

Montgomery Borough Council
June 8, 2021

**Meeting was not conducted by Zoom.

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

- I. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Roll call was taken: Susan Andrews-A, 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.

*Vice President Sanguedolce stated no Executive session(s) have been held.
- III. Fire Department Report. Chief Brad Feaster reviewed the written report. With the warmer weather the department is looking for donations of water and Gatorades for the members when working on fires and rescues. Five of the junior members have just graduated from high school. The department is beginning to lower the standards of operation of the Covid-19 guidelines. The active cases of Covid-19 in the community have been coming down. A total of 20 calls for service were done in the month of May. Various training programs are scheduled. The food stand will be open for the July 3rd fireworks. The department appreciates the communities support and they are looking for new members and always open to the community.
- IV. EMA Report. A written report was handed in; Dennis Gruver also reported the flood marking was done on the pier at the Little League building. EMA will be having their hot dogs, popcorn etc. for the July 3rd fireworks.
- V. Public Concerns. Resident Ruth Little asked how much was paid out of the general fund for the recent lawsuit. Councilwoman Green responded as \$100,000 came from the insurance; Councilman Sanguedolce and Angie Adams stated \$20,000 from the general and the insurance deductible is \$2500.00. Ms. Little also asked if any money was received from the damage to the light pole on Montgomery Street, Chief Cassel stated the report was completed; Donna Miller replied no information was given to her for the reimbursement. She asked if the Police Department punches in and out for each shift, Mayor Alexander replied as daily log sheets are being done. She asked about the camera in the front of the building that is not working, Chief Cassel stated that the one camera needs to be replaced; Donna Miller replied as there are two working cameras on the front of the building looking north and south. She asked about the bike helmets, Chief Cassel stated these will be ordered this week and more information will follow about the distribution. Chief Cassel answered her questions about Megan's' Law information in her neighborhood. She asked Donna Miller to have the Codes

Officer look into the garbage that is in back of her neighbors on Penn Street. She also thanked Council for all they do and asked about how many meetings can be missed by a Council member. Attorney DeWald stated there are no requirements for missed meetings. If the Council would go down to five members a resolution would need to be done plus a referendum at election.

Resident Shawn Coles stated that the zoom meeting information for tonight was not working. Council stated no zoom for tonight due to computer problems. Ms. Coles asked about the parking tickets and the problems with parking on Main Street. She asked about whatever happened to the parking permits for the parking lot on W. Houston Ave and N. Main Streets. Donna Miller replied at the start two or three permits were issued, but it was never enforced for the ones that never received permits. She asked Chief Cassel about the incident that happened on S. Main Street two weeks prior, Chief Cassel stated he would talk to her after the meeting.

- VI. Approve May 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Jeff Frey. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve April 2021 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Clay Steward to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
May 2021 Treasurer's Report was tabled until next month's meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Donna Miller stated grass, tree and junk vehicle letters were sent and two second warning letters were sent for violations. Councilman McRae asked for an update on the property on Montgomery Street with the junk vehicles. Donna Miller replied the Codes Department is working on it with various agencies.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor Dewald reviewed the information he received for the property at the end of Bower Street for the possible dog park. Lycoming County has a right of way easement through this property and the south west section of this property is owned by the Montgomery Water Authority. A letter will be sent to the Authority for the use of this land.
- X. Police Report. Chief Mark Cassel reviewed the written report. Officer Lucas is riding "solo". Councilman McRae asked why the Montgomery Police was at graduation and prom. Chief Cassel stated they help with Mutual Aid. Mayor Alexander stated he gave permission for the Department to be there. Councilman McRae asked about the excess coverage being done at the Uni-Mart. Chief Cassel stated he would talk to Mr. McRae after the meeting about this.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Alexander stated the mini bikes and go cart problem on Broad Street is being addressed. He asked Donna Miller about if anything is required for painting speed lines on a state road, she replied she did not know but the Police Department has the N-Rad system. Chief Cassel replied as the Officer must be certified to use this, the only one in the Department presently to use this

is Jeff Houseknecht.

- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported on the following:
1. The mini-excavator was delivered on May 27th, at a cost of \$73,350; the Borough received \$25,600 from the Department of Agriculture for the funding, the balance will be divided between the Highway Aid fund and the Water Authority. Donna Miller is applying for more funding to purchase a dump truck with a plow for next year, the cost of the new truck would approximately be \$55,500 before the funding. The balance of this would be paid from the Highway Aid fund and the Water Authority.
 2. She thanked Elaine Clark and the Woman's Legion Auxiliary and Angie Adams for planting the flowers on Main Street.
 3. An extra portable potty will be ordered for the Firework celebration in July and also one for the Winefest in August. The total firework donation as of this date is \$2536.00. The total donation for the Little League roof replacement is \$1002.00; this was received from the Active, Sons and Auxiliary of the Legion.
 4. She previously gave the Council information she received about the Pedestrian cross walk at the intersection of W. Houston Ave and N. Main Streets. This would be \$40,000 and the Borough would maintain it. A discussion was held and other options will be looked into.
 5. The colored sides of the bus shelter located on S. Main Street were removed due to safety reasons.
 6. No work session for July; due to the holiday.
- Ruth Little asked Donna Miller to change the timer on the street lights on Main Street. Donna replied yes.

XIII. Committee Report.

-Junior Council-None

-Summer Alive Program-Donna Miller reported she talked to LuAnn Porter and they will not be having the program on Tuesday's; due to the school having summer school for all students. "Bagged" snacks/lunches for the children will be provided with distribution at Cole's Coffee. Donna Miller also reported that Ms. Porter stated they will be cleaning up their garden and inside of the pavilion. Councilwoman Green reported the program will be having a Family Day on June 26th and AYSO soccer is not having any matches that day.

-Montgomery Community Development Committee-None

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

Councilman Steward mentioned about changing the names of some of the Borough streets to reflect the Hometown Hero's' and past Council members. Attorney DeWald stated an amended Ordinance has to be done and coordination with the Lycoming County EMS and Postal service would need to be done. More discussion will be done at a later time. Donna Miller reported on the Water Authority as the West Houston Ave water line replacement should start mid-June; CDBG funding was applied for the water line replacement of Brook Street and the water line for the Timber Run Industrial Park is coming along with the engineering and permits being done, this is across from the County landfill at

Route 15.

-Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Councilwoman Green stated she is having a meeting Wednesday, June 9th at 6:30 with the Gruver's to coordinate the fireworks; the Fireworks will be July 3rd at dusk at the park; June 26th the Summer Alive will have a Family Fun Day; on September 18th the Lycoming Woman's Democrat committee will be having a fundraiser Fall festival with various vendors; the next meeting will be June 17th at 6:30pm at the Riverside Roadhouse, all are welcome. Representatives from TK Tackle Fishing attended the meeting and stated they are interested on having a fishing derby around Mother's Day 2022. They would like to clean up Black Hole creek on S. Main Street for this, Council gave permission for them to do this. Possibly an excess for hand-i-cap will be done. They placed fishing poles etc. at Coles Coffee for youths to pick up that do not have any. A thank you was given to them for this work.

Councilman McRae stated a gentleman was at the park doing metal detection. The Christmas tree is staked up. He wanted to thank the Borough employees for a beautiful job on the Park for the recent Memorial Day celebration.

-General Administration/Labor Relations-Donna Miller reported the Non-Uniform and Uniform employees' contracts are up for negotiations at the end of 2021.

-Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA-Councilman Steward stated the State Lions club gave various organizations masks and hand sanitizers.

-Budget/Finance Committee-No meeting will be held in June.

-Tech Committee-Councilman Steward asked Attorney DeWald if the Borough is legally obligated to have the zoom sessions, Attorney DeWald stated we do not need to pursue them. After a brief discussion to have or not to have the zoom meetings; a motion was made by C. Roger McRae to discontinue the zooming of the meetings, no second was given. The motion did not pass. Compu-Gen will be contacted to fix the problem with the zoom computer.

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

-Holiday Committee-Councilman Steward stated the fireworks will be July 3rd and the updated applications for the Community Garden are available.

-Planning & Development-None

-Vacancy Board Committee-None

-Zoning Board-None

-Planning Commission-None

XIV. Old Business.

1. Dog Park. This was discussed under the Solicitor's report.

XV. New Business.

1. Ordinance Amendments. This was tabled until more discussion.
2. Councilman McRae stated the parking lot on W. Houston Ave and N. Main Street should be changed to 2-hour parking 24 hours a day. Councilman Steward stated he is in contact with the owners of the two vacant businesses on S. Main Street.
3. Resignation of Councilwoman Susan Andrews. Donna Miller read the

resignation letter of Susan Andrews resigning from her Council position. No action was taken from Council. This will be addressed at the July 2021 meeting.

XVI. Public Comments. Ruth Little asked Councilman Steward about his residency within the Borough. Councilwoman Green stated all Council live within the Borough. Councilman McRae asked for an Executive session to discuss Susan Andrews resignation, Attorney DeWald stated this is not a reason for Executive Session. Ruth Little asked why Donna Miller is not attending the Executive Sessions, Attorney DeWald explained all elected officials are in Executive sessions, but others must be invited.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm; second by Clay 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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