

**Montgomery Borough Council**  
**May 10, 2022**

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

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

- I. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Roll call was taken: Joshua Geiger-A, Laurel Green-P, Margaret Mathis-P, C. Roger McRae-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-P. Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller and Solicitor Jonathan Dewald.

\*Report on Executive Session(s)-No sessions were held.

- III. Fire Department Report. Chief Brad Feaster reviewed the written report as follows: The Covid-19 concerns have been low. A public safety meeting was held on April 28, with many things being discussed to better prepare all agencies for emergencies. The Department would like to place Carnival signs within the Borough. A total of 19 calls were done for April 2022. On May 13<sup>th</sup> the MVFC and other agencies will be doing a mock MVA at the school for the SADD and Prom committee. A CPR class will take place at 8am on May 26<sup>th</sup> for the Borough. Every Wednesday night there is in house training at 6:30pm at the Station. On May 28<sup>th</sup> the PTO will be doing a Duck Derby, with vendors and games at the grounds, at 4pm ducks will be released in the area of the Bower Street bridge. The Carnival will be June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Parade will be July 2<sup>nd</sup> moving at 5pm. There will be a group fundraiser Chicken BBQ on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the grounds for the local fire departments, being done by the Eagle Grange. The Department would like to thank the community for their continued support, and they are always looking for new members. All are welcome. Greg Gruver stated they are working to get broadcasting on both sides of the grounds (Fireman side and Park side) for July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver had nothing more to report other than the written report. Dennis Gruver stated that EMA will be helping with the communications at the Little League Grand Slam Parade in August, this will be the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He asked if a sign could be placed at the Little League building since the Montgomery Little League was the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the World and if a little fixing up of the building could be done.
- V. Public Concerns. Jack Eisenhower of W. Houston Ave. had concerns about residents using burner barrels. He was instructed to call the non-emergency number. He also voiced a concern for site distances for the intersections of Bower Street and S. Main Street and W. Houston Ave. and Main Streets. Ruth Little asked if a COPS grant was applied for. Both Chief Cassel and Donna Miller replied as this grant is not available every year, and nothing has been applied for. Ms. Little asked again about the emergency number, she was

instructed if for an emergency call 911 or the County non-emergency number of 329-4060, the Police are not in the office to answer the phone at all times.

- VI. Approve April 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.  
Approve May 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Roger McRae to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve March 2022 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.  
Approve April 2022 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Donna Miller reported two construction permits were applied for; one for a gazebo being built and the other for replacement of deck boards.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor Dewald had nothing new to report. The Vacancy Board petition papers are ready for President Sanguedolce to sign.
- X. Police Report. Chief Cassel reviewed the written report for April 2022. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to hire Jeffrey Kriner as a Part time Police officer; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried. Chief Cassel stated some of the security cameras are being replaced and placement of the old ones are being done at the Little League Park and at the front of the Borough building to watch the intersections. A discussion was held on giving Jeff Houseknecht his fire arm due to his retirement; it was decided Mr. Houseknecht could purchase this, it would not be given to him. Chief Cassel also stated that \$2000.00 was in the budget for the purchase of a cruiser, he asked if this money could be used to purchase new firearms. Council approved.
- XI. Mayor's Report. None
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported on the following:
1. \$25,000.00 Act 13 Legacy Grant was received from Lycoming County for the replacement of the four Park pavilion roofs. Three quotes were received; Amish Builders will be doing the roofs for \$27,930.00
  2. Yard Sales are Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Mapping deadline is May 12<sup>th</sup>.
  3. Hydrant flushing is taking place this week from midnight to 8am. No problems.
  4. President Sanguedolce and Donna Miller testified before Lycoming County Judge Linhardt to reduce Council size from 7 to 5. This was awarded and will be on the November 2022 ballot for the citizens to vote on.
  5. The next meeting will be the regular monthly meeting on June 14, 2022 at 6:30pm.
- XIII. Committee Report.  
-Nature CAMP Program-No one in attendance.

- Montgomery Community Development Committee-None
- Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Donna Miller reported earlier in the meeting.
- Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Councilwoman Green stated the Fishing Derby will be Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Park with registration starting at 7:30am. June 18<sup>th</sup> will be River Fest at the Montgomery Park, a meeting to discuss details will be Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Borough Hall, July 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the Fireworks on September 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a Vendor Fest, Steve Cook from MVFC stated this is the same date as the Eagle Grange Chicken BBQ fundraiser for the local three fire departments, Laurel Green stated she would contact them and coordinate. She also asked Council's opinion on having a glass blower vendor, no problem from Council.
- General Administration/Labor Relations-None
- Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA-A meeting was held on April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Budget/Finance Committee-None
- West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce stated WBRA will not be doing lateral inspections in the Borough until a later date.
- Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis stated the Mother's and Father's Day celebrations were canceled, but a Kick Off to Summer will be celebrated for everyone on June 12<sup>th</sup> from noon-2pm at the Montgomery Park. The Good Vibe program has started; bags can be purchased from 5 to 20 dollars. If any news or information that would be placed in the monthly newsletter, please contact her. Councilman McRae stated a great job she is doing for the newsletter.
- Planning & Development-None
- Vacancy Board Committee-None
- Zoning Board-None

XIV. Old Business.

1. Inspection Ordinance-Discussion was held on this. Solicitor DeWald will have a revised Ordinance for review for next month's meeting to eliminate Section 324-7 under Article II, the title of the Ordinance will remain.
2. Police New Hire. All welcomed Officer Jeffrey Kriner.

XV. New Business.

1. Odyssey of the Mind. A motion was made by Roger McRae to donate \$600.00 to the Odyssey of the Mind trip to Iowa; if this could be taken out of the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; second by Rocky Sanguedolce. Motion carried. Councilwoman Mathis stated this will be setting a standard for other organizations. Solicitor DeWald stated a Resolution needs to be done to use the Recovery Funds, since these funds were not placed in the 2022 Budget.
2. River Fest of June 18, 2022. A meeting will be held Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30pm at Borough Hall for all parties involved.


XVI. Public Comments.

Gary Yocum stated about the sign for Little League being the #2 in the World. This could be a place for the History/Leo Club to place one of the informational kiosks with the walking tour.

Jack Eisenhower stated the Memorial Day Parade will start at the Legion on Broad Street on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am. The Legion is asking for volunteers to help with the Flag placement on graves on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 8am.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm; second by Roger McRae. 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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