

Montgomery Borough Council
July 10, 2018

President Crist called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

- I. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Roll call was taken: Whitlow Wertz-P, Dale Brendle-P, Fae Herb-P, Lynn Crist-P, James McCarty-A, Susan Andrews-P, Amber Wilt-P. Also present was Borough Manger John Lynch, Mayor Robert Hoover Jr. and Solicitor John Dewald.
- III. Fire Department Report. None-No one was in attendance.
- IV. EMA Report. Dennis Gruver handed in a report for review; also, he wanted to thank the Borough for the use of the Park for the annual fundraiser during the firework display.
- V. Public Concerns. Clarence (Skip) Livingston from Melvina Street had concerns about all the cats in the Borough. Gretchen Clapper from the Beckoning Cat Project responded to this and explained about the project. Decisions were made about this under Old Business.
- VI. Approve June 2018 Minutes. Motion was made by Dale Brendle to approve; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve May 2018 Treasurer's Report. Motion by Dale Brendle to approve; second by Fae Herb. Motion carried.
Approve June 2018 Treasurer's Report. Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Wally Bohner was not in attendance but handed in his monthly report for review.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. John Dewald reported that the Fireworks Ordinance and Non-smoking Ordinance are ready for review. These will be emailed to John Lynch. Changes to these were discussed, John Dewald will make changes (do we want fireworks sold in Boro? and times) then email them. Councilwoman Herb asked for an update on the changes to be made for the Ordinance for reoccurring violations of the same people of weeds/grass, snow etc. and about the Ordinance for the street signs at Lewis and Warren Streets. Solicitor Dewald will work on these for next months' meeting.
- X. Police Report. Police Chief Delp reviewed the written report for June. Chief Delp commended Officer Flewelling and Firefighter in Charge Councilwoman Andrews for the great job they did at the recent structure fire on July 2, 2018.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Hoover reported the National Night Out will be August 7,

2018 at the Carnival grounds from 6-8pm. The Fire, Police, EMT's and EMA, possibly with the boat; will be participating. New Covenant Church will be there also and will be having face painting; they will be supplying the drinks. Hot dogs will also be provided, the Mayor is trying to find someone to donate them. Councilwoman Andrews asked if a child car seat inspection will take place. Officer Wilcox stated DNA kits will possibly be available. Wine fest is August 11, 2018 from 1-5pm in the Park with 9 wineries, 1 microbrewery and 41 craft and food vendors. Butch Heim from Lifting Little Lives was in attendance, all the proceeds from the Winefest will go towards Lifting Little Lives; he thanked the Borough for letting this event happen, this will be the fifth year. Councilman Brendle asked about having the County Coroner be in attendance at the Night Out.

- XII. Borough Manager's Report. John Lynch reported on the following:
1. The Montgomery Borough Police Bargaining Unit is ready to set up dates/times for negotiations for their new contract effective January 1, 2019-December 31, 2021.
 2. 2018 Fireworks went well; \$8000.00 was contracted with Hot Shot Pyrotechnics; we received \$2027.00 for donations from area businesses and residents, costing the Borough, Montgomery Water & Sewer Authority, Brady and Clinton Twps. Each \$1493.25; the 2019 contract is not received yet, but the cost of \$8000.00 will be the same.

Councilwoman Herb reminded everyone that the Emergency Medical Services Summit for Thursday, July 26, 2018 at the Trade & Transit Center; deadline is July 20th.

- XIII. Committee Report. No committees met. Councilwoman Herb stated the Park Committee should be involved in the Summer Alive Program. After a discussion was held a motion was made by Susan Andrews to establish an "Add Hock" committee under the Park Committee of the Summer Alive Program, which will be included on the monthly agenda so the Borough can be updated on this, second by Amber Wilt. Motion carried. Councilwoman Herb also stated the Borough Properties Committee should met, there have been discrepancies on the tax roles about who owns some Borough properties around the Park where the Community garden would like to be. Councilwoman Wilt asked about the Park budget and what the monies are used for, John Lynch explained electric, summer help, mowers (fuel and repairs), trees etc.

- XIV. Old Business.
- Gretchen Clapper discussed more about the Beckoning Cat Project in the Borough. She stated a bank account must be set up through the Borough for this, she has \$500 already in place in this account. These monies were collected in doing fund raisers (yard sales etc.) and donations. The Beckoning Cat Project consist of Becky and Gretchen from the Project, Kitty from Muncy and Richard Wright, Tom & Terri Whery from Montgomery. Volunteers are needed for

transporting. A motion was made by Fae Herb to establish an account through the Borough for the Beckoning Cat Project (No monies will be coming from Borough accounts, just donations and fundraising monies), second by Susan Andrews. A vote was taken, two Council members were opposed, Dale Brendle and L. Whitlow Wertz; Susan Andrews, Fae Herb, Amber Wilt, Lynn Crist voted yes. Motion carried. Contact information will be available at the Borough and on website.

Councilwoman Andrews gave an updated report on the 2019 Community Garden Project. The Cub Scouts/Boy & Girl Scouts, Footprints and the Agricultural Class from the High School is interested in this project. She will have information for the community about rental of the plots at the Winefest. Some of the lumber for the raised gardens is donated. She did find locally two-275-gallon water collection tanks for \$75.00 each to be used as watering, a motion was made by Amber Wilt to purchase these tanks for a total of \$150.00 plus tax; second by Dale Brendle. Motion carried.

XV. New Business.

Councilwoman Herb stated the Fire Department requested the purchase of a Core Cooling Package at a cost of \$1,875.00. This package would be used at fires or other emergencies to cool or warm fire fighters. A motion was made by Fae Herb to give \$900.00 if the Fire Department would pay the other half of the purchase, second by Amber Wilt. After further discussion this motion was rescinded. More research needs to be done.

XVI. Public Comments.

Larry Stout from the Historical Society wanted to commend the efforts of the CDC committee for the good meeting of July 6, 2018. He also recommended it is easier to receive grant funding if the Borough would have matching funds, Councilwoman Andrews suggested the Borough should discuss at budget time about putting funds back for projects.

Councilwoman Herb also commended Christy Phillips from the CDC committee of the good job she is doing, the next CDC meeting is Thursday, July 26th (4th Thursday of each month) at 6pm at the Park. Also, Fae stated the Hometown Hero Banners are due by September 7, 2018, and good job Malvin Gross, Borough Employee for the good job he does.

Councilwoman Andrews received information about "The Employment Alliance of Municipalities" (TEAM) from the PA State Borough's Association, this is an annual fee of \$300.00, this information is available if anyone is interested.

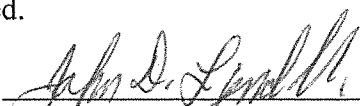
Executive Session-Council entered into Executive Session at 7:20pm for Personnel reasons; decisions will be made after; Executive Session was adjourned at 7:53pm to the regular meeting.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:53pm.

A motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to eliminate the Borough Manager's position as of December 31, 2018; second by Dale Brendle. Motion carried.

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Dale Brendle to adjourn the meeting at

8:00pm; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.



John D. Lynch Sr.
Borough Manager

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