

Montgomery Borough Council
August 10, 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: Jeff Frey Jr.-A; Joshua Geiger-P, Laurel Green-P, C. Roger McRae-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-P and Clayton Steward-A. 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 prior to this meeting.
- III. Fire Department Report. A written report was handed in, but no one was in attendance.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver had nothing more to report other than the written report.
- V. Public Concerns. Resident Margaret Mathis stated about the ongoing problems with area children. "What can be done?". Councilwoman Green stated about talking to the children, Mayor Alexander stated the children must be charged first and then the judge would order community service. Resident Ruth Little asked the solicitor is anything could be changed to help with this, he responded as the children must be charged first. Angie Adams asked what does the Police do with children that are out after the curfew hours, do they take them home??? Vice President Sanguedolce stated something will be figured out.
- VI. Approve July 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by C. Roger McRae. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve July 2021 Treasurer's Report. This was tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Fred Grasty handed in a report for review and new proposed amendments to the Ordinances for review, this will be talked about more at the next meeting.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor Dewald had nothing new to report.
- X. Police Report. None
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Alexander stated the Bike Rodeo will be Sunday, August

15 from 1-3pm at the Skateboard Park.

- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported on the following:
1. Total cost of the 2021 Fireworks was \$8000.00; with total donations of \$3261.00; final cost of \$1579.66 for Montgomery Borough, Brady and Clinton Twps.
 2. Winefest is Saturday, August 14, 2021.
 3. Committees please have projects for 2022 ready for budget.
 4. Funds were applied for under the American Rescue Plan, the Borough could receive as much as \$157,000; \$78,000 has been received as of this date. Donna and Angie will be attending a meeting on Wednesday, August 11th to discuss the use of the funding.
 5. The W. Houston Ave water replacement project was started, the delay was due to material; the water leak on Montgomery Street and 2nd Street was repaired, a BIG thank you to the Borough crew for their long day; the Timber Run project is progressing.

XIII. Committee Report.

- Junior Council-None
- Summer Alive Program-Margaret Mathis reported that LuAnn Porter from the program would like to have a meeting next month to plan for next year. The meals that are being provided to the local children from Coles Coffee is from this program, on an average 15 to 30 meals are done Monday-Friday.
- Montgomery Community Development Committee-None
- Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Donna Miller reported on the Water previously in the meeting.
- Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Councilwoman Green stated the next meeting will be Tuesday, August 17th at 6:30pm at Riverside. Attorney DeWald stated a letter was received from the Water Authority that it was discussed but no action was taken. Councilman McRae asked what the next step would be; Attorney Dewald replied as to look for a new location. Resident Ruth Little asked about the Beckoning Cat program, Donna Miller stated one voucher is open for this.
- General Administration/Labor Relations-None
- Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA-None
- Budget/Finance Committee-Donna Miller stated a meeting will be held Thursday, August 19th at 11 am.
- Tech Committee-None
- West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce stated nothing new to report.
- Holiday Committee-None
- Planning & Development-None
- Vacancy Board Committee-None
- Zoning Board-None
- Planning Commission-None

XIV. Old Business.

1. Dog Park.
2. Ordinance Amendments.

Both of these items were talked about previously in the meeting.

Solicitor Dewald stated changes were made to the Sunshine Act. Agendas must be posted twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting and at the window of where the meeting is taking place and if an item is not on the agenda, no action can be taken unless it is an emergency. He will provide information on this for Council's review.

Resident Margaret Mathis asked if any updates on the removable speed bumps that was discussed at last months' meeting. No information was received.

Councilman McRae asked about "notching" the road. Donna Miller will contact the PennDOT representative about these items, as this is a state road.

XV. New Business.

1. Appoint New Council member for the term ending December 31, 2021. After a discussion, a motion was made by Rocky Sanguedolce to appoint Margaret Mathis to fill the Council vacancy for the term ending December 31, 2021, second by C. Roger McRae. A roll call vote was taken, Jeff Frey-absent; Josh Geiger-yes; Laurel Green-yes; C. Roger McRae-yes; Rocky Sanguedolce-yes; and Clayton Steward-absent. Vote was 4 yes and 2 absent. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-8-10; a Resolution to fill Council Vacancy. A motion was made by Josh Geiger to adopt Resolution 2021-8-10; second by Rocky Sanguedolce. Motion carried. Councilman McRae will swear Margaret Mathis into office after the meeting tonight.


XVI. Public Comments.

Mayor Alexander stated the Firemen are having fireworks the final night of the carnival; Saturday, August 28th; donations will be accepted.

Councilman McRae asked if anyone remembered parking on W. Houston Ave. and why it was terminated. He also asked Attorney Dewald about the maintaining of right-of-way's, Attorney Dewald stated it would be reflected in the agreement on file, but if no agreement the property owners would have equal maintenance.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm; second by Josh Geiger. 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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