

**Montgomery Borough Council**  
**April 8, 2025**

\*\*Meeting was conducted publicly at Borough Hall

Vice-President Mathis 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-A; arrived at 6:35pm, L. Whitlow Wertz-P, Gary Yocum Jr-P. Also present were Borough Coordinator Donna Miller; Solicitor Jonathan Dewald and Mayor Ken Bennett.

\*Report on Executive Session(s)-None

III. Fire Department Report. Brad Feaster reviewed the written report. The two sets of turn out gear were ordered; fittings will be done on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver gave Rocky Sanguedolce information about flash flood area signs; EMA will be redoing flood gauges; Greg stated the flash flood season is coming; all be aware.

V. Public Concerns. Ruth Little; resident stated a Council work session was held on March 25<sup>th</sup> with no advertisement; recordings or minutes. Items talked about was the rental inspections; constables and people living in the woods. Donna Miller replied as work sessions are scheduled at the reorganizational meeting; as on a "as needed basis" and these are work sessions where Council "work" on items to bring to the regular Council meeting where the items are voted on; no decisions are made at work sessions. This meeting was announced at the March 2025 regular Borough Council meeting.

At this time; President Sanguedolce conducted the meeting.

VI. Approve March 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.

VII. Approve February 2025 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.  
Approve March 2025 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.

VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Joe Lyons reviewed the monthly report; complaints were handled; following up on the retaining walls; the Presbyterian Church wants to construct a platform and the Wagner Ave sub division is moving forward. Joe stated that the animal ordinance should be amended due to no Police in the Borough; it should include Codes Enforcement.

- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald had nothing to report.
- X. Mayor's Report. Mayor Bennett had nothing to report.
- XI. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
- Brush pick up will start Wednesday; April 9<sup>th</sup>; the gate will be open Wednesday's only for self-drop off.
  - Community Yard Sales are Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Clinton Twp will be having the cleanup week May 19-23, 2025
  - Montgomery Water Authority meeting has been changed to Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:30pm
  - Meet/Greet with Joe Lyons and Codes Assessment Professionals employees will be held on Sunday, May 4 from 1-3pm here at Borough Hall
  - Representatives from Larson Design group and PennDOT are in attendance to discuss the closure for repair of the Route 54 river bridge in 2026.
- XII. Committee Report.
- Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Donna Miller stated the Water Authority meeting will be Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:30pm
  - Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Laurel Green stated the litter clean up from the Susquehanna Greenways will be Saturday April 26 from 1-3pm. Meet at the open pavilion at the Borough Park.
  - General Administration/Labor Relations-None
  - Public Safety: Fire/EMA-Brad Feaster would like to have a meeting with the Public Safety committee; Fire and EMA for the upgrading of the radio system; a representative will be there for a demo for the radios and would also like to discuss the July 3<sup>rd</sup> event. Joe Lyons stated about the parking issue on Brook Street; no emergency vehicle could pass through; this will be discussed with Fire; Codes and the Solicitor; a warning will be sent first before towing from Bailey's.
  - Budget/Finance Committee-None
  - West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce had nothing new to report.
  - Event Committee-Councilwoman Mathis stated the April Guess How Many game ends this Sunday; April 13<sup>th</sup>; thank you to Angie and Donna for doing this; the Teen egg hunt will take place on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Carnival grounds; thank you to the Department for allowing this.
- XIII. Old Business.
1. Move to prepare Rental Inspection Ordinance for Montgomery Borough with a 2-year inspection; fees as presented by Code Assessment Professionals. Laurel Green stated it should be changed for 3-4 years; Joe Lyons said it would be approximately \$1.08 per month for the 2-year agreement per inspection; Attorney DeWald stated this Ordinance could be changed at any

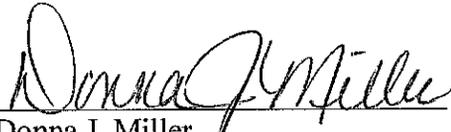
time to change the time limit. A motion was made by Ruth Little to move to prepare this with a 2-year inspection with the fees presented by Codes Assessments Professionals; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried.

XIV. New Business. None

XV. Public Comments: Dennis Gruver complimented Ben Divler for the cleaning of the Borough streets; the streets are great! Josh Geiger asked Joe Lyons on an update about the cat issues; an organization posted on Facebook that they were accepting donations for this. The owners of 19 W Houston Ave were in attendance and asked about the storm water management for the Borough; they were told to work with Joe Lyons about this for their property.

XVI. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 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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