

Montgomery Borough Council
June 13, 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.

A moment of silence was done for Clay Steward.

- 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 and Solicitor Jonathan Dewald.

*Report on Executive Session(s)-President Sanguedolce reported no Executive Session was held.

- III. Fire Department Report. Steve Cook handed in a report for review. Donna Miller thanked the Fire Department for the incident of the past Saturday night; Steve stated this was a good trial run for the mutual aid departments. President Sanguedolce asked if the Department helped at the recent Landfill fires; Steve stated they sat up the tanker fill sites; President Sanguedolce also asked if the MVFC receives any funds from the Landfill; Steve Cook replied as no; MVFD is mutual aid for there.

- IV. EMA Report. Dennis Gruver handed in a report for review. He reported they will be having the COM truck and the light tower at Riverfest.

- V. Public Concerns. Neil Winder; Treasurer of MVFD stated the Department tries to use up the remaining carnival food at Fireworks; they depend upon these food sales for the yearly activities. He is also the President of Hughesville VFD and thanked the MVFD for their support/help at the Hughesville carnival.

- VI. Approve May 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.

Approve June 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.

- VII. Approve April 2023 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Josh Geiger. Motion carried.
Approve May 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; he has been working with the Solicitor about the non-responsive properties. President Sanguedolce asked about the cost of the fines; Joe stated it depends upon the situation; Joe reviewed some of the cost procedures.

- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald had nothing new to report.
- X. Police Report. Chief Cassel reviewed the April and May reports; a new battery was installed in the Taurus and the Body Camera Batteries are under warranty and being shipped.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Resignation letter; this will be done at the end of meeting.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
- The playground tube should soon be at PlayWorld and then schedule for installation.
 - Some of the New Covenant Assembly of God Church members will be spreading mulch and placing stones around the trees on Main Street on Wednesday, June 21 and 28th. The Borough will supply the mulch and stones.
 - The Office will be closed Friday, June 16 thru Monday, June 19th; reopening Tuesday, June 20th.
 - No update on the Community Clean up week from the Township
 - Two porta potties were ordered for the July 3rd Fireworks.
 - An aerial picture of Montgomery was purchased for \$195 (half Boro/Water Authority) and placed in the front office.
- XIII. Committee Report.
- Nature CAMP Program-LuAnn Porter stated the program is starting June 26 thru July 21; 36 children are registered; Alyssa McCormick is her assistant this year; different programs and projects will be done with Friday's being Creek Day. Each week Amber Adams from Montgomery Library will be there; also, music; art; yoga workshops and a bee keeper coming.
 - Montgomery Community Development Committee-Amber Wilt the new President was in attendance; with David Morehart-VP and Christy Phillips-T; they are in need of a secretary, all are welcome to attend; the next meeting will be Sunday, June 18 at 3pm at the Fire Department. Amber stated she would like to talk to the park and Rec committee about starting a 5-year plan for the park; Councilwoman Green stated she has contacted the Susquehanna Greenways program about grants, but a study of the park needs to be done before grants can be applied for. Ms. Wilt talked about a zip line at the park and benches placed at different areas.
 - 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, June 20th at Riverside at 6:30pm; Riverfest is this weekend; starting Friday night June 16th; a Fannie float from the Boat club will be done with a Treasure Hunt during; and a movie about Montgomery floods will be

shown; Saturday will be bands; entertainment and a good time for all; the Fire/Flannel event is still questionable. Donations for Fireworks are at \$1360.00.

-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; Kitty Strothers is a new member of the committee; the Photo Scavenger hunt will begin in July; with Rocky Sanguedolce, Donna Miller and Shawn Coles as judges; the Guess How Many contest has started. More details to come on a big event in August.

-Planning & Development-None

-Vacancy Board Committee-None

-Zoning Board-None

XIV. Old Business.

1. Ordinance 2023-2 Parking Amendment; 2nd Reading. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept; second by Roger McRae; with Councilwoman Mathis opposing; Motion carried.

XV. New Business.

1. Amendment #3-Non-Uniform Pension Plan -10%. This was tabled until next month until more information can be made.
2. Montgomery PTO. Donna Miller presented a request for funds application used by our neighboring Township. There were discussions on different ways for donations; President Sanguedolce stated it was voted not to support individual groups; Councilwoman Green supported putting \$10,000 from the American Rescue Funds into a separate fund for donations; Councilman McRae stated he is not in favor of donating; Councilwoman Little asked if money was set aside for this. Laurel Green made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Montgomery PTO from the American Rescue Funds; No second to the motion. Motion did not pass. A motion was made by Laurel Green to place \$10,000 in a separate account from the American Rescue Funds for donations to help the community; second by Gary Yocum Jr. A roll call vote was taken: Josh Geiger-yes; Laurel Green-yes; Ruth Little-no; Margaret Mathis-no; Roger McRae-no; Rocky Sanguedolce-no; Gary Yocum Jr.-yes; Three-yes; Four-no; Motion did not pass.
3. Office Copier-\$3068.96 with a monthly service agreement of \$86.25. A motion was made by Roger McRae to purchase this; second by Margaret Mathis. With one opposing-Councilwoman Laurel Green. Motion carried. A question/comment was can this old copier be sold?
4. Resignation of Mayor Ed Alexander. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept this resignation; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried. Councilman McRae thanked Mayor Alexander for his years of service to the Borough. Rocky Sanguedolce stated he will be taking over this position for 30 days; and if anyone would like it or know of anyone; please send a letter of interest.

XVI. Public Comments.

Neil Winder of MVFD stated the Department has had a tough month; with losing three members of the Department-2 life members and 1 regular.

Amber Wilt from Montgomery CDC stated they (CDC) are looking into taking on 15 kids for field trips etc.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm; second by Ruth Little. 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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