

Montgomery Borough Council
June 10, 2025

**Meeting was conducted publicly at Borough Hall

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, Rocky Sanguedolce-P, 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 monthly report; a safety meeting was held for the July 3rd firework event; the turn out gear was ordered; a few items have arrived.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver stated EMA also attended the safety meeting for the July 3rd firework event; updated river/stream gauges some have been installed; the Flash Flood warning signs have been purchased; be aware of all the rain the area has been having.
- V. Public Concerns. Michael Gruver stated concerns about the weed spraying the Borough recently did; accountability for the employees and suggestion box; Brittney Vann from Codes Assessment Professionals stated the Borough has a 20ft right of way to maintain from the center of the road; and place "No Spray" signs at the property; he also supplied a copy of Chapter 298; Parks and Recreation Areas Ordinance information
- VI. Approve May 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve April 2025 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Josh Geiger. Motion carried.
Approve May 2025 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Brittney Vann reviewed the monthly report; some violations have been closed from last month; some new ones; some going to the magistrate; the work crew was caught at the old LDI building; no permits have been granted for there. Ruth Little asked about the property on N Main Street; the Borough would have to issue eminent domain on this property.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald will report under New Business

- X. Mayor's Report. Mayor Bennett reported that the Memorial Day parade was very well attended; showing support for our Veterans
- XI. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
-The sub-division of 88 Wagner Ave was approved
-The total donations for the fireworks as of this date is \$940.00
Ruth Little asked if Attorney DeWald reviewed the Ordinance on alcohol sales on Borough property. Ruth Little asked if the Borough can sell or have beer/alcohol on Borough grounds; Attorney DeWald stated No unless the Council waives this on special occasions. Copies of Chapter 298; Parks and Recreation Areas were handed out; Attorney DeWald stated that the Borough is not selling the alcohol and if the vendor has proper licensing; liability is not on the Borough. Josh Geiger stated why is the July 3rd event any different than WineFest; Greg Gruver stated the difference between the WineFest and the Firework event; Josh Geiger made a motion to amend the agenda to vote on alcohol in the Park; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried. Steve Cook from MVFC stated that in the past 8 years no problem has occurred. Ruth Little made a motion to have no vendor to have alcohol sales in the Montgomery Park at the July 3rd event; no second was made. Motion failed. Josh Geiger made a motion to approve liquor sales at the Montgomery Park at the July 3rd firework event; a roll call vote was taken; Joshua Geiger-yes; Ruth Little-no; Margaret Mathis-no; Rocky Sanguedolce-yes; Whitlow Wertz-no; Gary Yocum Jr-yes; Laurel Green was absent; this resulted in a tie vote; Mayor Ken Bennett broke the tie by voting yes; Motion carried to approve liquor sales at the July 3rd firework event.

It was stated the Ordinances need to be updated; Attorney DeWald stated this would be a costly item and should be budgeted if Council wants to proceed.

- XII. Committee Report.
- Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- None
 - Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-None
 - General Administration/Labor Relations-None
 - Public Safety: Fire/EMA-Margaret Mathis stated there was a Safety meeting for the July 3rd firework event; Greg Gruver stated the loop will be shut off early on July 3rd; no thru traffic
 - Budget/Finance Committee-None
 - West Branch Regional Authority Representative-None
 - Event Committee-Councilwoman Mathis asked the Fire Department about the vouchers used for the Carnival; everything went well; vouchers will be given for the Pumpkin Roll; the Summer Bundle is two chairs; and Cooler with items in the cooler; the question will be asked "what is a summer tradition you have?"; with this ending on Saturday and the winner announce on Sunday. Margaret Mathis asked EMA for pricing for their food items for the July 3rd event; she will use this as her next event question prize.

XIII. Old Business. None

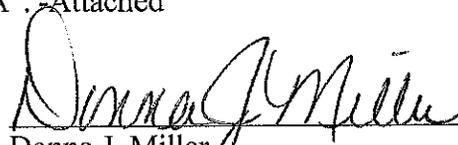
XIV. New Business.

1. Ordinance 2025-1 Rental Inspection-First Reading. Attorney DeWald reviewed and stated this was advertised. A motion was made by Ruth Little to adopt; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.
2. Ordinance 2025-2 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.-First Reading. Attorney DeWald reviewed; a motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve for advertising; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried. Discussion was held on who to contact and about FYI letters sent to residents of Brook Street; Donna will be the contact person and warning notices will be placed on vehicles for a short period at the start of enforcing the Ordinance before towing.

XV. Public Comments: None

XVI. Adjournment. Motion was made by Margaret Mathis to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm; 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. Miller
Borough Coordinator

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