Montgomery Borough Council March 9, 2021

**Meeting was conducted in house and by Zoom.

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, Jeff Frey Jr.-P, Joshua Geiger-A, 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 no Executive session has held since the last meeting; but one will be held prior to adjournment of this meeting with decisions made after.
- III. Fire Department Report. Chief Brad Feaster reviewed the written report. The Department is still working under the Covid-19 guide lines. Various training is scheduled at the fire house. The BBQ chicken fundraiser was a great success, the junior department did a "fill the boot" at the same time; the department is possibly doing a Carnival June 28th thru July 3rd, more information to follow. The Department is looking for new members and thanked the community for all of their continued support.
- IV. EMA Report. A written report was handed in; Greg Gruver had nothing more to report.
- V. Public Concerns. Ashley Parrish from Lifting Little Lives reported the Winefest will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2021 from 1-5pm at the Borough Park. CDC guidelines will be followed. Lifting Little Lives will be taking care of the wineries, vendors, advertising etc., they are accepting donations for the Wine glasses. This will be placed on the Borough website and on the Lions building closer to the time of the event.
- VI. Approve February 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Clayton Steward to approve; second by Jeff Frey Jr. Motion carried.

 Approve March 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes. After a correction of chalking instead of caulking in Old Business, Item #1, a motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Clayton Steward. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve January 2021 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Jeff Frey Jr. to approve; second by Clayton Steward. Motion carried. February 2021 Treasurer's Report was tabled until next month's meeting.

- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Donna Miller reported a monthly report for January 2021 was included for review; a violation of a garage cave in was done and barricades were set up in the alley for safety.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor Dewald had nothing more to report.
- X. Police Report. Police Chief Mark Cassel handed in the February 2021 report.
- XI. Mayor's Report. President Andrews stated that the new hire will be discussed after Executive session. Mayor Alexander had nothing more to report.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported on the following:
 - 1. Postings have been done for the Vacancy Board and Water Authority, with no letters of interest as of this date.
 - 2. The Borough office is now open to the Public with masks required. NO Masks NO entry.
 - 3. Quotes are being received for the replacement of the Park pavilion roofs and updating the bathrooms. This is being done for applying for a grant through Act 13 DCED,
 - 4. The basketball pole is installed; the backboard will be installed in a few weeks to allow the concrete to harden and cure.
 - 5. PennDOT was contacted about the proposed four way stop at the intersection of Main Street and Houston Aves. A traffic study will be done in the next 2-3 weeks. 6. 2020 Statements of Financial Interest are needed from Rocky Sanguedolce and

Clayton Steward.

At this time, resident Ruth Little requested the Police report to be reviewed, President Andrews read the report. Mrs. Little asked about how many speeding and parking tickets that were issued, Chief Cassel replied as these are not normally reported on the report. Mrs. Little asked about the hit and run incident as well.

XIII. Committee Report.

- -Junior Council-
- -Summer Alive Program-Councilwoman Green had nothing newer to report from last week's meeting.
- -Montgomery Community Development Committee-Steve Cook reported they will look into helping with the Little League building.
- -Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Clayton Steward stated the Code Enforcement position will be discussed after the Executive Session tonight.
- -Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Councilwoman Green stated the stones were put in at the entrance of the skateboard park. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 16th at 6:30pm at the Riverside Roadhouse. LuAnn Porter from Summer Alive might be attending to discuss the "Natural Park" for the program. Councilwoman Green will be contacting Washington&Brady Townships for possibly helping

with the repairs of the Little League building. Ruth Little thanked the Parks committee for opening the pavilion for the roller skating.

- -General Administration/Labor Relations-None
- -Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA-Items will be discussed after tonight's Executive session.
- -Budget/Finance Committee-The next meeting will be Thursday, March 18 at 8:15am at the Borough office.
- -Tech Committee-None
- -West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce stated nothing new to report.
- -Holiday Committee-Clayton Steward reported the next Borough event will be the July 4th celebration; the Legion will be having a Ham raffle and a pot pie dinner, with an Easter egg hunt for members only. The Lions Club will be having their egg hunt on Saturday, April 3rd at 1pm at the Borough park. The Fire Department offered a drive thru with "Easter bunny" for the egg hunt. Resident Ruth Little asked the Fire Department about the Ambulance Drive; Steve Cook stated the membership will soon be going out. Ruth Little also asked if any paving will be done, Donna Miller replied as no discussions have been done as of yet.
- -Planning & Development-None
- -Vacancy Board Committee-None
- -Zoning Board-None
- -Planning Commission-None

XIV. Old Business.

- 1. Ordinance #2021-1 OPT Tax-Second Reading. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept the second reading; second by Jeff Frey Jr. Motion carried.
- 2. Ordinance #2021-2 Amending and Updating Regulations of Parking-Second Reading. Mayor Alexander asked Solicitor Dewald about the fines for the tractor trailer parking; Solicitor Dewald responded as this is included with this Ordinance as a \$20.00 fine cost. A motion was made by Jeff Frey Jr. to accept the second reading; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
- 3. Water Authority Vacancy. This will be discussed later in the meeting after the Executive session.

XV. New Business. None

The Council adjourned the meeting at 6:47pm to enter into Executive Session for personnel reasons, the meeting will resume with decisions. The meeting resumed at 7:08pm.

The new hire position for the Police Department and the Water Authority Vacancy; no action was taken.

A motion was made by Clayton Steward to appoint Fred Grasty to fill the Codes Enforcement position; second by Jeff Frey Jr. Motion carried.

XVI. Public Comments. Donna Miller reported that the Montgomery Food Bank will be open the 2nd Thursdays of each month from 10am-2pm and 5:30pm-7pm. This will be placed on the Borough's website.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm; 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". Attached

Donna J. Miller / Borough Coordinator

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Montgomery Borough Council Special Meeting March 22, 2021

This meeting was done in house and 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, and Clayton Steward-A. 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. New Business: Police Hire Upon the recommendation of Mayor Alexander; a motion was made by Jeff Frey Jr. to hire Lauren Lucus as a Part time Police Officer; second by Joshua Geiger. Motion carried.
- VI. Public Comments: None
- VIII. Adjournment. A motion was made by Jeff Frey Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm; second by Laurel Green. 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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