

Montgomery Borough Council
February 14, 2023

**Meeting was conducted publicly at Borough Hall; no 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-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 Jonathan Dewald.

*Report on Executive Session(s)-None

III. Fire Department Report. Brad Feaster reviewed the written monthly report. The annual super bowl pizza and wings fundraiser was held on Sunday, February 12 with 76 dozen wings and 96 pizzas made. MAMA training weekend is March 17-19, 2023; members of MVFC will be taking "Rural Fire Ground Water Movement" at CTVFD. March 11 will be a chicken Bar-b-q and May 17th-20th will be the carnival.

IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver handed in a monthly report for review and handed out a registration form for G-402 Incident Command System (ICS) overview for executives and senior officials. He stated Council members should get their NIMS training; this can be done on line.

V. Public Concerns. Andy Sellard; owner of 10 Broad Street, handed in a complaint form for 8 Broad Street; the vehicle that has been parking the wrong way has been ticketed.

Randy Sees from 289 Montgomery Street was in attendance to state he is running for Magisterial District Judge; Adam Welteroth introduced himself; he is running for County Commissioner; Kirsten Gardner was also in attendance; she is running for Magisterial District Judge.

VI. Approve January 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.

VII. Approve December 2022 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.

Approve January 2023 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.

VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Donna Miller stated a permit was given for installing solar panels at 107 W. Houston Ave. from Codes Inspections. A motion was made by Laurel Green to hire Joe Lyons as the Codes Officer at a rate of \$22 per hour; no benefits and working up to 200 hours per year; second by Roger McRae. Motion carried. Mr. Lyons asked the Council to consider adopting the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code; Solicitor DeWald will review and action will be taken at next months' meeting. He also reviewed a new complaint form that will be placed on the Borough's website.

- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald had nothing to report.
- X. Police Report. Chief Cassel reviewed the written report. Councilwoman Mathis asked Chief Cassel about the parking lot on N Main Street and the parking on Main Street; she is getting complaints from people using the Library stating they have to park from the bottom of the parking lot and walk up the hill; he stated no notices have been issued at this time. Councilwoman Mathis also asked about the destruction of the scarecrow; Chief Cassel stated he has attempted to talk to the person, but they don't come to door and not enough to file charges. Councilwoman Little asked about the new hire; he is available to work 16 hours monthly. Jeff Kriner has given no answer about working when needed. A question was asked if the advertisement for the Police position was posted on the internet.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Alexander had nothing to report.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
- A big Thank you to Mayor Ed for painting of the Borough offices, Great Job. Elizabeth England is working on historical prints of Montgomery to hang on the walls, more to follow.
 - The Clinton Twp/Borough clean up week will be the week of May 22nd. This was done last year, with a big success.
 - Yard Sales will be Saturday, May 20th; Fae Herb will be doing the mapping again this year.
 - Reminder that four Council positions will be on the November 2023 ballot; the petitions are now ready for pick up to be placed on the May 2023 primary ballot.
 - Maintenance employee Malvin Gross will be retiring as of May 31, 2023; employment ads will be done for this position. The probationary period of the Non-Uniform contract is being changed to 6 months instead of 90 days.
 - Donna Miller showed a design of a 48x96 original wording and print of Montgomery Little League that Dennis Gruver designed with Abby Signs to be placed on the Little League concession building; the cost would be \$280.00 with installation done when the lights are installed. The light can be placed to focus on the print. A motion was made by Laurel Green to amend the agenda to purchase and install this print; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried. Donations from Roger McRae and Janet and Andy Sellard paid the cost of this. Gary Yocum Sr stated the sign that the School is working on for him will be placed at the walking trail at the original field (Montgomery Park). Since donations were received to pay for the sign; the agenda did not have to be amended.
- XIII. Committee Report.
- Nature CAMP Program-LuAnn Porter will attend the next Park and Rec meeting to report on what is planned for this coming summer activities.
 - Montgomery Community Development Committee-None
 - Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Donna Miller had nothing new to report.
 - Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Councilwoman Green stated the next Park and Rec meeting will be Tuesday, February 21st at Riverside at 6:30pm; Riverfest will be the weekend of June 17, 2023; Vendors and Bands are being booked.

Councilwoman Green is making changes to the Fireworks for the vendor placement and the sound system. The Park and Rec committee will be participating in the clean-up-Earth week in April for the Susquehanna Greenways; this was done last year; Mayor Ed will be driving the dump truck!! Open Skate is every Saturday from 1-3pm at the Park.

-General Administration/Labor Relations-Employment ads will be done for the maintenance/water position and the non-Uniform probationary period is being changed from 90 days to 6 months.

-Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA-President Sanguedolce stated more updates will be reported next month on the merger; a meeting will be held soon.

-Budget/Finance Committee-None

-West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce had nothing new to report. Councilman McRae asked if any projects were happening in Montgomery; Rocky stated not at this time.

-Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis stated the Guess How Many game will start next month and they will be organizing an Easter Parade.

-Planning & Development-None

-Vacancy Board Committee-None

-Zoning Board-None

XIV. Old Business.

1. 2023 Fireworks. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept the three year contract from Bixler Pyro for \$11,000.00; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried. With no donations the Borough's share would be \$3666.67.


XV. New Business.

1. Resolution 2023-2-14 Local Match River Valley Transit \$866.83. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept this; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.
2. Child Abuse Clearance-Council. Margaret Mathis; Ruth Little and Laurel Green have their clearances; Roger McRae is working on his. A discussion was held; should this be mandatory? And drug testing?
3. Fishing Derby will be Saturday, May 13, 2023 at Heritage Park, hosted by TK Tackle. Councilwoman Mathis asked for a flyer for this to be placed in the newsletter and Councilwoman Little thanked Margaret Mathis for doing the newsletter.

XVI. Public Comments. None

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm; second by Margaret Mathis. 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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