

**Montgomery Borough Biennial Organization Council Meeting
January 2, 2024**

**This meeting was held at the Borough office plus remotely by zoom

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

- I. All rose for Pledge of Allegiance.

- II. Roll call was taken: Josh Geiger-P, Laurel Green-P, Ruth Little-P, Margaret Mathis-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-P and Gary Yocum Jr.-P. Also, present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller, Solicitor Noah Roux and Mayor Ken Bennett.

Donna Miller stated there was an executive session held prior to this meeting due to interviews for the vacant Council position.

- III. Public Concerns: At this time voting took place to fill the vacant Council position. A motion was made by Ruth Little to appoint L. Whitlow Wertz for this position with term ending December 31, 2025; second by Gary Yocum Jr.. Motion carried. Mayor Bennett swore Mr. Wertz to this position.

- IV. Vote for President. Nominations were open for President of Council. Nominations were as follows:
Rocky Sanguedolce was nominated by Laurel Green for Council President; second by Joshua Geiger. Motion carried.

At this time; President Sanguedolce conducted the meeting.

Vote for Vice-President. Nominations were open for Vice President of Council; Laurel Green nominated Margaret Mathis for Council Vice President; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried.

Vote for President Pro-Tem. Nominations were open for President Pro Tem of Council.

Margaret Mathis nominated Laurel Green for Council President Pro Tem, second by Josh Geiger. Motion carried.

- V. Fire Department Report. Brad Feaster had no written report but stated they have responded to three calls for 2024; Angie Adams asked for an update on the vests that were ordered; Brad stated they are still on order.
- VI. EMA Report. A report and financial reports were included for review. Dennis Gruver would like some signage for the rear of the Borough building for flash flooding; Rocky Sanguedolce stated he would get signs if Dennis would provide the correct wording. 200 Christmas food boxes were delivered and 350 children received gifts.
- VII. Approval of December 12, 2023 Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to accept; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
- VIII. Approval of November 2023 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried. Approval of December 2023 Treasurer's Report. Tabled until next month's meeting.
- IX. Code Enforcement's Officer's Report. Joe Lyons was not in attendance; Donna Miller reported that snow parking and wrongful parking in handicap places will be enforced by Joe Lyons. The update on Ordinance fines for grass/rubbish will be discussed at next month's meeting.
- X. Solicitor's Report. Atty. Noah Roux had nothing to report.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Bennett welcomed everyone back for the New Year and thanked Dennis Gruver for what he does for the community.
- XII. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported on the following:
 - The Borough will be picking up Christmas trees on Wednesdays' until the end of January. The gate will also be open on Wednesdays.
 - State Ethics forms were handed out and need to be returned ASAP.
- XIII. Committee Report-Appointing new Committee members (see attached sheet)

XIV. Old Business

1. New Borough signs-Entrance and Park. This was tabled until next months' meeting until a cost can be determined.
2. Penn Strategies-Grants. Donna Miller reported that Montgomery Water Authority gave their approval if the Borough chooses to go ahead with this; after a few questions and concerns; a motion was made by Ruth Little to hire Penn Strategies to obtain grants for the Borough; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Laurel Green opposed. Motion carried.

XV. New Business

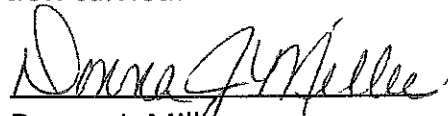
Appointments:

1. Appoint Gary Yocum Sr-5-year term Water Authority. A motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to appoint; second by Ruth Little and Laurel Green. Motion carried.
2. Solicitor-McNerney, Page, Vanderline & Hall-Jonathan DeWald-A motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to accept; second by Gary Yocum Jr.. Motion carried.
3. Planning Commission-Donna Miller, Ruth Little and Rocky Sanguedolce. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept, second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.
4. Depository-Journey Bank- Motion by Laurel Green to accept, second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.
5. Engineer-Larson Design Group. Motion by Laurel Green to appoint Larson Design Group, second by Gary Yocum Jr.. Motion carried.
6. Secretary-Angela Adams. Motion by Margaret Mathis to appoint Angela Adams; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
7. Assistant Secretary & Treasurer-Donna J. Miller. Motion by Ruth Little to appoint Donna J. Miller.; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.
8. Chief Executive Administrator for Pension. Motion by Laurel Green to appoint Angela Adams, second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
9. Newspaper of Record. Motion by Margaret Mathis to appoint Sun-Gazette and East Lycoming Shopper; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.

10. Set Remainder Meeting Dates. Motion by Whitlow Wertz to meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm beginning February 13, 2024 with work sessions Mondays if needed; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried. The remaining dates are March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, 2024.

XVI. Public Comments. None

XVII. Adjournment. A motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn at 6:56pm; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.



Donna J. Miller
Borough Coordinator

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**Montgomery Borough Council
Work Meeting
January 22, 2024**

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

- I. Pledge of Alliance-All rose for the Pledge of Alliance
- II. Roll Call was taken. Joshua Geiger-A, Laurel Green-A, Ruth Little-P, Margaret Mathis-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-P, L. Whitlow Wertz-P; and Gary Yocum Jr.-A. Also, present was Borough Coordinator Donna Miller, Mayor Kenneth Bennett and Don Gordner from MVFC and representatives from Penn Strategies via phone.
- III. Public Concerns: Ruth Little stated about the unshoveled sidewalks and asked who takes care of shoveling the fire hydrants; residents and fire department takes care of these. Joe Lyons will be informed about the sidewalks, parking etc.
- IV. New Business
List for Penn Strategies
Ideas were given to Penn Strategies for grants; examples were storm drains; sidewalks; streets; revitalize down town; street scapes; park-building and new equipment and equipment for the disabled; water line replacement; radio read water meters; 3 bay garage; street sweeper, mower; backhoe and fire department. The next step is Penn Strategies will review the "wish list" and prioritize and get back with Council what is available at this time for the grants. A monthly progress report will be given.
- V. Public Comments: Whitlow Wertz asked what is going on with the "junk yards" in the Borough; Codes and Joe Lyons will be informed about this. Ruth Little asked what is being done with the two Council members that have criminal charges against them; Donna Miller and Rocky Sanguedolce stated the Solicitor is informed. Ruth would like an Ordinance stating what Council can do if convicted of a crime.
- VI. Adjournment. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to adjourn the meeting at 7:11pm; second by Whitlow Wertz. 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". None


Donna J. Miller
Borough Coordinator