

Montgomery Borough Council
November 13, 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 were Donna Miller and Solicitor Daryl Yount.
- III. Fire Department Report. Brad Harding read and reviewed the written report for October 2018; with a total of 13 calls; 2 Fire, 0 Rescue, 9 EMS and 2 Public Assist. Pump I class was finished on September 29th. Due to scheduling the Pump II class was moved to March 25th, 27th and 30th, 2019. The October fundraiser of the Pumpkin roll was a success. Winter EMT class will start in January 2019, currently there is 4 Junior members and 1 Senior member enrolled. The 2018 AFG grant application was submitted for replacement of the SCBA's that are in need of replacement. Engine 13 is nearing completion. The new fundraiser is 100 \$2 tickets are being sold to have a chance to win \$100 cash; drawing to run off the Wednesday night PA Lotto Pick 3.
- IV. EMA Report. Dennis Gruver handed in a report for review; nothing more to add.
- V. Public Concerns.
 1. Samantha Magargle from the Montgomery Odyssey Angels group gave a presentation about a project this group would like to do. They would like to construct a small 4x4x2 enclosed shelter to place nonperishable food, water, blankets, hats, scarfs, gloves, first aid items, toiletries and socks for people in need within the community. These items would be free of charge. They are asking for a place to put this shelter. It was discussed about the side of the Borough maintenance garage, as this is in view of our security cameras. Council will look into this and get back with her. The shelter is not constructed as yet.
 2. Resident Ruth Little from Warren Street asked about an update on the one-way street or no left turn on Lewis Street. This will be discussed under Old Business. She also asked about the Smoking Ordinance.
 3. Richard Miller, Chairman of the Montgomery Water & Sewer Authority would like to set up date and time to discuss with Borough Council about the possibly of selling or leasing the Borough's water system. Council will get back with Mr. Miller about this.
 4. Resident Patti Stover of Penn Street wanted to thank the Borough employees for a great job they did with picking up leaves/brush etc. She also asked if anything was followed up on the reoccurring violations, Councilwoman Herb stated the Attorney is working on this. Also Mrs. Stover asked about "Stackhouse Park", who is responsible and what could be done to improve the appearance of it. She gave Donna Miller a contact name and number for the State

Prison for possibly getting prisoners to help with this project. She also asked about the possibility of new Christmas decorations.

5. Resident Mark Barbier from Penn Street wanted to thank Councilman Brendle for the job he is doing with the website and he asked if a reference could be included on the website to state the fines for ordinance violations.

- VI. Approve October 2018 Minutes. A motion was made by Dale Brendle to approve; second by Whitlow Wertz. Motion carried.
- VII. Approve September 2018 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Susan Andrews to approve; second by Fae Herb. Motion carried.
Approve October 2018 Treasurer's Report. Tabled until next months' meeting.
- VIII. Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Wally Bohner was not in attendance but supplied a written report for review. Included in the report was his letter of resignation effective December 31, 2018. His last day in the office will be December 20th, due to previously scheduled vacation. A motion was made by Dale Brendle to accept Wally Bohner's resignation effective December 31, 2018; second by Fae Herb. Motion carried. The opening of this position will be discussed at a Work Session to discuss what needs to be done to fill the position. The Police Department can enforce some of the violations, but not Building codes.
- IX. Solicitor's Report. Atty. Daryl Yount gave an update on the two Borough properties of West Houston Ave and at the corner of S. Main Street and Broad Street. The Broad Street property was transferred to the Borough in 1978 and the assessment was updated in 2018. The West Houston Ave property is being reviewed by the County Commissioner and no update has been given at this time.
- X. Police Report. Chief Delp was not in attendance but a written report was handed in for review.
- XI. Mayor's Report. Mayor Hoover was not in attendance, but Councilwoman Herb gave a report on the Christmas Parade. The parade will be Saturday, December 8 at 1pm, with an incumlate weather date as Saturday, December 15 at 1pm. Grand Marshall will be Nicole Loffredo; the Montgomery Librarian. The parade will form at Hulsizer's at 12:15pm, with cash prizes of \$75,\$50 and \$25. A Christmas tree is being donated, ornaments/decorations are being made by the local Girl Scouts, any resident can drop off donations for the Christmas tree at the Borough Office. Santa will be there and caroling will be provided by New Covenant Church.
- XII. Assistant Secretary's Report. Donna Miller reported on the following:
 - A. Update on Shick Alley. Donna met with Greg Dibble from Penn DOT on October 11, 2018. An estimate was received for \$24,890.00; \$12,000.00 was

to bring the sidewalks to be hand-i-cap accessible (this is now required). No action was taken on this.

- B. New tires will be purchased for the dump truck and back tires for the back hoe, lowest bid will be used.
- C. West Branch Regional Authority is milling E. Houston Ave., and getting ready to pave, this is being done due to new water and sewer line placement.
- D. Last day for vacuuming leaves will be Thursday, November 15th, bagged leaves will still be picked up. This is being done early due to the snow in the forecast.
- E. Work Session(s) will be scheduled as soon as more information about employee contracts, budget etc. is received.

XIII. Committee Report.

Summer Alive Program-Councilwoman Andrews received a summary from Barbara Jarmoska of the 2018 Summer Alive program projects that were done and what would like to happen in 2019. A meeting will be scheduled with them in January 2019 to discuss their plans and needs with us. One question was asked who will be preparing the food, since there is new ownership at Riverside Campground/Lounge. Councilwoman Andrews stated this is being worked on.

XIV. Old Business.

- 1. Left turn sign on Lewis Street. Donna Miller met with Greg Dibble (PennDOT) stating the sign is an official PennDOT approved sign; this just needs to be enforced. It was suggested that the Police Committee met with Chief Delp to discuss what can be done.
- 2. Ordinance 2018-4-Fireworks. This Ordinance was discussed before but a revised copy needs to be done to include "Chinese Lanterns". Attorney Yount will look into this.
- 3. Councilwoman Andrews handed in for review the 2019 Montgomery Community Garden Rules/Regulations and a tentative Community Gardening Education Schedule.
- 4. A motion was made by Dale Brendle to refund Susan Andrews \$600.00 for the recent zoning hearing cost she incurred for her property; second by Amber Wilt. Motion carried. This was done based on the Attorney recommendation and was done due to the fees not being correct in our Ordinance. The Attorney was given permission to correct this Ordinance by an amendment.

XV. New Business.

- 1. Montgomery Christmas Committee donation. A motion was made by Susan Andrews to donate \$500.00 to this; second by Dale Brendle. Motion carried.
- 2. 2019 Budget
- 3. Tax Ordinance 2018-5
- 4. Police Contract 201-2021
- 5. Non-uniform Employee Contract 2019-2021

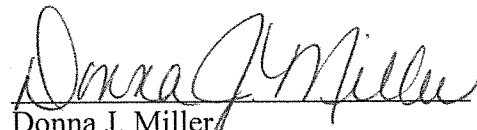
**Items #2-5 will discuss later when more work can be done on the Employee Contracts. Attorney Yount stated, Jimmy Little, the Non-uniform employee's union representative would like to have a meeting with the Labor Relations committee and employees on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7pm.

XVI. Public Comments. Councilwoman Herb stated the Montgomery Historical Society 3rd Thursday event will feature Rube Yarrison, WWI veteran and a Major League baseball player. She also wanted to thank the Borough employees for putting up the Hometown Hero banners.

Executive Session-None

XVII. Adjournment. Motion was made by Whitlow Wertz to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm; second by Fae Herb. 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"


Donna J. Miller
Assistant Borough Secretary

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