

Montgomery Borough Council
April 12, 2022

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

- I. President Sanguedolce called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
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)-Sessions were held on March 21st and one prior to this meeting for Police personnel matters.
- III. Fire Department Report. Chief Brad Feaster reviewed the written report as follows: The Covid-19 concerns have been low. On March 31st, the Girl Scouts came for their home safety training, they all received a smoke detector. The Department would like to get together and discuss what services do we have and what is provided and also have a Public Safety meeting. There was a total of 18 calls for March. On March 23rd the department did a Pre-plan walk through at Halliburton; on April 5th seven members went to Warrior Run Area Fire Department for Every Day Street Drugs Emergencies that was provided by the PA State Police. Every Wednesday night in house training is done at 6:30pm; all are welcome to attend. The Auxiliary is doing "Egg my Yard" fundraiser. At this time, they are still looking for a vendor for the carnival. The Department would like to thank the community for their continued support, and they are always looking for new members. All are welcome.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver had nothing more to report other than the written report. EMA would like to be included in the Public Safety meeting. Greg Gruver asked Solicitor about a 501C3 for EMA. Dennis Gruver stated about the trees at the Little League bridge, Donna Miller replied as Smith's Tree Service is doing the work, but more has to be done.
- V. Public Concerns. Craig Miller from the Odyssey of the Mind stated that one team from Montgomery will be participating in the World competition in Iowa the last week of May 2022. He asked if the Borough could do a donation for this, donations must be in by May 20, 2022. President Sanguedolce stated this will be discussed later.
Councilwoman Mathis read a letter from a Borough resident about raising chickens within the Borough limits.
- VI. Approve March 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Joshua Geiger. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve February 2022 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Roger McRae. Motion carried.
Approve March 2022 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.

- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Donna Miller reported one Certificate of Occupancy was done and construction permits of a porch, chair lift at Legion and a freight elevator for 140 Broad Street was done.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor Dewald will report later in the meeting.
- X. Police Report. Chief Cassel reviewed the written report for March 2022.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Alexander stated Officer Jeff Houseknecht will be retiring April 16, 2022. Interviews will be done for new hiring of Part time Officers.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported on the following:
1. Borough Yard Sales will be Saturday, May 21. Fae Herb has volunteered to do the mapping for this.
 2. An approval letter was sent for the 9/11 Memorial Coalition Ride.
 3. Borough properties are being cleaned and ready for summer; brush pick up will be Wednesday's only, with the gate being unlocked.
 4. There will be a Work Session on Monday, May 2, 2022 and the regular business meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30pm.
 5. The Codes position has been advertised.
- XIII. Committee Report.
- Summer Alive Program-LuAnn Porter stated this program has a new name of "Nature Camp"-Creative Adventures for Magical Play; and will be running June 13-July 8, 2022 from 9:30-12:30 with lunch pick up at Coles. They will be limited to 25 children; the registration will be on a lottery system. The two age groups will be 5-7 and 8-10. Volunteers are needed.
 - Montgomery Community Development Committee-None
 - Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Donna Miller stated no new updates on the water projects, a Water Authority vacancy is still open.
 - Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Councilwoman Green stated the next meeting will be Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30pm at Riverside. On April 23 at 2pm there will be a litter clean up, volunteers needed. Open skate ended on Saturday, April 9; Fishing Derby will be held on May 7th; Firework donation letters will soon be sent out. A vendor Fest is being looked into for September 24th at the Montgomery Park.
 - General Administration/Labor Relations-None
 - Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA-A meeting is being scheduled.
 - Budget/Finance Committee-None
 - West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce stated nothing new to report. A question was asked later in the meeting about replacements of the sewer laterals. Rocky will find out more information and report back.
 - Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis stated the Scavenger hunt went great with 80 participates; in July a bigger one will be done; the craft events are well attended with eleven kids and five adults in March and eight kids and nine adults in April. There will be no Easter parade; an egg hunt for grades 7-12 will be on April 16th at 8pm; donations are needed. The Easter coloring contest ends

tomorrow. In May and June there will be no craft events; there will be a Mother's Day Tea in May and a Chilling and Grilling in June for Father's Day. A fundraiser of a Secret Santa in July is being looked into. More information will follow for a "Good Vibes" program. Montgomery Loves our Moms and Dads will be done; with pictures displayed. A plant sale for Mother's Day and a fishing lure sale for Father's Day is being looked into.

-Planning & Development-None

-Vacancy Board Committee-Solicitor Dewald stated since the time limit is up for the Council vacancies, the Vacancy Board has to be petitioned the Court for the two letters that we received. Attorney Dewald will do this, this will take approximately 1-2 months.

-Zoning Board-None

XIV. Old Business.

1. Uniform Employee Contract 2022-2024-President Sanguedolce stated the Police contract was reviewed. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept this contract, second by Joshua Geiger. A roll call vote was taken; Joshua Geiger-yes; Laurel Green-yes; Margaret Mathis-no; Roger McRae-no; Rocky Sanguedolce-yes. Three-yes; Two-no. Motion carried.

2. Inspection Ordinance-Discussion was held on this, more will be done at the May 2, 2022 work session.

XV. New Business.

Solicitor Dewald recommended a part time Police new hire due to scheduling. A motion was made by Roger McRae to amend the agenda of April 12, 2022 to hire a part time Police officer to revisit this at the May 10, 2022 meeting; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.

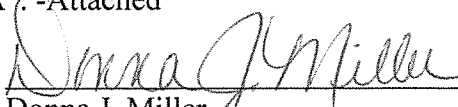
XVI. Public Comments.

Troy Kitner from TK Tackle/Link'd Outdoorz stated they will be cleaning up Black Hole Creek and the creek bank at Heritage Park on April 23rd from 1-4pm in preparation of the free under 16 fishing derby on May 7 from 9-noon. All permits are in process and the fish are ordered. On May 29th they will be looking into a Senior Citizen free fishing day.

A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept the resignation of Police Officer Jeffrey Houseknecht as of April 16, 2022; second by Joshua Geiger. Motion carried.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm; second by Joshua 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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