

Montgomery Borough Council
November 8, 2022

**Meeting was conducted by zoom and 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, Ruth Little-P, Margaret Mathis-P, C. Roger McRae-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-P, Gary Yocum Jr-P. Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller; Mayor Ed Alexander and Solicitor Nicole Ippolito.

*Report on Executive Session(s)-President Sanguedolce reported that a meeting was held prior to this meeting.
- III. Fire Department Report. Brad Feaster reviewed the written report. He stated the department participated in the A.L.I.C.E. training at the school. The department requested funds from the American Rescue Plan of \$12,000.00 to purchase Class3A vests. President Sanguedolce stated this will be looked into. The Department thanks the residents for their support and invites everyone to the Department. President Sanguedolce asked for an update on the merger agreement and a time line for this; Steve Cook replied as this is being written, he will get back with Rocky about an approximate finish time.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver handed in a monthly report for review and reported they also were involved with the A.L.I.C.E. training and assisted with the Halloween Parade. Dennis Gruver asked about the lighting at the Little League building; Donna Miller replied as the metal roof must be installed first, if the electrician has a bill for materials, he can submit that for payment.
- V. Public Concerns.
 - Janet and Andy Sellard; property owners of 10 Broad Street, handed in a complaint form for 8 Broad Street about parking and trash. Janet Sellard stated this was the first time they handed out candy for Halloween and she was proud of the children behavior.
 - George Nash stated if the Montgomery Lions are not doing a Holiday Parade this year, he will do it. A Lions meeting will be Wednesday, November 9, 2022, more information will follow after that meeting. The Parade would be Saturday, December 10, 2022.
 - Josh Geiger asked about the lighting on Broad Street and the light at the lower end of the skateboard park.
 - Ruth Little would like something done with the broken tubes on the park equipment. They will be taken down; the new ones will be installed in the spring.
- VI. Approve October 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.

- Approve October 24 and October 27, 2022 Work meeting minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve both; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve September 2022 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
Approve October 2022 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Donna Miller had nothing new to report from Codes Inspections and she is working with Muncy Borough about the Codes position.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. None
- X. Police Report. Chief Cassel reviewed the monthly report. Councilman McRae asked if the School has the 2nd resource officer. Councilwoman Little asked for an update on the training of the radar equipment; Chief Cassel stated he and the new Officer will be doing the training together. Councilwoman Mathis asked for an update on the Ordinance about parking issues. Donna Miller stated the hours on the sign have been painted over and new signs for the fines are ordered, to state fine costs according to the Ordinance.
- XI. Mayor's Report. None
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller will report under New Business.
- XIII. Committee Report.
 -Nature CAMP Program-None
 -Montgomery Community Development Committee-None
 -Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- None
 -Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Councilwoman Green stated the next Park and Rec meeting will be Tuesday, November 15 at Riverside at 6:30pm. The 2023 Fire and Flannel event will be talked about. Open skate will start January 7, 2023 through April 8, 2023; with Laurel and Roger alternating weekends. Councilwoman Mathis asked about having clearances since they are with children; Laurel has hers; Roger does not. He was instructed to go on line at no charge to do this.
 -General Administration/Labor Relations-None
 -Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA-None
 -Budget/Finance Committee-None
 -West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce stated in 2023 sewer rates will be increased \$5.00 to \$63.00 per month.
 -Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis stated the Guess How Many contest for November has started, ending November 16th; Wreath decorating contest will start and a Holiday house decorating contest will begin with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes, with Ed Alexander; Rocky Sanguedolce and Donna Miller judging. December 1st will start the Tween/Teen Small Business; Letters to Santa will start November 25th. She asked if George Nash does the Holiday Parade if the Holiday committee could donate \$500.00 to this for this year; everyone was in agreement.
 -Planning & Development-None
 -Vacancy Board Committee-None
 -Zoning Board-None
- XIV. Old Business. None


XV. New Business.

1. Montgomery Christmas Committee. A motion was made by Laurel Green to donate \$500.00 to this; second by Roger McRae. Motion carried.
2. Montgomery Lions. A motion was made by Laurel Green to donate \$500.00 to the Lions Community Thanksgiving Meal; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.
3. Christmas Hams. A motion was made by Gary Yocum Jr. to purchase hams for employees and Council; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
4. Employee Christmas Gift. Employees will receive \$50.00
5. Resolution 2022-10-11 Resolution for funding from the American Rescue Plan Funds for \$14,087.70;(Caterpillar HMF110 Flair Mower) A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
6. Borough Maintenance Employees Pay to \$25.00 per hour. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve effective October 20, 2022; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
7. Increase Police hours to 96 per week. Councilwoman Green wanted to get community input about this. No action was taken.
8. 2023 Montgomery Borough Budget-1st reading. This would be a no tax increase budget of \$540,342.00. A motion was made by Roger McRae to accept this; second by Margaret Mathis. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Josh Geiger-yes; Laurel Green-no; Ruth Little-yes; Margaret Mathis-yes; Roger McRae-yes; Rocky Sanguedolce-yes; Gary Yocum Jr.-yes. Six yes votes; One no vote. Motion carried.
9. Tax Levy Ordinance 2022-4. This is an Ordinance stating the Montgomery Borough tax rate for 2023. A motion was made by Josh Geiger to accept; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.

XVI. Public Comments. Brad Feaster asked if any more discussions were held about the merging of the Police Department. President Sanguedolce stated no one was interested, but he can reach out to the Townships. A question was asked to the Fire Department about the Class 3A vests; Steve Cook stated these vests would be wore for numerous incidents. Councilman Yocum asked about organizing a meeting with the Townships to discuss Police coverage.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 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


Donna J. Miller
Borough Coordinator

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