

Montgomery Borough Council
May 9, 2023

**Meeting was conducted publicly at Borough Hall; and remotely by 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; Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and Mayor Ed Alexander.

*Report on Executive Session(s)-President Sanguedolce reported an Executive Session was held prior to this meeting for personnel issues.
- III. Fire Department Report. Chief Feaster handed in a report for review. Chief Feaster stated the Carnival is the week of May 17th thru May 20th; parade at 5pm.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver handed in a report for review. The Little League sign is up and looks good; two members attended the Mass Casualty Incident Command EMA Task 1 class and several members attended Sky Warn Spotter EMA refresher courses.
- V. Public Concerns. Lorena Hampton; President of Montgomery Elementary PTO; was in attendance and stated the problems that occurred with the previous PTO; currently a negative balance of \$23,600; at this time no fall activities will be able to be done; questions were asked about a check and balance systems; there are currently four Board members; the PTO is a separate entity from the school; there was liability insurance; there is 530 students, it takes approximately \$15 for each child for activities; Ms. Hampton asked for any thoughts and donations for help, Councilwoman Green suggested a stand at the activities at the park. President Sanguedolce thanked Lorena and stated this would be reviewed.
- VI. Approve April 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Joshua Geiger to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve March 2023 Treasurer's Report. Councilwoman Green asked about the funds in the Park Fund; the \$25 was the start-up money for the account. A motion was made by Roger McRae to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried. Approve April 2023 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Joe Lyons reported he has started working on the problem properties; grass complaints are started, if making a complaint the form must be filled out before investigating.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald will report under New Business.

- X. Police Report. Chief Cassel reviewed the March report; Chief Cassel stated the body cameras need to be sent back due to battery replacement; Councilwoman Little asked when this problem occurred with the batteries, Chief Cassel replied as resent; he was instructed to have them fixed. Donna Miller asked Chief Cassel if the new reporting system is all done and working; Chief Cassel stated the system is working but not the Web site yet; also, she asked if the two new officers are trained on the system, he replied as yes.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Alexander had nothing to report.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
- The Primary Pension Audit is done for the four-year period of 2019-2022 for the Uniform and Non-Uniform with no findings. All other audits are almost complete!! Great Job Angie!
 - New skid steer was delivered
 - The playground tube was ordered wrong by Play World; another one is ordered at no cost to the Borough
 - Pastor Jen Ferguson from New Covenant Assembly of God Church reached out to Donna Miller for community projects; the Borough will purchase mulch and stones for spreading in the Memorial Park and the trees on Main Street, they will be doing this mid-June.
 - Fire Hydrant flushing will be the week of May 22, 2023 from midnight to 8am.
- XIII. Committee Report.
- Nature CAMP Program-Councilwoman Mathis stated she talked to LuAnn Porter and she stated the two small gardens at the Park can be mowed.
 - Montgomery Community Development Committee-Councilwoman Ruth Little reported the next meeting will be Sunday, May 21st at 3pm at the Fire Department.
 - 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, May 16th at Riverside at 6:30pm; Fishing Derby will be Saturday, May 13th at Heritage Park; Riverfest will be June 16th & 17th; Bands and Vendors are being booked; any organization is invited to participate for fund raising; Rich Port Adventure Company will be providing insurance for this; Signs will be placed on Borough property around the river for this. The first Fireworks donation was received. Laurel and TK Tackle are working with DCNR about improvements at the park; playground equipment or bringing back the Beach; a study of the Park needs to be done before anything is done due to this is in the flood area.
 - General Administration/Labor Relations-None
 - Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA- Councilwoman Little stated she and Councilwoman Green attended a meeting at the Pennsdale VFC about Effective Relationships for Township and Borough and Volunteer Fire Companies. This was an informative meeting conducted by Jerry Ozog from PA Fire and Emergency Services Institute; his fee would be \$500 plus mileage travel expenses to speak. She thanked Holly Wertz for the information about this meeting.

Information was handed out; plus, a membership application for the Montgomery Volunteer Fire Company.

-Budget/Finance Committee-None

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

-Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis stated the Scavenger hunt will begin in 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 2023-4-11; American Rescue Funds \$500.00(Donation to the MASD Wind Breakers for the National Kid Wind challenge) A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried.
2. Parking Ordinance 2023-2 Amendment. Attorney Jonathan Dewald reviewed the changes to this Ordinance. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept; second by Joshua Geiger. Two Council voted no for this; Rocky Sanguedolce and Margaret Mathis; Margaret Mathis voted no due to the existing Handicap spot was never voted on before it was moved to the front of the Library; Rocky Sanguedolce stated he talked to Donna Miller about this; and since the pharmacy was no longer in business; they thought it was better to move it to the front of the Library instead of the middle of the parking stalls. Motion carried. 5-Yes, 2-No.
3. Chicken Coop-78 Broad Street. All of the proper zoning regulations were met and approved by Codes Inspections. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Joshua Geiger. Motion carried.

XVI. Public Comments.

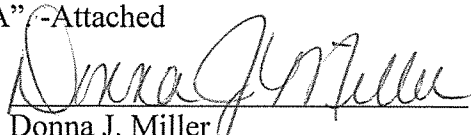
-Troy Kitner from TK Tackle stated the Methodist Church on West Houston Ave is allowing extra parking for the fishing derby.

-Joe Lyons stated KBS Computer from Hughesville is willing to have an E Cycling event in September to profit a nonprofit organization. Thank you, but the Borough has the recycling event with Clinton Twp the week of May 22, 2023; maybe next year.

-Roger McRae asked Gary Yocum about the School Board meeting of May 16th; what was on agenda and what time? Gary instructed him to call School, but the Executive meeting is at 6:30 with the regular meeting at 7pm.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 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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Montgomery Borough Council
Work Meeting
June 5, 2023

This meeting was not done remotely by Zoom.

President Sanguedolce called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

- I. Pledge of Alliance-All rose for the Pledge of Alliance
- II. Roll Call was taken. Joshua Geiger-A, Laurel Green-P, Ruth Little-P, Margaret Mathis-P, C. Roger McRae-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-P, and Gary Yocum Jr.-P. Also present was Borough Coordinator Donna Miller, Police Chief Cassel and Solicitor Jonathan Dewald.
- III. Public Concerns: None
- IV. New Business

Donna Miller stated a resignation letter was received from Mayor Ed Alexander affective Friday, June 2, 2023 with the reading and acceptance at the regular monthly meeting of June 13, 2023.

Donation to Montgomery PTO: Council discussed different options and opinions about donating to organizations. Councilwoman Little asked if any more information was received; no-Councilman McRae stated they did meet with the DA's office and did the surrounding Townships donate? Councilwoman Green stated PTO is separate from the School and we are doing this for the kids for all the hard work they do and to be supportive of our community. President Sanguedolce asked if we want to fund individual groups etc., he also stated a resolution was passed previously not to donate to any organization, but then a donation was given; President Sanguedolce suggested \$10,000(out of the American Rescue Funds) to be put into another account for donations like this. Councilwoman Little asked if money was put back for donations; no. Councilwoman Mathis stated if the Borough gives money we are saying this person is guilty before the charges are done with the DA; why isn't the school helping? she also stated not all residents that pay taxes, have kids going to school; also if a club is in the school they should start fundraising earlier incase that club does go to finals etc.; also the clubs can have tables or fundraisers at the various activities done in the Borough; what if a disaster would happen within the Borough and we used the American Rescue Money for other things; she stated the Borough didn't raise taxes in order to keep costs down and if a donation was given to write the check for a specific thing just not the PTO. Councilman Yocum stated steps were taken that this cannot happen again and he likes Rocky's idea about putting money aside;

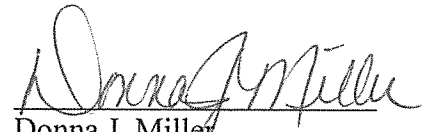
Councilwoman Green asked if the Borough's individual committees could donate; yes. This item will be on the agenda for the June 13, 2023 meeting for a decision.

V. Public Comment: None

Executive Session-Council adjourned the meeting at 6:47pm for Executive Session; no decision made after.

VI. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm for Executive Session.

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".


Donna J. Milley
Borough Coordinator

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