

Montgomery Borough Council
December 12, 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-A, Ruth Little-P, Margaret Mathis-P, C. Roger McRae-A, Rocky Sanguedolce-P, Gary Yocum Jr-P. Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller; Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and Mayor Kenneth Bennett.

*Report on Executive Session(s)-President Sanguedolce reported a meeting was held prior to this meeting for personnel reasons.
- III. Fire Department Report. Brad Feaster had nothing more to report than the monthly report. Council was asked if the department needs to have their hours monitored; the answer was no; just do the report as normal.
- IV. EMA Report. No monthly report was included. Dennis Gruver stated the toy boxes will be picked up tomorrow; Thursday, December 14 the food boxes will be filled; distribution will be Saturday, December 23rd starting at 7:30am; volunteers can ride fire trucks and breakfast will be available after.
- V. Public Concerns. None
- VI. Approve November 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.
No December 4, 2023 work session was held due to lack of quorum. An informational session was held with Lea Rehm from Penn Strategies.
- VII. Approve October 2023 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Joshua Geiger. Motion carried.
Approve November 2023 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Joe Lyons stated since December 1st; 1 property is being worked on; 5 properties nothing has been done and 1 is going to Codes Inspections, 21 are complete. Joe will continue with a different approach for the "problem" properties. A discussion was held on having Joe Lyons enforce the parking ordinance for the Borough; this will be on the agenda in January; Mr. Lyons will bring recommendations to Council in January about reviewing the fines that are currently in the Ordinances for grass/rubbish etc.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald had nothing new to report.

- X. Police Report. Donna Miller stated the State Police report was included with the Council packet.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Bennett stated the Christmas Parade went well and thanked everyone involved.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
-Christmas hams will be available for pick up Wednesday, December 20th; please have picked up by the end of the day on December 21, 2023.
-Leaf pick up by the Borough has ended but the gate will be open on Wednesday only
-Live Nativity is going great and continuing on Saturdays in December
-Christmas Parade went well; thank you to all involved
-January 2, 2024 will be the reorganizational meeting; where President; Vice President and President Pro-Tem will be decided and committees will be done; also setting meeting dates for the year.
- XIII. Committee Report.
-Nature CAMP Program-None
-Montgomery Community Development Committee-None
-Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Donna Miller reported a new well will soon be drilled at a property on Rt 405 and two employees have started their water operator class.
-Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-None
-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 thanked everyone for the success of the Christmas parade; changes for next year would be no evening parade and raffle; the new tree is up at the Park with many compliments; next year the tree will be moved to Memorial Park; the committee is working on Main Street Christmas decorations for next year and also dates and times for Santa at the Santa house; deadline for the Santa letters is December 20th; Winners of the House Decorating Contest will be announced December 18th; no resignation is needed; prizes are 1st place \$100; 2nd place \$75; and 3rd \$50.; Three month calendars and event flyers will be done; "Drop and Shop" will be Sunday, December 17th 2-5pm at the Library, fee is \$10 each; January 20, 2024 from 3-6 will be "Jam in your Jams" held at the New Covenant Academy; February will be an event similar to the "Drop & Shop"; Easter Parade will be March 30th at 11am with a teen and adult egg hunt after the Lions egg hunt. Odyssey box is going well; the reverse Advent calendar is being done at this time; Montgomery Library would like to thank Mayor Bennett for attending the first Pot Luck dinner. A giving tree is also at the Library; the basket raffle has been extended until December 16th. The 2nd anniversary for the Newsletter will be in March, any

information to be placed in it please contact Margaret. Volunteers are needed for all events.

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

XIV. Old Business.

1. 2024 Montgomery Borough Budget;\$514,135.00-second reading. A motion was made by Ruth Little to approve; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried.

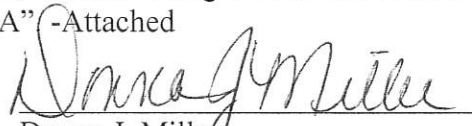
XV. New Business.

1. Resignation of C Roger McRae. A motion was made by Ruth Little to accept; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried. Advertisement for the vacancy will be done.
2. Penn Strategies-Grant writers. New information was given to Council. This was tabled until next months meeting due to talking to Montgomery Water Authority about this.

XVI. Public Comments. Ruth Little stated stickers have been placed on the Stop sign on the corner of School Street and E. Houston Ave.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Gary Yocum Jr to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm; second by Margaret Mathis. 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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