

Montgomery Borough Council
July 11, 2023

**Meeting was conducted publicly at Borough Hall; and remotely by zoom.

President Pro-Tem Green 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-via phone, Acting Mayor Rocky Sanguedolce-P, Gary Yocum Jr-P. Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller and Solicitor Jonathan Dewald.

*Report on Executive Session(s)-Councilwoman Green reported an Executive Session was held prior to this meeting for personnel issues.
- III. Fire Department Report. Brad Feaster handed in a report for review. He reported the Department would like to purchase a 2007 Ford Expedition for \$6000 to be used as a QRS/Utility vehicle. They are asking for the Borough's help with this. A motion was made by Ruth Little to amend this agenda under New Business for the purchase of a 2007 Ford Expedition not exceeding \$6000 with funding from the Act 13 funds; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried. Steve Cook stated the LTS Council (Governing body of EMS) will only be providing one or two ballistic vests.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver handed in a report for review. He reported they will be working at the Lycoming County Fair; Dennis Gruver stated 11 inches of rain was received in the Northumberland area recently; he wanted to make sure everyone was ready if this would happen in our area. Comments and concerns were stated about parking on streets within the Borough.
- V. Public Concerns. Janet and Hugh Sellard; who owns property at 10 Broad Street, thanked Joe Lyons for what he is doing for problem properties, but they still have a garbage and rodent problem and parking the wrong way is still happening. Councilwoman Little stated she has complaint forms for anyone to fill out.
- VI. Approve June 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Josh Geiger to approve; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve May 2023 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.
Approve June 2023 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Joe Lyons was not in attendance; but Donna Miller reported some of the trouble properties have been taken off the list; but

others have been added.

- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald had nothing new to report.
- X. Police Report. Chief Cassel reviewed the June report.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Acting Mayor Sanguedolce had nothing to report.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
- The playground tube was delivered and will be scheduled for installation.
 - Some of the New Covenant Assembly of God Church members completed the mulching at Memorial Park and placing stones around the trees on Main Street.
 - The Community Clean up week with the Township cost approximately \$1722.00
 - Firework donations were a total of \$3145.00; the Borough cost was \$521.66; Thank you Laurel Green for all the work.
 - Donna Miller stated she is on the Clinton Twp Planning Commission; the next meeting will be Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 7pm to discuss the conditional use of the proposed new school at the Montgomery Complex site; all are welcome to attend.
- XIII. Committee Report.
- Nature CAMP Program-Councilwoman Mathis stated the Montgomery Library have been attending doing activities with the children; and there is one more week for this program.
 - 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, July 18th at Riverside at 6:30pm; Riverfest was a great success; the movie was great, \$370.00 was raised from the silent auction; the cardboard boats races were great! Fireworks were great; with \$225.00 raised in the silent auction. The Fire/Flannel event will be September 23rd.
 - General Administration/Labor Relations-None
 - Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA- None
 - Budget/Finance Committee-None
 - West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce stated there will be no rate increase in the near future.
 - Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis reported; the Guess How Many contest has started; with Canines and Felines the sponsor. August 19th will be a Family Game Day at the Fireman's grounds; upcoming contest will be a candy bingo, scarecrow contest and Christmas decorating contest.
 - Planning & Development-None
 - Vacancy Board Committee-None
 - Zoning Board-None
- XIV. Old Business.
1. Amendment #3-Non-Uniform Pension Plan-10%. A motion was made by Ruth Little to accept; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.

XV. New Business.

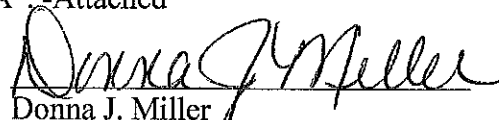
1. School Crossing Guard/Training. Donna Miller reported Margaret Mathis would like to be the crossing guard at \$15 per day and would like to have training via zoom at a cost of \$75.00; this would be a 3 day on line covering 3 different items. A motion was made by Ruth Little to have Margaret Mathis as the School crossing guard and pay for the training at \$75; second by Josh Geiger. Motion carried. Police Chief Cassel stated he also knows of additional on-line training at no cost; he will provide the information for this.
2. Mayor-Appointment-term ending December 31, 2023. A motion was made by Josh Geiger to appoint Kenneth Bennett as the new Mayor with term ending December 31, 2023; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried.
3. MVFD 2007 Ford Expedition. A motion was made by Ruth Little to approve purchasing a 2007 Ford Expedition for the Fire Department from the Act 13 Funds, not exceeding \$6000.00; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.

XVI. Public Comments.

Steve Cook from the MVFD stated the Department requested 20 LTS Kits (Leave Behind Kits). Councilwoman Little asked about NIMS classes; these are online; #1,2,7&8 are required for Council; Councilman Geiger asked if the Fire Department offers CPR classes for residents; Steve Cook replied as no; due to cost and no instructors at the Department. Dennis Gruver asked if a set of steps could be installed on the bank (park side, by the Veteran's Memorial) to help with people going from one side of the park to the other. Donna Miller replied as she will look into this.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Ruth Little to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 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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