

Montgomery Borough Council
September 13, 2022

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

Vice President McRae 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, Ruth Little-P, Margaret Mathis-P, C. Roger McRae-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-A-arrived at 6:35pm, Gary Yocum Jr-P. Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller, Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and Mayor Ed Alexander.

*Report on Executive Session(s)-None

- III. Fire Department Report. Steve Cook reviewed the written report. He reported the Fire Company and EMA met with the Public Safety committee on August 24th and reviewed the IMU Unit and the Fire Department's EOC. On August 31st a draft training with Hughesville and Warrior Run Fire Co at Black Hole Creek area of South Main and Broad Streets was done to see if their mini pumpers could be used to supply a fire out of the creek. The Department assisted Hughesville at the air show; also they assisted Mifflinburg FD with their annual 911 Memorial walk. MVFC will be housing the bus rescue classes at the station in co-op with the MAMA Training of October 22-23. Thirteen calls were received for July 2022. Every Wednesday night in house training is done. The joint fundraiser with the Eagle Grange of September 24th has been canceled. Montgomery Sports parade will be Sept 15th; Fall Festival begins at 10am on October 1st with the pumpkin roll at 3pm. They will be doing funnel cakes at the Hughesville Fall Festival on October 25th. The Department is looking for volunteers and thanks the community for their continued support. Councilman McRae asked for an update on the AC/Heat unit; Steve Cook stated the units are there; with installation the week of October 5th. Mayor Alexander asked for an update on the merger proposal, Steve Cook stated this should be done in a week or two.

At this time; President Sanguedolce conducted the meeting.

- IV. EMA Report. Greg and Dennis Gruver handed in a monthly report for review and stated the IMU unit will be participating with the Lycoming County Hostage Negotiation Team and assisting with the Berwick Power Plant Evacuation plan.
- V. Public Concerns. None
- VI. Approve August 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.

- VII. Approve July 2022 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
Approve August 2022 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Donna Miller had nothing to report from Codes Inspections. She stated she has talked to Muncy Borough about subcontracting out for a Codes Officer for \$22 per hour. The 2012 Property Maintenance Code should be adopted to be uniform with Muncy. A motion was made Roger McRae to adopt this; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried. This was originally stated the 2010 Property Maintenance Code; it should be 2012.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor Dewald will report later in the meeting.
- X. Police Report. Chief Cassel reviewed the monthly report. Chief Cassel reviewed a quote for a new reporting system from ARMS (Automated Records Management System) for the Department. The cost would be \$14,000 total (\$9500.00 for the software and \$4500.00 on boarding services.). Councilwoman Mathis asked for this to be tabled. After some questions; a motion was made by Laurel Green to purchase this system, funding will be paid through the American Rescue Funds; second by Joshua Geiger. A roll call vote was taken; Josh Geiger-yes; Laurel Green-yes; Ruth Little-no due to more information is needed; Margaret Mathis-no; Roger McRae-no; Rocky Sanguedolce-yes; Gary Yocum Jr.-yes. Vote was 4 yes and 3 no. Motion carried. Councilwoman Little asked about the speed equipment that was previously purchased. Chief Cassel stated he is trying to get in touch with someone to help with this. Councilwoman Mathis asked about the progress of the office help; Chief Cassel replied as good. Councilwoman Little asked for an update on hiring of a new Officer; Chief Cassel reported that phone tag is being done. She also stated that the Police web site needs to be updated. Donna Miller will look into this.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Alexander stated the EMA is in need of a new "used" truck; A motion was made by Roger McRae to donate \$15,000 from the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for the vehicle; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported on the following:
1. A drought watch is in effect as of August 31, residents are asked to reduce water by 5%.
 2. The new 2022 dump truck was delivered on Monday, Sept 12th.
 3. President Sanguedolce and Donna Miller signed authorization for Richard Lowe PC to process the 2022 Borough Audit.
 4. 2022 Firework donations received were \$3397.00; resulting in a final cost of \$1534.33 each to Montgomery Borough; Clinton and Brady Townships. She stated the firework company is raising the cost for next year to \$10,400.00.
 5. A grant from T-Mobile is being applied for the replacement of the Borough office building roof.

6. Estimates are being done for the replacement of the salt shed. This will be repaired before salt is delivered.
7. Trick or Treating hours will be Monday, October 31 from 6:30-8:30pm; with the Parade starting at 6pm.
8. A motion was made by Roger McRae to have the Little League building roof and sides replaced for \$14,448.00; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried. At this time Elizabeth England talked about the Little League moral to be placed on the side of the building; a proposal was presented. No action was taken.
9. The next meeting will be the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:30pm.

XIII. Committee Report.

-Nature CAMP Program-None

-Montgomery Community Development Committee-None

-Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Donna Miller reported the water line replacement project on Brook Street is going on schedule.

-Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Councilwoman Green stated the Fire/Flannel Fest will be Saturday, September 24th starting at 11am at the Park; the next Park and Rec meeting will be Tuesday, September 20th at Riverside at 6:30pm.

-General Administration/Labor Relations-None

-Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA-None

-Budget/Finance Committee-Meetings will soon be set up.

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

-Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis stated the Guess How Many contest is going on; the Scarecrow Contest has started with the winner being announced at the November Council meeting, she thanked the Borough ladies and Police Department for the first prize. If this goes well; a snowman and bunny contest will be done. In the newsletter a Neighbor Bingo is being done; a Halloween House decorating contest will be done; Penny Wars with the local businesses will start and a Scavenger hunt will be done in January. In November more information will be given for the Teen/Tween small business program. The newsletter is a great hit with a small business section being added. The Montgomery Untamed group is collecting water and Gatorade for the Fire Department.

-Planning & Development-None

-Vacancy Board Committee-None

-Zoning Board-None

XIV. Old Business.

1. Ordinance 2022-2 Non-opening of streets for 5 years-revised. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept; second by Margaret Mathis and Ruth Little. Motion carried.

XV. New Business.

1. 2023 MMO's-Minimum Municipal Obligation for Uniform (\$7,817.00) and


non-Uniform (\$28,084.00) Employee Pension Plans. A motion was made by Roger McRae to accept; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.

2. Trick or Treating hours-Monday October 31 from 6:30-8:30pm. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept these hours; second by Joshua Geiger. Motion carried. Montgomery Lions parade will be Oct 31; forming at 5:30pm; moving at 6pm.

XVI. Public Comments. A resident asked if the potholes in Church Alley could be fixed. Donna Miller replied yes. Mayor Alexander reported the Little League bridge replacement should start in 3 weeks, and will take approximately 5 weeks to complete. A question was asked about the Montgomery Boat ramp; the agreement with the PA Fish and Boat Commission has expired. Donna Miller will look into this.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm; second by Gary Yocum Jr. 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


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Borough Coordinator

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