

Montgomery Borough Council
March 12, 2024

****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-P, Ruth Little-P, Margaret Mathis-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-P, L. Whitlow Wertz-P, Gary Yocum Jr-P. Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller; Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and Mayor Kenneth Bennett.

*Report on Executive Session(s)-An Executive session was held prior to this meeting.
- III. Fire Department Report. Brad Feaster reviewed the monthly report. He showed the Ballistic vests that were purchased; a policy is completed for the wearing of these vests. On Thursday, March 14th at 3:30pm the Department will be driving the MASD Wrestling Champs throughout the Borough. Various training is taking place; Chicken Bar-b-q will be March 23rd and May 14-18th will be the annual carnival with the parade on May 18th.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver reviewed the monthly report. No report was given for review by Council; they will be participating in the MAMA training with the fire department.
- V. Public Concerns. Mary Bennett asked about placing more speed limit signs on 2nd Street; due to speeders. Donna Miller will look into this.
- VI. Approve February 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve January 2024 Treasurer's Report. Ruth Little asked a question about the payment of the Ballistic vests for the Fire Department. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. One no vote was taken from Ruth Little. Motion carried.
Approve February 2024 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Joe Lyons reviewed the updated report. He stated four final warnings for violations were sent out. He gave an updated report on the grass/weed ordinance.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald reviewed the proposed Fireman's Ordinance; this would be an ordinance that the Fire department/EMA or emergency services

to collect from the individual's insurance company if needed to recoup their expenses. Margaret Mathis wanted to table this and have a work session with the Fire Department to discuss; Steve Cook stated there is no need for it. Steve Cook reviewed and stated the department would only be invoicing the insurance companies. A motion was made by Ruth Little to advertise this Ordinance; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.

- X. Mayor's Report. Everyone wished the Mayor a Happy Birthday.
- XI. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
- Penn Strategies gave an updated report; we are working on a 15% match grant for Park improvements; hand i cap bathrooms will be applied for.
 - MASD is working on the Welcome to Montgomery sign to be placed at Thad's
 - Kelly Oister donated two banners for the Montgomery Little League; also pictures from the Historical Society about Montgomery Little League will be placed in Borough Hall.
 - Community Clean up week will be May 20th-May 25th; held at the Clinton Twp building.
- XII. Committee Report.
- Nature CAMP Program. LuAnn Porter stated this 4-week program "Saying Yes to Kids" will be going from June 24th-July 19th; for ages 6-12; they will be using the warehouse on Bower Street Extension. She was asked if donations of various items were needed; LuAnn will provide Margaret Mathis with a flyer for the newsletter.
 - Montgomery Community Development Committee-None
 - Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Donna Miller reported the new well project is coming along.
 - Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Laurel Green reported she received information about the Litter cleanup which will be Sunday, April 21st; the Mayor will drive the dump truck. She needs volunteers!! Questions were asked about the May 11th Fishing derby; Laurel will reach out to the Kitner's and have an update next month. No March Park and Rec meeting; for the July 3rd Firework celebration two bands have reached out so far; no update on Riverfest and possibly a Fall activity will take place.
 - General Administration/Labor Relations-None
 - Public Safety: Fire/EMA-Margaret Mathis stated a short meeting was held prior to this meeting. She will reach out to the committee members to follow up with another meeting with an agenda.
 - Budget/Finance Committee-None
 - West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce had nothing new to report.
 - Holiday Committee-Councilwoman Mathis stated she participated in the Boot camp training this past weekend; information for other Council members and the Mayor is available for review; Jamie Flick is hosting "Hoagies for Heros" and was invited to the PSAB breakfast during the conference in June; she provided the Fire Department for grant information about training; the newsletter has

celebrated its two years, a birthday/anniversary section has been added; if anyone has information about sporting events please forward to Margaret; in 2025 we can nominate our newsletter for an award; Easter parade is March 30th; forming at 10:30am at Weis going to the Park and then followed by the annual Lions egg hunt; a Tween/Teen hunt will be held at 7pm with glow in the dark eggs; a Survival Challenge was talked about; information about an ice skating tiles was given.

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

XIII. Old Business.

Ruth Little asked about organizations coming to the Borough for donations; Solicitor Dewald stated any organization may come and ask for donations. A form will be available to fill out for Council to review for donations from organizations.

XIV. New Business.

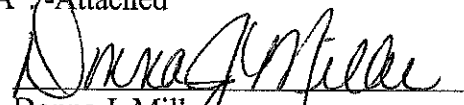
1. WBRA Agreement. Solicitor DeWald reviewed; he stated at this time there was no immediate need to sign this since the Borough would only use WBRA for storm drains; Rocky Sanguedolce stated all other municipalities have signed it; this is just an agreement if the Borough would have to use WBRA. Johnny Lynch Jr. from WBRA stated if the equipment would be used to clean out storm drains, the cost would be for the truck only; no labor. A motion was made by Ruth Little to accept this agreement upon final review from Solicitor Dewald; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
2. PSAB Voting Delegate and Alternate. A motion was made by Laurel Green to appoint Margaret Mathis as the PSAB Voting Delegate; with Laurel Green as the Alternate; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.

XV. Public Comments.

Ruth Little suggested that the Fire Department/EMA join with the Borough and Water Authority contract with Penn Strategies for grants at no charge for the fire department.

- XVI. Adjournment. Motion was made by Margaret Mathis to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm; second by Ruth Little. 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. Milley
Borough Coordinator

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