

Montgomery Borough Council
July 8, 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-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 Ken Bennett.

*Report on Executive Session(s)-None

III. Fire Department Report. Brad Feaster reviewed the monthly report; no incidents for the July 3rd event; Saturday, July 12 the department will be selling bike raffle tickets at the Legion; at 2pm on July 12th they will be doing a water event with the Library. Steve Cook stated that there is a letter attached to the report about the vendors at the July 3rd event. Laurel Green responded to the letter; Laurel stated that it was heard that at the volunteer stands bashing was done about the event organizer; both Fire and EMA responded as this was not true; resident/employee Ben Divler asked who's July 3rd event is it?; it is the Montgomery Borough event and the Park was left in good condition. Ben Divler asked about the donation "boot" that the Fire Department was doing; this was for Jr. Fireman. Dennis Gruver asked why there were so many vendors. Donna Miller stated the total cost of the fireworks are \$11,000.00 split three ways by the Montgomery Borough; Clinton and Brady Twps; with the donations that Laurel Green has gotten; the Borough has no cost for the fireworks for this year. Donna Miller told the Fire Department that the Department can have the water event at Heritage Park whenever they would like; this promotes training for them plus fun for the kids and community. Resident Heather Nash asked if the vendors paid a fee; and state they cannot sell the same items Fire/EMA is selling; Laurel Green responded as the vendors give a donation for the silent auction. President Sanguedolce stated the Borough has a year to come up with a "Happy Solution" for all.

IV. EMA Report. Dennis Gruver stated EMA will be at the Lycoming County Fair helping with the communications.

V. Public Concerns. Michael Gruver stated "the Public is always watching"; showed pictures of grass not being mowed on Rocky Sanguedolce property, he stated why should other residents mow when he doesn't; he made a comment about the weed spraying; this was addressed at last month's meeting and will not be done again, the product was purchased over the counter and no license; as discussed at last month's meeting. Michael Gruver also asked if the Public could see the

Profit/Loss statement or other financials of the Borough; he was instructed to fill out a Right to Know request. Whitlow Wertz stated that yearly audits are done. Dennis Gruver asked about the trees on Montgomery Street; Codes are sending letters. Resident Heather Nash asked about the signs that are always turned the wrong way; Broad Street/2nd Street

- VI. Approve June 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Laurel Green. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve May 2025 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to approve; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.
Approve June 2025 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next month's meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Brittney Vann reviewed the monthly report; new violation letters will be going out for overgrowth; two of the previous violations were filed at the Magistrate office; a zoning permit was applied for at the property at 79 Montgomery Street; one complaint has been addressed; the Borough does not have an Ordinance for chickens but does have a lot of stipulations that need to be followed for these. Ruth Little asked about a pool placement on Wagner Ave; Brittney stated Joe Lyons has been addressing this.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald will report under New Business
- X. Mayor's Report. Mayor Bennett had nothing to report
- XI. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
 - A Big Thank you to Laurel Green for all the work she did for the firework event
 - Due to lack of manpower the Winefest is canceled for this year
 - The July 17, 2025 Water Authority meeting is canceled; the next meeting will be Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 6:30pm
 - If Council would like their emails on the website, please submit them to her and she will place on the website
 - a free training seminar on Ethics is being held on Monday, September 29th from 6-7:30pm at Duboistown Borough Social Hall; deadline to register is August 25th to Donna.Ruth Little would like an up to date PSP report; the latest that Donna could obtain from the website is March 2025.
- XII. Committee Report.
 - Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Donna Miller stated the July 17, 2025 meeting has been canceled; the next meeting will be August 21, 2025 @ 6:30pm.
 - Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Laurel Green stated the July 3rd Firework event was a success; everyone Loved it All!!!; all the paperwork for the donations/prize winners; tickets were sold for \$5 each; and the silent auction was submitted. She received a total of \$350 for the silent auction; \$50.00 of this was taken out to pay

the DJ; \$300.00 will be deposited. NO vendor fee was charged. She is looking into bringing back the Fire/Flannel event; more to follow.

-General Administration/Labor Relations--None

-Public Safety: Fire/EMA-None

-Budget/Finance Committee-None

-West Branch Regional Authority Representative-None

-Event Committee-Councilwoman Mathis asked EMA if any problems with the food vouchers given out; EMA reported only 2 were used; the next question/prize

will be for back to school; prize will be something for school plus a gift certificate to a local business. This Saturday, July 12 @ 2pm; the Library will be doing a

water event with the Fire Department in Heritage park with free ice cream.

Margaret will ask about bottled water; she will get back with Steve about this.

XIII. Old Business.

1. Ordinance 2025-1 Rental Inspection-Second Reading. No action taken. This was passed at the June 10, 2025 meeting.

2. Ordinance 2025-2 Vehicles on Streets-Amendment on 435-33 to give Borough authority to remove and impound of any vehicle parked over limit4es or illegally and 435-21 Parking prohibited in fire lanes. Second Reading. Laurel Green asked about who has the authority to do this; Attorney DeWald responded as Donna Miller will instruct Codes Professionals to do this. A motion was made by Ruth Little to adopt; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.

XIV. New Business.

1. Resolution 2025-7-8 #1 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. Attorney DeWald reviewed stating each Borough or Municipality can adopt their own plan or follow the County's plan; this Resolution 2025-7-8 #1 is the County's Plan. A motion was made by Ruth Little to approve; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried

2. Resolution 2025-7-8#2 Special Event Exception. Attorney DeWald reviewed; this is for the July 3rd event and Winefest; other events may be added/deleted. Questions were asked about the liability of the vendors. A motion was made by Laurel Green to accept; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried

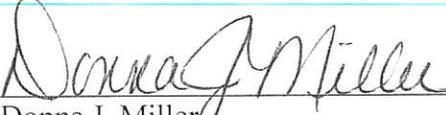
XV. Public Comments:

Ruth Little asked about the storm drains, Bob Divler stated that some of them have collapsed; they are in the process of being repaired. Gary Yocum Jr. asked Donna Miller about the grants of Broad Street/Wagner Ave; Donna Miller replied that the engineering is done; possibly to begin in spring of 2026; he also asked about the Jamie Flick's list; Donna Miller replied as this is the grant for repaving of First Street and Ellis Parkway. Resident Heather Nash asked about not having zoom anymore; Laurel Green replied as inappropriate images were on and that is why the Borough does not have it anymore and it is not required; other options will be looked into. A question was asked about the recordings of the meetings; Attorney DeWald stated that the recordings are to help the secretary transcribe the minutes; by the State Historical Records, tapes should be

destroyed after the minutes are approved, but Montgomery has chosen to keep the tapes for 3 years.

XVI. Adjournment. Motion was made by Laurel Green to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm; 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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