

Montgomery Borough Council
October 14, 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-A, 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. The Fall Festival with SAL is Saturday, October 25th; Pumkin Roll tickets are available; will be participating in the School Truck R Treat and the Halloween parade; MVFC is working on a Smoke Detector program; they will be participating in a Chlorine Leak drill at WBRA on October 23rd; MVFC will be hosting a UGI safety class on October 22nd; various training is being done; a "Box Card" review was included with the report; Rocky Sanguedolce asked if a fire suppression system can be done without water; Ruth Little asked about the changes of 911; Brad Feaster replied as updates are being made; but still dial 911; radios are being reprogramed; no update on Task Force 83 but members are attending a water rescue class at S. Williamsport this evening.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver reported 3 members completed Phase 1 of water rescue; and on/off river training; EMA helped with the 911 ride; the 50 bed shelter trailer is complete to supply cots; blankets, food etc. for evacuation if needed, be aware of flash flooding; on October 25th EMA will be having a mass shelter training; Greg Gruver asked about the quote that was given for the sets of water rescue and accessories; Donna Miller replied that all Council received this and it is on the agenda under New Business. EMA helped at World's End State Park for the 100 mile foot race. EMA will be providing services for the Halloween and Veterans Day Parades. Ruth Little asked what transportation was going to be used for mass transit if a disaster would happen. Greg replied as contracts are in place in the operation plan that are used for bus transportation. Ruth Little asked about EMA's fundraising. Greg replied to the fundraising that has been done and more will be done this coming year.
- V. Public Concerns. Ruth Little reminded everyone to vote on November 4th; as seats are available on Council; if all the seats are not filled; the Borough Council has 30 days to appoint someone; then it would go to the vacancy board then to the Court of Common Pleas where a Judge would appoint.

- VI. Approve September 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Gary Yocum Jr. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve August 2025 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.
Approve September 2025 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next month's meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Brittany Vann stated most of the cases/violations are closed; Gary Yocum Jr asked about the property on Kinsey Street; Brittany stated the Borough's ordinances allow for one unregistered vehicle on properties ; Ruth Little asked about the property on W Houston Ave; Brittany stated this is still an active case; Ruth also asked again about the wall on N Main Street, unless the Borough does the work and then puts a lien on the property nothing can be done; the property owner never responds to correspondence. The Borough does mow and cleaned the sidewalk of the debris. Attorney DeWald verified this as correct.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald had nothing to report.
- X. Mayor's Report. Mayor Bennett stated that on Sunday, October 19th; a world class bagpiper will be playing outside of the Presbyterian Church on 2nd Street.
- XI. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:
-The black Police cruiser was sold
-No crossing guard at the intersection of N Main St/W Houston Ave.; School has been notified
-A grant from the First Community Foundation Partnership was awarded for \$50,000 for upgrades for ADA Park restrooms.
-On Monday, September 29th at Duboistown; 5 employees and 2 Council members attended the Ethics training
-Veteran's Day Parade; Saturday, November 8th @ 2pm.
-Montgomery Lions Halloween Parade is Thursday, October 30, 2025; forming at 5:30pm; starting at 6pm; Trick or Treating hours will be October 30, 2025 from 6:30-8:30pm
-Remember to Vote on November 4th
-the November Council meeting will be Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 6:30pm due to the Holiday of November 11th.
- XII. Committee Report.
-Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- None
-Parks/Recreation/Vacant Lots-Ruth Little asked Mayor Bennett about the cameras on his phone, she would like to see who is dumping the garbage at the clothing box at the carnival grounds.
-General Administration/Labor Relations-None

- Public Safety: Fire/EMA-None
- Budget/Finance Committee-2026 Budget will be voted on under New Business
- West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce reported that WBRA is holding a Chlorine Leak drill on October 23rd; WBRA has hired their own in house Engineer.
- Event Committee-Councilwoman Mathis stated the September giveaway was for the Montgomery Library basket raffle ending on Saturday with winners being announced Monday; Pumpkin roll tickets will end this Sunday with 5 winners being announced on Monday; the December Holiday house decorating will be done with Donna, Rocky and Kenny being the judges. A mini Halloween fairy house decorating contest will be this Saturday from 3-5pm at the Library; trick or treating will take place at the Library from 5-6pm on October 30th before the Parade. Santa will be coming to town on a fire truck possibly December 20th and having a couple of Saturday's at the Park.

XIII. Old Business. None

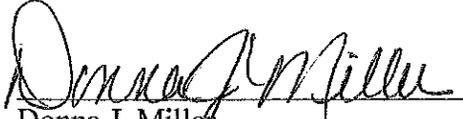
XIV. New Business.

1. 2026 Montgomery Borough Budget; No tax increase \$554,425 1st reading. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to approve; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.
2. EMA Drysuits and Accessories \$3919.04. Ruth Little made a motion to table this and have a Safety Committee meeting to discuss; Margaret Mathis stated this was discussed at the work session and by text that no Safety meeting would be held, this would be discussed at a regular meeting where questions to EMA could be asked. Greg Gruver stated if anyone had questions, ask them. Ruth Little asked if grants could be available for this and other fundraising. Greg Gruver replied as they just finished up the trailer and they have the fundraising at the July 3rd event but this has been reduced due to food trucks; more fundraising is being planned for next year. EMA is FEMA based and cannot combine equipment with the Fire Department. A motion was made by Gary Yocum Jr. to approve; NO second was made. Motion did not carry. This will be on the agenda of November 12, 2025.

XV. Public Comments: Michael Gruver stated his opinion about the vote on the EMA equipment.

XVI. Adjournment. Motion was made by Ruth Little to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm; 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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