

Montgomery Borough Council
September 12, 2023

****Meeting was conducted publicly at Borough Hall; and 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, 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)-Vice President McRae stated a session was held previously to this meeting to interview for the Mayor's position.

- III. Fire Department Report. Brad Feaster reviewed the monthly report. The Fall festival will be October 7th; pumpkin roll tickets are available for sale. Dennis Gruver stated an incident with a fire police happened in South Williamsport during the 911 ride. Donna Miller asked about the proposal for vests; Brad stated it is being worked on. Gary Yocum Jr. asked about the new vehicle that was purchased; Brad stated it is coming along.
- IV. EMA Report. No report was received for review. Dennis Gruver reported there is a storm warning for tonight; he had concerns about residents' items along Black Hole Creek. Angie Adams asked for the emergency plan update; as to evacuations etc.; one is being worked on; should be provided soon by Fall.
- V. Public Concerns.
Gary Yocum Sr. stated the Lions' sign needs to be updated; Roger McRae stated he is going to place the Fall events on it; Brad Feaster asked if we would be receiving a Police report from County; Rocky Sanguedolce stated he would look into this but in approximately two weeks the State Police plan on coming into the office and finishing "cleaning up" the files and at that time he will ask about the report; Brad stated he could contact County also about this. Margaret Mathis asked why there was another hand-i-cap parking spot placed on Main Street in front of the Library; she has been getting questioned about this. Donna Miller replied as this is what was voted on by Council when the parking ordinance was done.
- VI. Approve August 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
Approve August 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Joshua Geiger. Motion carried.

- VII. Approve July 2023 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
Approve August 2023 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Joe Lyons was not in attendance; but a report was included for review. A question was asked about how many hours he has been working.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald had nothing new to report.
- X. Police Report. None
- XI. Mayor's Report. Acting Mayor Sanguedolce had nothing to report but hopefully this position will be filled later in the meeting.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
-Berger Sanitation donated the porta potties for the July 3rd celebration
-Repairs have been made at the W. Houston Ave Park; more topsoil is needed; Roger McRae thanked the Borough for doing this, Great Job!!
-An email was received from New Covenant Church about having a small live nativity scene at Memorial Park on the Saturdays in December from 5-7pm
- XIII. Committee Report.
-Nature CAMP Program-None
-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, September 19th at Riverside at 6:30pm; the Fire/Flannel event will be Saturday, September 23 from 3-9pm; with food vendors; a DJ with karaoke; chain saw carving; glass blower and fire dancers. A safety emergency map will be provided. Laurel invited the Fire Department to sell the pumpkin roll tickets too. Ruth Little asked since the Borough no longer has a Police department what security is being done; Donna Miller replied it would be the responsibility of who is ever having the event.
-General Administration/Labor Relations-None
-Public Safety: Police/Fire/EMA- None
-Budget/Finance Committee-Meeting will be Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 1pm.
-West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce reported at the last meeting Representative Jamie Flick and Senator Yaw toured the facility.
-Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis reported; the Family Fun Day went well with the duck derby and looking forward to next year; thank you to the Firemen for opening their concession stand for this; the Guess How Many game will start tomorrow with guessing how many soda pop tabs; these will be donated to the Montgomery PTO; Scarecrow decorating contest will be done; the

Christmas parade will be Saturday December 9th; at 5pm with the EMA suppling the light tower for this. The Library will be doing their water activity at 1pm on Saturday, September 16th in the Park behind the Borough building.

- Planning & Development-None
- Vacancy Board Committee-None
- Zoning Board-None

XIV. Old Business. None


XV. New Business.

1. 2024 MMO's-Minimum Municipal Obligation for Uniform and Non-Uniform employees Pension Plans. Angie Adams reviewed. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.
2. Trick or Treating hours-Tuesday, October 31, 2023-6:30pm-8:30pm; Montgomery Lions Parade forms at 5:30pm; moves at 6pm
3. Mayor-Term ending December 31, 2023. Laurel Green nominated Jesse Walker for the Mayor's position; Joshua Geiger nominated Kenneth Bennett for the Mayor's position. A motion was made by Ruth Little to close nominations. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
Joshua Geiger-Kenneth Bennett; Laurel Green-Jesse Walker; Ruth Little-Kenneth Bennett; Margaret Mathis-Kenneth Bennett; Roger McRae-Kenneth Bennett; Gary Yocum Jr.-Kenneth Bennett. The vote was five (5) votes for Kenneth Bennett; one (1) vote for Jesse Walker. Kenneth Bennett is the Montgomery Mayor with term ending December 31, 2023.

XVI. Public Comments. Councilwoman Little stated she has complaint forms, right to know requests and fire department forms if anyone is interested.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 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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