

Montgomery Borough Council
February 8, 2022

**Meeting was conducted publicly at Borough Hall.

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

- I. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Roll call was taken: Joshua Geiger-P, Laurel Green-P, Margaret Mathis-P, C. Roger McRae-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-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.

**Resignation of Councilman Clayton Steward. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept this resignation; second by Josh Geiger. Motion carried.

***Reorganization of Borough Council.

President: Roger McRae nominated Rocky Sanguedolce. Nominations closed. Rocky Sanguedolce is Council President.

Vice-President: Laurel Green nominated Roger McRae. Nominations were closed. A motion was made by Laurel Green to appoint Roger McRae as Council Vice President; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.

President Pro-Tem: Roger McRae nominated Laurel Green. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to appoint Laurel Green as President Pro Tem; second by Roger McRae. Motion carried.

- III. Fire Department Report. Chief Brad Feaster reviewed the written report as follows: The Department is still monitoring the Covid-19 standard of operation; the community cases have been steady. Due to the Little League bridge being closed; on January 26th training on drafting at the bridge at Brook and South Main Streets was conducted. The department would like to sit down with the Safety committee to discuss putting in some dry hydrants within the Borough. On February 1st the Department helped with the overturned tractor trailer on the Montgomery River bridge, thank you to the Station House for coffee. There was a total of 34 calls in January; training was on February 2nd for EMS Con-Ed for cold weather emergencies and CO illnesses. Fundraiser is the Super Bowl pizza and wings. The Department wants to thank the community for all the support and is always open for new volunteers. A question was asked if the Department is having a carnival this year; Chief Feaster stated possibly in May, but no details as of yet.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver had nothing more to report other than the written report. He will be out of town February 22, 2022 through March 1, 2022.
- V. Public Concerns.
 1. Janet Sellard; owner of 10 Broad Street stated her concerns about the cat problem at her residence. She handed out a copy of an Ordinance from

Duboistown Borough dealing with this problem. President Sanguedolce asked all Council to review this Ordinance and talk about this at next months' meeting.
2. Mark Shifflet and Jesse Newcomer from the Historical Society were here and explained about the downtown Historic Walking Tour that the Historical Society, the History Club and Leo Club would like to do. A motion was made by Laurel Green to allow kiosks placed at various locations for this; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.

- VI. Approve January 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve December 2021 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
Approve January 2022 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Donna Miller reported no report was received from Codes Inspections, but she stated that two permits were issued one for fill dirt and the other for installing a fence.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor Dewald had nothing new to report.
- X. Police Report. Chief Cassel reviewed the written report for December 2021 and January 2022.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Alexander had nothing new to report.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported on the following:
 - 1. The Borough is having a problem in getting road salt, a load from Clinton Twp and Muncy Borough was used; when the Borough receives their delivery these will be replaced.
 - 2. Applications were received for the maintenance/water position. Interviews will be scheduled.
 - 3. Grants are being applied for park roofs and park equipment.
 - 4. Information was received for the Susquehanna Greenway for the 2022 Clean up for the week of April 16-24.
 - 5. State Ethics forms are due from Laurel, Margaret and Josh.
 - 6. No work session for March 2022.
- XIII. Committee Report. At this time 2022 Borough Committees were filled; the Public Relations/Tech and Planning Commission committees were taken off.
 - Summer Alive Program-LuAnn Porter was not in attendance but would like a meeting by the end of the month, the program will not be providing food.
 - 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. Roger McRae had concerns about the W. Houston Ave/N Main Street parking lot.
 - Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Councilwoman Green stated the next meeting will be Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30pm at Riverside. She asked for volunteers to help move the tables in the enclosed pavilion.
 - General Administration/Labor Relations-A meeting will be held tonight after this meeting.
 - Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA-None

- Budget/Finance Committee-A meeting will be set up the end of February, beginning of March.
- Tech Committee-None
- West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce stated nothing more to report.
- Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis reviewed the activities for Valentine's Day and upcoming Holidays. A craft session will be held monthly at Cole's; monthly newsletters for upcoming events will be done, Earth hour on March 26 from 8:30pm-9:30pm turn off lights and electronics; possibly having the School and other local organizations help with decorations for Main Street. No new information if the awards were given out for the Halloween decorating contest, no contest was done for Christmas. Meetings are the 4th Monday of the month here at the Borough office @ 6:30pm. She asked the Solicitor about accepting gift cards from area businesses for prizes for contests, Attorney DeWald responded as this must be kept track of and tax exemptions letters would not be given. Councilwoman Mathis also asked an opinion on starting a "Tweens-Teens" committee. It was decided to ask if enough interest for this. Margaret will be attending a two-day bus tour in May, given by the Waterways program. April 23, 2022 is Earth Day, the Girl Scouts would like to plant an evergreen tree at Montgomery Memorial Park for this. Councilwoman Mathis has been in contact with Chief Cassel about a Neighborhood Watch program; this will be posted if enough interest.
- Planning & Development-None
- Vacancy Board Committee-None
- Zoning Board-None
- Planning Commission-None

XIV. Old Business.

1. Uniform Employee Contract 2022-2024-This will be discussed in the Labor committee meeting tonight.

XV. New Business. None

XVI. Public Comments.


Shawn Coles asked about the Relief money the Borough has received. Donna Miller stated one allotment has been received, no decisions on the use of the money as yet, the Borough has four years to use the monies. She also asked about the speed device training of the Police Department.

Ruth Little asked if zoom was being used for this meeting. It was not.

Roger McRae suggested using the lower part of the Park for an ice-skating area.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 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