

**Montgomery Borough Council**  
**December 13, 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-A. Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller; and Solicitor Jonathan Dewald.  
  
\*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. Brad gave a reminder about safety at Christmas time; make sure the tree is watered and turn the lights off when not at home. The department is getting prices on the 3A vests; several plates will be ordered to be placed in the vests when needed; pricing should be below \$12,000.00. There is a meeting about the fire department merger in January; all parties have been invited.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver handed in a monthly report for review. Dennis Gruver gave an updated report on the Toys for Tots program; Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> they will be collecting toys; delivery will be Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8am. President Sanguedolce asked if enough would be collected for the families; Dennis replied as usually yes; but if not, funding is available. Dennis commented the Little League bridge is a beautiful job; the gauge is attached but in the spring it will be reattached at the correct level.
- V. Public Concerns. Hugh Sellard; the owner of 10 Broad Street; handed in a second complaint form about 8 Broad Street; Donna Miller replied as the first complaint about the garbage etc. has been addressed from Codes Inc., she does not know about the wrong way parking. She will email this one.
- VI. Approve November 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve October 2022 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Joshua Geiger. Motion carried.  
Approve November 2022 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Donna Miller stated the monthly report is included Council's packet. She also stated Muncy Borough is no longer interested in combining for a Code's Officer. Joe Lyons; who is Muncy's Code Officer was in attendance and introduced himself. A meeting with him and Labor committee

- will be done in January 2023.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor Dewald reviewed the election results of the November 2022 election; the petition about reducing the Council size from 7 to 5; this did not pass by 21 votes; this cannot be addressed for another 5 years.
- X. Police Report. None
- XI. Mayor's Report. None
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:  
-Thanked Margaret Mathis for the decorating of the Borough office  
-Street lights were talked about at last months' meeting and a letter was received from an area resident about the darkness of some areas. PPL was contacted and 5 street lights will be turned on-1 at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street; 3 on Broad and 1 on Wagner Ave; no cost for hanging lights only if damage was done to poles and an approximate \$20 per pole per month; this will take approximately 8 weeks with the work order signed on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The street light at the end of the skateboard park is being worked on by the electrician soon to be completed.  
-Hams will be ready for pick up on Wednesday, December 21 after 3pm and all day on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
-Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.  
-Holiday office hours are posted on the office front door and on the website.
- 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 Brook Street project is completed and grants for Wagner Ave. and Broad Street are being applied for.  
-Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Councilwoman Green stated last months' meeting was canceled due to weather and the next Park and Rec meeting will be Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at Riverside at 6:30pm.  
-General Administration/Labor Relations-None  
-Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA-None  
-Budget/Finance Committee-None  
-West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce had nothing new to report.  
-Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis stated the Christmas Parade went well but small; they will be starting organization for the Easter Parade and next year's Christmas Parade which both will be done by the Holiday committee. Guess How Many contest will be ending December 16<sup>th</sup>; 4 wreaths were entered in the contest and the Holiday house decorating contest will be judged this weekend. Prizes will be announced and awarded on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Little asked if Margaret could put something in the newsletter about the pedestrian crossings.  
-Planning & Development-None  
-Vacancy Board Committee-None

-Zoning Board-None

XIV. Old Business.

1. 2023 Montgomery Borough Budget-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, No tax increase budget of \$540,342.00. Councilwoman Green asked if anyone attending this meeting had any concerns about Police hours; Steve Cook from the Fire Department stated it would be nice to have more Police coverage due to safety for the first responders at the emergency calls. He also asked if anyone has talked to the neighboring townships about Police coverage; President Sanguedolce stated Clinton Twp has no interest in this. Councilwoman Little asked if anyone on Council could talk to the townships about this; yes. A motion was made by Roger McRae to adopt the no tax increase 2023 Montgomery Borough Budget of \$540,342.00; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.

XV. New Business.


1. Recommendation of Water Authority to appoint Curt Robbins to fill the vacant term ending December 31, 2025. A motion was made by Roger McRae to appoint Curt Robbins; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
2. 2023 Regular meeting and Work Session meeting dates: Regular meetings will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm at Borough Hall; with work sessions the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month and Wednesday as needed. The regular meeting dates will be January 10; February 14; March 14; April 11; May 9; June 13; July 11; August 8; Sept 12; October 10; Nov 14 and December 12, 2023. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept these dates; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.

XVI. Public Comments.

Sun-Gazette reporter Mike Reuther asked about the current mileage of the Borough, the amount of the budget of \$540,342.00 and asked when the last tax increase was; last year of a half mill; how can Montgomery Borough not raise taxes with all the expenses going up, President Sanguedolce stated expenses were cut.

- XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm; second by Josh 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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