

**Montgomery Borough Council**  
**April 14, 2026**

\*\*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 Steve Cook-P, Donald Gordner-P, Sean Jamison-P, Ruth Little-P; Margaret Mathis-P, Craig Miller-P; and Rocky Sanguedolce-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. Chief Brad Feaster reviewed the report. Should a Public safety meeting be scheduled due to the July 3<sup>rd</sup> event?; Twelve smoke detectors have been installed; this information will be placed on water bills again. Chief Feaster asked about last weeks meeting with the State Representatives that no one knew about. Rocky Sanguedolce stated this meeting was called by Pat Dietrick for a fact finding meeting for funding to talk about a paid ambulance service for the area. Rocky did not attend but Ruth Little did. Donald Gordner stated he was there representing his job; after being informed by Representative Joe Hamm and why wasn't anyone else from Council informed about this meeting; why would Montgomery Borough want to pay for this service when they already have an ambulance service Monday-Friday at no cost to the Borough.
- IV. EMA Report. Greg Gruver reviewed the written report. Look out for the missing flash flood sign!!; Penn College has restored EMA boat, 75% to 90% complete; this was on Newswatch 16.
- V. Public Concerns. Rick Williams from Brook Street asked for an update on the Brook Street fire lane. Steve Cook; Chairman of the Street Committee stated this will be discussed under Committee reports. Tim Jutsum from E. Houston Ave commented on not cindering anymore, it doesn't help. Ruth Little gave out a flyer from the West Branch Council of Governments -COG for the annual equipment show of May 20, 2026 at Hughesville fairgrounds; why doesn't the Borough belong?; Donna Miller stated it doesn't pay the Borough for the yearly fee; information/seminars can be done with other organizations that we belong to. Brittnee Vann reported on the COG; she was the past secretary; this show of May 20, 2026 is free and open to the public.
- VI. Approve March 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Donald Gordner to approve; second by Sean Jamison. Motion carried.

- VII. Approve February 2026 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Craig Miller to approve; second Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.  
Approve March 2026 Treasurer's Report-Tabled until next month's meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Brittnee Vann reviewed the monthly report; stating that with the weather breaking more will follow. Ruth Little asked her if Brook Street letters were sent in 2025 for the fire lane; Brittnee stated yes, but didn't know the exact date. At this time, discussion was held on the fire lane of Brook Street; Sean Jamison asked Codes if they could enforce the parking; Joe Lyons stated if the vehicle is on the street; no but if it is on private property; yes. Ruth Little asked if the fee would come back to the Borough. Steve Cook stated he has contacted the Troppers and the towing company; all the towing company needs is a copy of the Ordinance, signage correctly on the street and who is authorized to call the towing company. Steve Cook also stated members of the street committee were driven in a fire truck on Brook Street; Steve Cook; as Chairman of the Street Committee; recommends that the Ordinance stay the same with letters mailed out to the residents that are affected that towing will start on May 1, 2026; with the Fire Chief; Borough Manager and Codes be the only ones to contact them for towing. Steve asked the other members of the Street Committee for their opinions, Ruth Little was not in agreement; Craig Miller stated he did talk to residents and rode the fire truck on Brook Street and other streets; he felt that Brook Street should be changed to corners only. Rick Williams stated all that should be done is the corners painted-75ft?; not the whole street; it has been this way for years with no problems. A question was asked why Brook Street?; Steve Cook stated we must start some place and a system needs to in place; other streets will be addressed. President Sanguedolce asked each Council member if they want to keep the Ordinance the same or change it; Steve Cook; Donald Gordner; Margaret Mathis and Rocky Sanguedolce would like to keep it the same; Craig Miller and Ruth Little would like it changed. Sean Jamison would like more information. After more discussion; Margaret Mathis made a motion to keep the Ordinance the same as written and send out letters to the affected residents as this will go into effect May 1, 2026; second by Donald Gordner. A roll call vote was taken; Steve Cook-yes; Donald Gordner-yes; Sean Jamison-yes; Ruth Little-no; Margaret Mathis-yes; Craig Miller-no; Rocky Sanguedolce-yes. Motion carried with 5 yes votes and 2 no votes. Ordinance stays as written.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Solicitor DeWald will report under Old Business.
- X. Mayor's Report. Mayor Bennett stated he had inquires about the brush pick up; Donna Miller stated with more water work and all the upcoming projects, the maintenance employees are busy; the brush pile area is open from 8am-3pm on weekdays for self drop off. Options were discussed as every other week or Saturday drop off. Ruth Little asked about hiring part time employees; she asked about hydrant flushing and flow testing.
- XI. Borough Coordinator's Report. Donna Miller reported the following:

-The Community Clean Up week is May 26-30, 2026 at Clinton Twp. An email was sent to the Township Secretary asking to keep track of Borough residents using this; maybe next year the Borough will do their own.

-Firework donation to this date is \$1250.00

-Tanner Wagner has completed his raised bed gardens for Footprints, he is doing this for his Eagle Scout project.

-Troy Kitner has contacted Donna about the fishing derby; he was asked to come to a Borough meeting to discuss but his work schedule does not allow; the derby will be Saturday, May 9, 2026; registration from 7am-9am; derby starting 9am until noon at Heritage park.

## XII. Committee Report.

-Public Works: Streets, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Water Authority etc.- Brook Street. Steve Cook stated Brook Street was discussed earlier in the meeting. He would like to have the Fire Chief; Borough Manager or Codes be designated to call the towing company to enforce the towing. More discussion was held on exception on Holidays. Per Solicitor the agenda must be amended to designate the three to enforce the towing. A motion was made by Donald Gordner to amend the agenda; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried. Michael Gruver stated exception should not be given for Holidays; David Zimmerman asked when other streets were going to be changed to fire lanes. Councilwoman Mathis stated this Ordinance was discussed at previous meetings; reviewed and posted.

-Parks/Recreation/Holiday/Event. Margaret Mathis reported that 10-15 children participated on Saturday, April 4 for the Teen Tween Egg hunt at the Carnival grounds; each left with 5 prizes. Meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Library. A Zombie emergency preparedness event is being planned with different organizations. The Library received a \$20,000 grant for upgrades and additions to support patrons with sensory issues and/or ADHD. Summer reading kickoff is June 6 at 12 noon; Play and grow educational tools; and a train table were added. The Library was awarded toys and games from MESH Helps. Book Sale is starting \$10 for a giant bag-holds 60 pounds; \$2 for shopping bag; in May the Book shop is free for all you can carry. Open Air Book Fair is August 22 at 10-1 which is the fundraiser for the new roof.

-General Administration/Labor Relations-None

-Public Safety: Fire/EMA-Steve Cook stated a Safety meeting will be held Tuesday, April 21 at 6pm at the Borough office to discuss the July 3<sup>rd</sup> event and streets

-Budget/Finance Committee-None

-West Branch Regional Authority Representative-Rocky Sanguedolce stated WBRA will be starting Wagner Ave next week.

## XIII. Old Business.

1. Ordinance for Condemnation of Property resulting from capping of Sewer-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. A motion was made by Ruth Little to approve; second by Steve Cook. Motion carried.

## XIV. New Business.

1. Montgomery Lions Club donation-Easter. A motion was made by Margaret Mathis to donate \$100.00; second by Ruth Little. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Donald Gordner to appoint the Fire Chief, Borough Manager or the Codes to be designated to call the towing company for the towing of vehicles in the Fire Lane; second by Margaret Mathis. Motion carried.

XV. Public Comments:

Steve Cook asked Ruth Little if she attended last weeks meeting at Clinton Township as a Borough resident or member of Borough Council; she responded as she introduced herself as Borough Council. Steve Cook asked if any Borough business was discussed; Ruth Little stated it was discussed if grant funding was available for a 24 hour ambulance service; and why nothing was brought back to Council for discussion. Steve Cook stated transparency for business; Vice President Mathis stated this should have been brought to the President and Vice President; not a regular Council member. Steve Cook stated that presently Montgomery Borough does have a paid ambulance staff from 6am-4pm Monday-Friday at no cost to the Borough. Steve commented that someone with knowledge of how the ambulance/fire department operates should be included.

Michael Gruver stated the Borough is looking bad; with limiting the brush pick up; Borough should hire part time help. With the amount that the Borough employees receive in pay and raises and no Police department there should be plenty of money to do this. Donna Miller stated that all the wages are paid 50/50 from Borough and Water; President Sanguedolce stated the employees only received a 3% raise; that was not even the cost of living; Rocky also asked Michael what is the Borough not doing that we have for years, except for brush?; Micheal replied as street signs are twisted; curbs and street lines need painted.

XVI. Adjournment. Motion was made by Steve Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm; second by Sean Jamison. 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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