

**Montgomery Borough Council**  
**April 11, 2023**

\*\*Meeting was conducted publicly at Borough Hall; no zoom.

Vice-President McRae called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

A moment of silence was done for the passing of Jonathan Baker and Blake Harding.

- 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, Gary Yocum Jr-P. Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller; and Solicitor Jonathan Dewald.  
  
\*Report on Executive Session(s)-No session was held.
- III. Fire Department Report. Chief Feaster handed in a report for review. Steve Cook stated the Department went through a tough week; with two deaths within the Department; Jonathan Baker and Blake Harding. The Department will be attending Jonathan Baker's service on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>; the department will be covered. The Police Department has received Narcan/Opioid Response kit; this should be put up within the Borough; site(s) will be discussed.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver stated they have taken ownership of the 2016 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab; the 1994 truck has been sold. Councilman McRae thanked EMA for the sound system that was used for the Montgomery Lions egg hunt.
- V. Public Concerns. Ben Walk stated the Wind Breakers; a group of fifth graders from Montgomery School Renewable Energy group won first place at the annual state KidWind competition; they earned an invitation to compete in the National KidWind Challenge in Boulder, Colorado scheduled for May 14-17, 2023. A motion was made by Laurel Green to amend the agenda to donate to this; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
- VI. Approve March 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.  
Approve April 3, 2023 Work Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Josh Geiger to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve February 2023 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.  
Approve March 2023 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.

- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Joe Lyons reported he started the property sweep on April 1, 2023; a total of 23 property violations were done, 3 have already been closed; letters will be sent out in the next 10 days and then the 20-day process will start.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald had nothing new to report.
- X. Police Report. Chief Cassel reviewed the February report; no March report. Officer Hornberger started the beginning of April. Two new batteries for the ENRADD system must be purchased at \$80 each; a motion was made by Laurel Green to purchase these batteries; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried. A question was asked about the life of a taser battery; no definite life. The sale of old equipment was tabled until the Mayor could report on this; an inventory was asked to be done.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Alexander was not in attendance; no report was given.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:  
-A thank you to the Borough and Water Authority for the safety renovations of the office.  
-Brush pick up will be on Wednesday's only; with the gate open for drop off  
-the playground tube will be installed either the end of this week or next  
-Fishing Derby is Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Park; registration 7:30-9am; starting at 9am-noon  
-Yard Sales are Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>; forms are available at different locations to be placed on the map.  
-Clinton Twp/Montgomery Borough clean up week is May 22-May 27<sup>th</sup>; 8-4 Monday-Friday and 8-11 Saturday; proof of address is required.  
-EMA thanked the Borough crew for the clean up of the Black Hole creek banks.
- XIII. Committee Report.  
-Nature CAMP Program-None  
-Montgomery Community Development Committee-Ruth Little reported that meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 3pm at the Fire Department; Amber Wilt-President; Dave Morehart -Vice President; Christy Phillips-Treasurer.  
-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, April 18<sup>st</sup> at Riverside at 6:30pm; Saturday, April 22 will be the Litter Clean-up Day from 8-1pm; volunteers are needed; meeting at Park; no landfill fees; Riverfest will be June 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>; Fireworks will be July 3<sup>rd</sup>; vendors are needed for both events. Skating on Saturdays is now over. The Lions egg hunt was held on Saturday, April 8 with 200 kids from 0-6<sup>th</sup> grade.  
-General Administration/Labor Relations-None  
-Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA- Councilwoman Little stated a safety meeting was held on March 28<sup>th</sup>. A discussion was held on the food vendors for the July

3<sup>rd</sup> Firework celebration; this is the Fire Departments and EMA's big fundraiser. At this time Laurel Green stated as of now only one food truck is coming; it was agreed to not getting another ice cream vendor and EMA stated no other vendor to sell drinks. Another question was asked to how the announcements would be made on the Fire Department side. Dennis Gruver asked why the meetings of Park and Rec are held at Riverside.

At this time, President Pro Tem; Laurel Green conducted the meeting.

-Budget/Finance Committee-None

-West Branch Regional Authority Representative-None

-Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis stated the Scavenger hunt will begin in mid-July and the Guess How Many contest will be starting in June.

-Planning & Development-None

-Vacancy Board Committee-None

-Zoning Board-None

XIV. Old Business. None

XV. New Business.

1. Resolution 2023-3-14; American Rescue Funds \$27,912.26(Aluminum Dump Body \$5650.00; Skid Steer \$15,342.50; Additional Hardware for Police \$6918.76) A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
2. Parking Ordinance Amendment Review. Donna Miller reviewed the parking changes from the Work Session of April 3, 2023. The changes are: the 15-minute parking will be eliminated on South Main Street; the parking hours will be 2-hour parking from 7am-7pm and unlimited parking from 7pm to 7am; no parking during snow storms; take one handicap parking spot from the parking lot on W Houston Ave/N Main Street and put in front of Library-this will make two in front of Library. For the special purpose parking zones, the "Medical Arts building" will be changed to the address of 43 S Main Street; with 2-hour parking for patient loading and unloading. Discussion was held about not having 2 handicap spaces in front of the Library, just to allow Library parking only; the patrons are elderly but not handicap. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept the changes as per the Work Session, second by Gary Yocum Jr.. A roll call vote was taken-Josh Geiger-yes; Laurel Green-yes; Ruth Little-yes; Margaret Mathis-no-due to it was never voted on to move the existing handicap spot in front of the Library; Roger McRae-absent; Rocky Sanguedolce-absent; Gary Yocum Jr-yes. Four yes votes; One no vote and two absent votes. Motion carried.
3. Zoning Application; Chicken Coop-63 Glencrist Drive. Donna Miller explained the resident at this address would like to have a chicken coop on their property. All of the proper zoning regulations were met and approved by the codes department. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Joshua Geiger. Motion carried.
4. New Signs (Welcome, Park etc.). Councilwoman Little stated she is working with MASD in making new signs for the various parks and the entrances into Montgomery. It would be 9 signs at an approximate cost of \$3500.00; material only. Councilwoman Green stated she is talking with the Art department at


MASD about having a contest for the sign at the Skatepark. A motion was made by Ruth Little to have 9 new signs made by MASD at an approximate cost of \$3500.00 to be used from the American Rescue Funds; no second. Motion did not pass. A question was asked by Councilwoman Little about the checking account funds of the Holiday committee and Parks and Rec committee and what was purchased with them; nothing as of now. More information was asked about the signs from the other Council members. This was tabled until more information is given.

5. A motion was made by Laurel Green to donate \$500 from the American Rescue Funds to the MASD Wind Breakers for the National KidWind Challenge in Boulder, Colorado on May 14-17, 2023; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Ruth Little abstained from voting due to it was voted on before not to donate to any groups. Motion carried.

XVI. Public Comments. Dennis Gruver stated the new Little League sign will be installed on Saturday, April 15(weather permitting) with a smaller sign on top stating the level of the 1972 Flood.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 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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