

Montgomery Borough Council
May 13, 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-A, Laurel Green-P, Ruth Little-P, Margaret Mathis-P, Rocky Sanguedolce-A; 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. No one was in attendance due to the first night of the Carnival; but a report was included for review.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver stated this is high water season; but no warning stages as of yet. EMA purchased stream/river gauges at a cost of \$850.00. They asked if Borough would consider helping with the cost of these. A motion was made by Laurel Green to amend the agenda to include helping with the cost of the gauges; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried. Greg Gruver stated that they helped with the recent water search in South Williamsport.
- V. Public Concerns. None
- VI. Approve April 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve March 2025 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Laurel Green to approve; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried.
Approve April 2025 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Brittney Vann reviewed the monthly report; stated that three violation/fine letters were sent out; one violation was paid today with an extension given; Whitlow Wertz asked about the property on N Main Street; she will look into this.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald will report under Old and New Business
- X. Mayor's Report. Mayor Bennett reported that a Memorial Day parade will be held at the end of the month; ending with a program at the Montgomery Park; please come out and support our Veterans

- XI. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
- Community Yard Sales are Saturday, May 17th; thank you Fae Herb for the mapping.
 - Montgomery Borough/Clinton Twp will be having the cleanup week May 19-23, 2025
 - Changes are soon going to be made to the Borough office; new windows and new vinyl siding
 - Enjoy the Carnival
- XII. Committee Report.
- Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- None
 - Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Laurel Green stated the litter clean up from the Susquehanna Greenways was held on Saturday April 26 from 1-3pm; around 50 lbs. of garbage was collected. Donation letters were sent to area businesses for the July 3rd firework event; one band is already booked; everyone was in agreement to have them play during the display of the fireworks; the National Anthem will be played; there will be one alcohol vendor with proper insurance and licenses; concerns were mentioned about the safety of the event; concerns were made about Police coverage; to hire someone? Laurel will contact the PSP to tell them of the event; Ruth Little asked if the vendors pay a fee; Laurel stated no; same as before; they donate to the silent auction and then these proceeds get deposited into the Park Committee fund. Dennis Gruver stated the loop will be blocked as previous with barricades.
 - General Administration/Labor Relations-None
 - Public Safety: Fire/EMA-Margaret Mathis stated she is waiting for Brad Feaster to follow up with her to have a meeting with the Public Safety committee
 - Budget/Finance Committee-None
 - West Branch Regional Authority Representative-None
 - Event Committee-Councilwoman Mathis stated the Teen egg hunt went well with 20 tweens/teens each receiving 2 prizes and candy; thank you to the Fire Department for allowing this. Many positive comments for the May wheel of winners; gave out 3-\$50 food vouchers for the Fireman's food stand and 2 ride wrist band vouchers; would like to do this for the EMA for the July 3rd event; Dennis will get back with her with an amount; this wheel of winners will be done; with giving of gift certificates from local businesses; thank you to Angie and Donna for suggesting this. The summer reading program will start June 9th at the Library; and more summer events; if anyone has information about the local sporting events; please contact her so they can be placed in the newsletter; Margaret attended a zoom conference on Rental Property Inspections; she will have all the information at next months meeting. Thank you to Donna and Randy for replacing the crosswalk sign; the old one disappeared.
- XIII. Old Business.
1. Rental Inspection Ordinance Review. Attorney DeWald reviewed the draft Ordinance. A motion was made by Laurel Green to advertise this for a vote at the June 10, 2025 meeting; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried. Attorney

DeWald stated that changes could still be made.

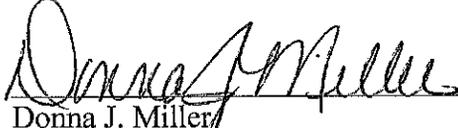
XIV. New Business.

1. Stream/River gauges for EMA. A motion was made by Laurel Green to give EMA \$400.00 towards the purchase of these gauges; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.
2. Resolution 2025-5-13; River Valley Transit through Borough. A motion was made by Laurel Green to pay \$1200.00 to River Valley Transit to allow bus transportation through the Borough; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.
3. Discussion-Vehicles on Streets-Amendment on 435-33 to give Borough authority to remove and impound of any vehicle parked over limits or illegally and 435-21 Parking prohibited in fire lanes. Attorney DeWald reviewed this; the Borough has these Ordinances already; they just need amended due to the wording; to allow Codes officer to do this; there was a question of how far the fire lane would need to be done for Brook Street; Attorney DeWald will send a draft of these Ordinances to be reviewed to be voted on at the June 10, 2025 meeting.

XV. Public Comments: None

XVI. Adjournment. Motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 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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