

Montgomery Borough Council
December 14, 2021

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

Due to medical reasons of President Steward, Vice President Sanguedolce conducted the meeting.

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-A (arrived at 6:35pm), Laurel Green-P, Margaret Mathis-P, C. Roger McRae-A, Rocky Sanguedolce-P and Clayton Steward-P. Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller, Mayor Edward Alexander and Solicitor Jonathan Dewald.

*Report on Executive Session(s)-No session have been held.
- III. Fire Department Report. Chief Brad Feaster reviewed the written report as follows: Joe Oister has left to continue his career in the United States Air Force as a Fire Fighter. The Department is still working under the Department of Health Covid-19 guide lines; the active cases have been steady and EMA have been doing a great job informing the public. CPR Recertification course was done on December 3rd. February 6th will be the pizza and wing fundraiser. The fire department would like to thank the community for their support and they are always looking for new members and are open to the Public for a walk through. Councilwoman Mathis asked why the Warrior Run Fire Department was dispatched at the recent fire instead of Clinton Twp., Chief Feaster responded as the ladder truck from Warrior Run is much smaller than that of the Township, and it would be easier.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg and Dennis Gruver were in attendance, the written report was included in the Council packets; Greg Gruver stated that EMA will be helping with the Wreaths Across America on Saturday, December 18 @ 10am at the Fairview Cemetery.
- V. Public Concerns. Resident Ruth Little stated about the parking problem on School Street.
- VI. Approve November 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
Approve December 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve October 2021 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Margaret

Mathis to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
Approve November 2021 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.

- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Fred Grasty was not in attendance, but handed in a written report. Donna Miller read the report.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor Dewald stated that the signatures were received to continue with the petition to reduce Council size. He reported on the lien satisfaction of 18 W Houston Ave.
- X. Police Report. Chief Cassel reviewed the written report. He stated the Christmas Parade went well; new tires were installed on the Ford Explorer; a battery tender was purchased for the Ford Taurus. The computer server was installed and the VSPEC units were installed and operational, certification will be scheduled.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Alexander stated about the Wreaths Across America program for this Saturday, all Council are welcome to attend, volunteers are needed to help unload the wreaths. The Police department responded to 100% of their calls in the month of November. He asked about purchasing posts to install the needed signs for flooding in the rear of the building, Donna Miller stated whatever is needed to inform her.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported on the following:
1. Reorganizational Meeting of January 3, 2022. This will be the regular business meeting for January. A new Council President, Vice-President, President Pro-Tem will be appointed and committees will be formed.
 2. Zoom meetings. She stated these sessions should be continued, but she needs someone to set them up with the ID numbers etc.
 3. Borough employee, Curtis Robbins, will be retiring January 28, 2022. Posting of this job will be done, it will include a maintenance employee plus water employee.
- XIII. Committee Report.
- Summer Alive Program-None
 - Montgomery Community Development Committee-None;
 - Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Donna Miller stated everything is going well with the water projects.
 - Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Councilwoman Green stated the next meeting will be Tuesday, December 21st at 6:30pm at Riverside. She asked about applying for grants, Donna Miller stated in January 2022 they will come available.
 - General Administration/Labor Relations-Contracts for the Uniform employees are being worked on.
 - Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA-The Police employment contract is being worked on.
 - Budget/Finance Committee-None
 - Tech Committee-Councilwoman Green will be taking care of the zoom sessions

for Council meetings.

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

-Holiday Committee-The Christmas decorating contest will take place, more information will be posted.

-Planning & Development-None

-Vacancy Board Committee-None

-Zoning Board-None

-Planning Commission-None

XIV. Old Business.

1. Update on signatures for petition. Signatures for the petition to reduce Council size from 7 to 5 was obtained and given to the Solicitor.

2. 2022 Borough Budget-Second Reading \$569,895.00 with half mill increase. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept the second reading of the 2022 Montgomery Borough budget; second by Joshua Geiger. Motion carried.

XV. New Business.

1. Non-Uniform Employee Contract 2022-2024. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to accept this contract; second by Joshua Geiger. Motion carried.

2. Uniform Employee Contract 2022-2024. This was tabled.

3. Resolution/Agreement with Lycoming County of collect Real Estate taxes for the period of January 1, 2022-December 31, 2025; at a cost of \$1.50 per bill. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept this Resolution/Agreement; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.

4. A letter was read from Councilman Jeff Frey Jr, resigning his Council position as of December 13, 2021 due to moving out of the Borough.


5. Swear in Mayor/Council for new terms. Mayor Alexander and Councilman McRae were sworn in earlier in the day, Mayor Alexander swore Councilwoman Mathis and Councilman Geiger into their positions.

XVI. Public Comments. Ruth Little thanked the Council, Fire Department and EMA for their service and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Dennis Gruver reported on the Toys for Tots program, the boxes will be picked up tomorrow but if more gifts dropped off, just get in touch with him, all are welcome to help with the distribution on December 24th.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm; second by Margaret Mathis. 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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