by Rocky Sanguedolce. Motion carried.

XV. New Business.

1. 2021 Montgomery Borough Budget, No tax increase; \$566,520.00-first reading. A motion was made by Clayton Steward to accept the first reading of the 2021 Budget, second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
2. Tax Levy Ordinance 2020-2-first reading. This Ordinance is a break down of taxes for 2021. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept on the first reading, second by Rocky Sanguedolce. Motion carried.
3. Appoint Rodney Eddinger to a 5-year term to the Montgomery Water Authority 2021-2025. Clayton Steward made a motion to appoint Rodney Eddinger to this position, this motion was later rescinded by Clayton Steward. Council would like to talk to the Authority about this, the next meeting of the Authority is Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, all are invited.
4. Council Vacancies. At this time of 7:08pm Council entered into Executive session to discuss legal matters and will return with a decision. The meeting resumed at 7:16pm. An additional person for this vacancy was

interviewed at this time; Jeff Frey II.

Nominations were opened to fill the first vacant Council seat; Councilwoman Green nominated Joshua Geiger for this position contingent upon receipt of a letter from his employer; the Federal Bureau of Prisons, stating that a public office can be held by December 7, 2020. Nominations were closed. A roll call vote was taken; Susan Andrews-yes; Laurel Green-yes; C. Roger McRae-yes; Rocky Sanguedolce-yes; Clayton Steward-yes. Five -yes. Joshua Geiger will fill this position contingent upon response from his employer.

C. Roger McRae nominated Jeff Frey II for the second vacant Council position. Rocky Sanguedolce nominated Ruth Little and Margaret Mathis for the second vacant Council position. Nominations were closed. A roll call vote was taken; Susan Andrews-Jeff Frey; Laurel Green-Jeff Frey; C. Roger McRae-Jeff Frey; Rocky Sanguedolce-Ruth Little; Clayton Steward-Jeff Frey. Four votes for Jeff Frey; One vote for Ruth Little; No vote for Margaret Mathis. Jeff Frey II will fill the second Council seat.

Nominations were taken for an alternate Council position due to the approval of Joshua Geiger by December 7, 2020. Clayton Steward nominated Andrew Onufrak II and Rocky Sanguedolce nominated Ruth Little. Nominations were closed. A roll call vote was taken, Susan Andrews-Ruth Little; Laurel Green-Andrew Onufrak II; C. Roger McRae-Andrew Onufrak II; Rocky Sanguedolce-Ruth Little; Clayton Steward-Andrew Onufrak II. Three votes for Andrew Onufrak II and two for Ruth Little. Andrew Onufrak II will fill the Council seat upon the decision of Joshua Geiger by December 7, 2020.

XVI. Public Comments. Resident Ruth Little asked about the Line of Credit that was discussed earlier in the meeting, also she asked about the changes are not made as of this date on the website. President Andrews is working on this. Doug McClintock from Montgomery Little League was in attendance; Councilman McRae asked Doug about organizing the items of Little League that are stored at the building.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm; 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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