

Montgomery Borough Council
December 8, 2020

**Meeting was conducted in house for Council only and by Zoom remotely for the Public.

President Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

- I. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Roll call was taken: Susan Andrews-P, Jeff Frey Jr.-P, Joshua Geiger-P, Laurel Green-P, C. Roger McRae-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-P and Clayton Steward-P-remotely. Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller, Mayor Edward Alexander and Solicitor Jonathan Dewald.

*President Andrews stated an Executive session has held on Monday December 7, 2020 for personnel and legal issues. She also stated both new Council members were sworn in at this time.

Resolution 2020-12-8#1-Appoint Joshua Geiger as Council member. A motion was made by Laurel Green to appoint, second by Rocky Sanguedolce. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-12-8#2-Appoint Jeff Frey Jr. as Council member. A motion was made by Rocky Sanguedolce to appoint, second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.

- III. Fire Department Report. A written report was included for review. A letter was given to all Council stating that Brad Feaster was elected to the Chief's position as of November 19, 2020 until December 31, 2021. The written report stated there was a total of 19 calls for November 2020. The Fire Department purchased a disinfect sprayer to spray the equipment and the fire house due to the increasing numbers of Covid-19. The next fundraiser will tentatively be February 7th for the Super Bowl pizza and wings. The Department will be assisting in the Santa Cruise of December 12th. All are welcome to tour the fire department and for questions.
- IV. EMA Report. A written report was handed in for review, and Donna Miller reported the Christmas food/toy boxes will be distributed Thursday, December 24th in the morning from the Brick Church if anyone is interested in helping. CDC guidelines will be followed.
- V. Public Concerns. Resident Ruth Little asked if all the required paperwork is received from the new Council members and congratulated and welcomed them.
- VI. Approve November 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Rocky Sanguedolce. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve October and November 2020 Treasurer's Report. Both reports were 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 November. He stated the Chevy Impala was sold on MuniBid for \$2001.13, the vehicle was stripped of all the decals and equipment as it was sold to a private individual. The Officers have completed qualifications. The prescription drug collection box has been delivered and is placed in the Borough office, if a resident would like to drop medication off during the office being closed, just ring door bell and someone will collect the medications.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Alexander stated he had nothing new to report.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported on the following:
1. Christmas Hams and Employee Christmas Gift. A motion was made by Clayton Steward to purchase hams for the Employees, Council and Authority, second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
 2. Donna Miller asked everyone to be safe and Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- XIII. Committee Report. President Andrews asked all Committee Chairs to speak with their committee members to have a report in 2021 and to schedule meetings.
- Junior Council-
 - Summer Alive Program-None
 - Montgomery Community Development Committee-None
 - Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Donna Miller reported a 15% water rate increase will begin in 2021. There was been no increase for eight years, and with the rising costs and repairs this is needed. The minimum bill now is \$16.50 with the increase it will be \$18.97, the increase will be \$2.47. Clay Steward stated since no permits can be issued for parades this year, the Lions Christmas parade was canceled.
 - Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Councilwoman Green stated the next meeting will possibly be Wednesday, December 16 @ 6:30pm at the Riverside Roadhouse, check Facebook for updates. She is working with the Art teacher; Tina Sampsell for a new sign at the Skateboard Park, a contest is being held for this. The Montgomery CDC has offered to help to fund this. The Rails to Trails project will be looked into.
 - General Administration/Labor Relations-None
 - Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA-Clay Steward stated a quote was received for a new fuel tank for off road fuel to be installed. This fuel would be cheaper and used for all the diesel equipment. The quote was for \$3,158.45 from Professional Petroleum Service of Williamsport. More will be discussed at the January work session.
 - Budget/Finance Committee-The second reading of the 2021 Borough Budget will be under Old Business.
 - Tech Committee-None
 - West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce stated nothing new to report.

-Holiday Committee-Clay Steward stated since no Parade can be held, a Santa Cruise will be held on December 12th at 1pm starting at the Fire Hall, with Santa on a fire truck going thru out the Borough, handing out candy, donated by the Lions Club and the Borough.

-Planning & Development-None

-Vacancy Board Committee-None

-Zoning Board-None

-Planning Commission-None

XIV. Old Business.

1. 2021 Montgomery Borough Budget, No tax increase \$566,520.00-Second Reading. A motion was made by Clayton Steward to accept the 2021 Borough Budget, second by C. Roger McRae. Motion carried.

2. Tax Levy Ordinance 2020-2-Second Reading. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept, second by Rocky Sanguedolce. Motion carried. This Ordinance breaks down the tax rates.

XV. New Business.

1. Appoint Rodney Eddinger to a 5-year term to the Montgomery Water Authority 2021-2025. Rocky Sanguedolce made a motion to appoint Rodney Eddinger to this position, no second was made. This was tabled.

XVI. Public Comments. Resident Ruth Little asked about the updates on the Borough website. President Andrews apologized for this, and she will look into this. Ms. Little asked if the Police Department received numbers on how many residents that are on Adult Probation and Child Molesters within the Borough. This information will be available at the January meeting. Later in the meeting, Ms. Little was told to go to the PA State Police website and Megan's Law to find this information. She asked about the anyone owning firearms within the Borough and discharging them. The requirements for owning a firearm follows the State requirement and per Borough Ordinances it is prohibited to discharge a firearm within Borough limits. She asked for an update on the funding for the park, as this was being looked into. Councilman Steward stated this takes time as this would-be private funding. President Andrews stated grants are being monitored and same are "not a fit" for the Borough. Ms. Little was asked to gather information and present to Council.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm to enter into Executive Session with no decisions made; second by Jeff Frey Jr. 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". -None


Donna J. Miller
Borough Coordinator

**Montgomery Borough Council
Meeting
January 4, 2021**

This meeting was done remotely by Zoom.

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, Jeff Frey-P, Joshua Geiger-P, Laurel Green-P, C. Roger McRae-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-A(arrived at 6:50pm), and Clayton Steward-P. Also present was Borough Coordinator Donna Miller and Mayor Edward Alexander.

President Andrews stated an Executive session(s) was held prior to this meeting for personnel and legal issues.

- III. Public Concerns: None

- IV. Old Business:

-President Andrews asked for a Council volunteer to take over the Hometown Hero Banner program. Clayton Steward volunteered for this.

-Water Authority Vacancy. Council would like to set up a meeting with the Authority. President Andrews will contact the Water Authority Chairman about some questions the Council had. The Authority member that is up for renewal is invited to come to the Council meeting of Tuesday, January 12 to be interviewed at the conclusion of the meeting. Donna Miller will inform the Water Authority Chairman.

-Donna Miller reported she received the next step for the approval of the replacement of the Little League bridge over Adams Creek. No time was given on the start of this project from Lycoming County.

- V. New Business:

1.2021 Meeting Dates and Times. 2nd Tuesday's of each month starting, January 12; February 9; March 9; April 13; May 11; June 8; July 13; August 10; Sept 14; October 12; November 9 and December 14, 2021 and Work Sessions the first Monday of each month except for June 2021, it will be held Tuesday, June 1, and Thursday if needed, at 6:30pm at 35 S. Main Street. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept these dates and times; second by C. Roger McRae. Motion carried.

2. Update Parking Tickets. Mayor Alexander stated the Police Committee met and set the increase in the fines. He will pass this information on to the Attorney for an amended ordinance.

3. Off Road Fuel Tank(s). Councilman Steward discussed this, with the amount of fuel used at this time, it was determined to table this.

4. 2021 Borough Committees. Borough Committees were reviewed, with updated members and times were set for meetings. A copy of the updated committee sheet

is attached. President Andrews stated she would like the Public Safety Committee to meet once a quarter with the Police and Fire Departments, and attend the Fire Department meetings which are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30pm at the Fire Station. Chairman Clayton Steward of the Public Works committee stated he will attend the monthly Water Authority meetings. A community member is needed for the Vacancy Board, this will be advertised.

Christmas trees will be picked up on Wednesday's for the month of January.


President Andrews asked if the Council members are not using the Borough emails, please set them up.

Councilwoman Green made a motion to hire a Part time Police Officer on a as needed basis, this is needed due to vacation, sick etc., second by Jeff Frey. A roll call vote was taken; Susan Andrews-Yes; Jeff Frey-Yes; Joshua Geiger-Yes; Laurel Green-Yes; Roger McRae-No; Rocky Sanguedolce-No; Clayton Steward-Yes. Five-Yes; Two-No. Motion carried. This will be advertised.

VI. Public Comments: None

VIII. Adjournment. A motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm; 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". -None; done remotely


Donna J. Millet
Borough Coordinator

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