

**Montgomery Borough Council**  
**July 13, 2021**

\*\*Meeting was conducted by Zoom and publicly at Borough Hall.

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-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.  
  
\*Donna Miller stated an Executive session was held prior to this meeting for informational purposes.
- III. Fire Department Report. Steve Cook reviewed the written report. The Department would like to thank the Borough and the residents for the support of July 3<sup>rd</sup> fundraiser. With the warmer weather the department is looking for donations of water and Gatorades for the members when working on fires and rescues. 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 17 calls for service were done in the month of June. Various training programs are scheduled. Carnival will be August 25<sup>th</sup> thru August 28<sup>th</sup>. Stilling waiting on a band schedule but NO Becky's!!! The department appreciates the communities support and they are looking for new members and always open to the community. Councilman Steward stated if the department needs anything from the Legion or Lions Clubs, please contact him.
- IV. EMA Report. A written report was handed in; Dennis Gruver also stated due to the recent weather alerts, residents should be notified about moving vehicles from low lying properties. A question was asked if there was plenty of "high" ground to park vehicles; response was yes.
- V. Public Concerns. Resident Ruth Little stated some residents are afraid to call the Police Department due to "back lash" and when calls are made, they are not returned in a timely manner. Vice President Sanguedolce stated he supports the Police and the Department is working the same as it has done in the past. Mayor Alexander stated he has heard nothing of these issues. Ms. Little also asked about the recent bicycle incident. Chief Cassel stated he would talk to her about this after the meeting. Secretary Angie Adams stated the best thing to do is to talk to the Mayor or the Chief about any issues with the Police department.
- VI. Approve June 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Clayton Steward. Motion carried.

- VII. Approve May 2021 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Roger McRae to approve; second by Jeff Frey. Motion carried.  
Approve June 2021 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Clayton Steward to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Fred Grasty introduced himself to the Council and stated he has received 95% cooperation from the Borough residents on the notices he has sent out for violations. He is working on trees being trimmed; both on resident properties and the Borough's. He will be working on sidewalks in the near future. He would like to change the height for the tree Ordinance from 13 feet to 14 feet; due to tractor trailer height. The Borough hired an outside agency to cut the weeds etc. at 53 E. Houston Ave; this property is being sold at an "Up Sale", the cost to the Borough for clean-up, will be included in this. Councilman Steward thanked Mr. Grasty for what he has done to date.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor Dewald had nothing new to report.
- X. Police Report. Chief Mark Cassel reviewed the written report. The bicycle helmets were ordered and received. A date for distributing will soon be announced.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Alexander stated the helmets are received. He will help supplying the Fire Department with Gatorades and water. Everything went well with the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday. He instructed the Police Department to respond to ALL calls.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported on the following:  
1. Everything went well with the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration, a donation total will be available at next months' meeting, she thanked Councilwoman Green for all she did for the celebration.  
2. The next work session will be Monday, August 2; with the Council meeting will be Tuesday, August 10.  
3. Committees please have projects for 2022 ready for budget.  
4. A email was received for the 911 Memorial Coalition Ride. Each municipality was asked to provide a letter indicating approval to allow the sponsor to conduct the event. Donna Miller will provide this letter to the appropriate place. Steve Cook from the Fire Department stated the Mifflinburg Fire Department's annual walk will take place on September 11<sup>th</sup> also. This walk starts in Hughesville and ends in Mifflinburg.
- XIII. Committee Report.  
-Junior Council-None  
-Summer Alive Program-None  
-Montgomery Community Development Committee-None  
-Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Donna

Miller reported on the Water Authority as the West Houston Ave water line replacement is starting July 19<sup>th</sup>, a portion of West Houston Ave will be closed during the day; CDBG funding was applied for the water line replacement on Brook Street and she is conducting interviews with the residents on Brook Street, this is a requirement for this grant funding and the Timber Run Industrial Park project is on schedule.

-Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Councilwoman Green stated the next meeting will be Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Riverside. She also thanked everyone for all the help and support at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> firework event. Attorney Dewald stated at this time that the land that was being looked into for the dog park belongs to the Montgomery Water Authority. A letter was done and will be given to the Authority to lease this land to the Borough for this use. Donna Miller will give this letter to the Authority at their meeting of Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Councilman McRae asked should a petition be done, showing interest in this. It was recommended that the property should be acquired first. Secretary Angie Adams asked about the liability of the Borough if something would happen at the Dog Park. Solicitor Dewald stated if everything is posted and no neglect from the Borough it would relieve the Borough from any responsibility.

-General Administration/Labor Relations-None

-Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA-Councilman Steward stated things were covered earlier in the meeting.

-Budget/Finance Committee-Donna Miller stated a meeting will be held Thursday, August 5 at 11 am.

-Tech Committee-Councilwoman Green asked if anyone would like to take over the Facebook questions and notifications. Vice President Sanguedolce stated he would.

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

-Holiday Committee-Councilman Steward stated the American Legion will be doing something after the 911 ride; Halloween contest will be the same as last year and if anyone has suggestions for a Labor Day celebration, please contact him.

-Planning & Development-None

-Vacancy Board Committee-None

-Zoning Board-None

-Planning Commission-None

#### XIV. Old Business.

1. Dog Park. This was discussed under the Committee report.
2. Ordinance Amendments. Different questions were asked about the garbage containers and furniture on porches. These will be discussed more at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> work session.
3. Resignation of Susan Andrews. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept this resignation; second by Jeff Frey. Motion carried.

#### XV. New Business.

Yield to Pedestrian signs. Information was given to Council about signs to be placed on Main Street. Discussion was held on this, but no decisions were made.

XVI. Public Comments. Brian Byers asked about using the Montgomery Park and or properties for metal detecting. Attorney Dewald stated there is nothing to stop anyone for using the community Park.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm; second by Jeff Frey. 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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