

Montgomery Borough Council
August 8, 2023

**Meeting was conducted publicly at Borough Hall; NOT remotely by zoom.

Vice-President McRae 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-via phone, Margaret Mathis-P, C. Roger McRae-P, 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)-No executive session was held.
- III. Fire Department Report. Steve Cook reviewed the monthly report. He suggested that the Borough provide a “box” with tenants’ individual apartment keys; Donna Miller replied as this was discussed and decided at last months meeting that the Department has a key for the front and back door of the apartments, but they will not be provided individual keys, if an emergency happens; the Department can break down a door. The repairs of the Expedition are moving forward.
- IV. EMA Report. No report was received for review. Greg Gruver reported they will have the Communication truck at the Little Pine State Park event this coming weekend and they will be helping with the Little League Grand Slam Parade of Monday, August 14th. On July 16, 2023 flash flooding occurred in the Borough with no property or vehicle loss. Roger McRae asked if the rain gauge got adjusted since the installation of the new bridge; Dennis Gruver replied not as yet.
- V. Public Concerns. Ruth Little asked the Fire Department about the Ballistic vests from County EMS Council; Steve Cook replied as one was received and an updated quote is being worked on.
- VI. Approve July 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve June 2023 Treasurer’s Report. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Laurel Green. Roger McRae asked a question about the check dated June 7, 2023 for two more Police gun/holster purchase. Chief Cassel replied it was approved by Mayor Ed Alexander to purchase five guns, but only three were received. Roger McRae voted no to approve the June 2023 Treasurer report. Motion carried.
Approve July 2023 Treasurer’s Report-Tabled until next months’ meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer’s Report. Joe Lyons reported a letter was placed on the

Borough's facebook/web site about a property sweep. He and Donna Miller did a drive through today, letters will be going out to residents about grass, garbage and overall maintenance. The commercial property on Montgomery Street was posted "No occupancy"; they will be moving out; some items have already moved. Questions were answered about N Main Street and Brook Street properties.

- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald had nothing new to report.
- X. Police Report. Chief Cassel reviewed the July report; both vehicles have been inspected; no mileage was included on report; Joyce McRae asked about the resident from N Main Street driving on the road with a lawnmower and trailer with children in the trailer; she stated she informed the Police about this but the response was the Police are only Part-time. Roger McRae asked if any felony/misdemeanor arrests have been made in the Borough; Chief Cassel replied as zero arrests.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Acting Mayor Sanguedolce had nothing to report but hopefully to fill this position.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
- The playground tube is scheduled for installation tomorrow.
 - She received a letter from the owner of Riverside Campground/Roadhouse about purchasing a piece of land from the Borough; this will be reviewed and discussed at a later date.
 - A letter of interest was received for the Mayor position today; this was given to Council for review and discussed at next months' meeting.
 - A safety meeting was held for the upcoming Winefest on Saturday, August 12 at the Park from 1-5pm.
 - Donna Miller stated there will be a Public Conditional use hearing on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 6pm at the Clinton Twp Volunteer Fire Company to discuss the School District to construct a Junior/Senior High School and athletic field.
- XIII. Committee Report.
- Nature CAMP Program-No one in attendance; the program is completed for the year.
 - Montgomery Community Development Committee-Amber Wilt reported they are collecting plastic for a bench; 500lbs is needed. The next meeting is August 20th at 3pm at the MVFC; she stated no improvements have been made at the park on W Houston Ave.; maintenance will look into this. Ms. Wilt asked if cameras are placed on the yellow building at the Park, Chief Cassel replied as yes; she wanted to know if they were reviewed on a daily basis; Chief Cassel stated no; only if a problem occurs. She also asked about the hydrants in front of her house on East Houston Ave; Steve Cook replied as the Department knows about the fire protection and also has tankers on standby.
 - 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, August 15th at Riverside at 6:30pm; the Fire/Flannel event in September has been canceled.
- General Administration/Labor Relations-None
- Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA- None
- Budget/Finance Committee-Meetings will soon be set up.
- West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce had nothing new to report. Councilman McRae stated two of the recent Sheriff sales in the Borough was due to delinquent sewer accounts.
- Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis reported; the new Guess How Many contest will start tomorrow; August 19th from 2-8pm will be a Family Game Day/End of Summer event at the Fireman's grounds; a duck derby will be done from the Bower Street bridge; tickets will be on sale tomorrow.
- Planning & Development-None
- Vacancy Board Committee-None
- Zoning Board-None

XIV. Old Business. Councilman McRae asked if a list of inventories have been done; Donna Miller replied as yes.

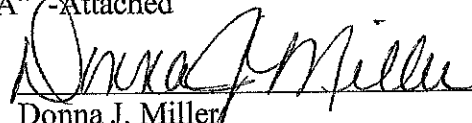
XV. New Business. The proposal for the sale of Borough land will be reviewed.

XVI. Public Comments.

- Amber Wilt asked if something could be done to the alley in back of her property on East Houston Ave; Maintenance will look into this.
- Councilman McRae stated the Little League Grand Slam Parade is Monday, August 14th starting at 5:30pm; Wednesday, August 16th the Little League games will start. The Montgomery Lions will be doing parking at the Ridgemont Motel.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 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


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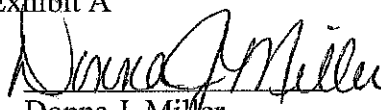
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**Montgomery Borough Council
Special Meeting
August 22, 2023**

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

- I. Pledge of Alliance-All rose for Pledge of Alliance
- II. Roll Call was taken. Josh Geiger-P, Laurel Green-P, Ruth Little-P, Margaret Mathis-P; C. Roger McRae-P, Acting Mayor Rocky Sanguedolce – P, Gary Yocum Jr.-P. Also present was Borough Coordinator Donna Miller and Solicitor Jonathan DeWald.
- III. Public Concerns. None
- IV. New Business:
Accept resignations of Police Officers: Mike Kerstetter; James Hornberger and Police Chief Mark Cassel and accept Police severance agreement. Attorney DeWald reported that PA State Police will be notified tomorrow and will be taking over for the Borough. Chief Cassel will be here until mid-November to transition over to the State Police. A motion was made by Joshua Geiger to accept; second by Margaret Mathis. A roll call vote was taken-Joshua Geiger-yes; Laurel Green-no; Ruth Little-deeply sadden yes; Margaret Mathis-yes; Roger McRae-yes; Gary Yocum Jr-yes. Five yes votes; One no vote. Motion carried.
- V. Public Comments: Kenneth Bennett stated he is still interested in the Mayors' position. Steve Cook asked when the Police would stop doing calls; Attorney DeWald stated the Department would not be doing any more calls from tonight on; with formal transition November 13th; the PA State Police will be contacted with a formal letter as of tomorrow, August 23rd; a letter will also go to the Montgomery School stating this fact. Councilman Yocum stated this doesn't mean that this issue will not be readdressed in the future; no Police items will be gotten rid of.
- VI. Adjournment. A motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:44pm; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried.

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